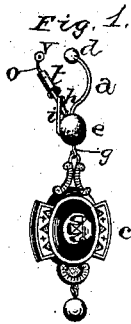


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## IMPROVEMENT IN EAR-RINGS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM P. YEOMAN, of Waukegan, in the county of Lake and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ear-Rings; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in ear-rings; and it consists in the arrangement and combination of parts that will be more fully described hereafter, whereby the ring can be attached to the ears without piercing, and so that it can be quickly and readily attached to and detached from the ear by moving a short sliding sleeve that locks a joint in catch.

The accompanying drawing represents my invention.

*a* represents the front and rigid part of the catch, by means of which the pendant *c*, of any desired design, is attached to the ear. To the upper end of this part *a* is attached a flat or concave plate, *d*, which bears against the front side of the lobe of the ear, while to its lower end is secured the half sphere *e*, or plate of any suitable description, below the lower edge of which projects the hook *g* upon which the pendant *c* is hung. Extending upward from the rear side of this plate or semi-sphere *e* is the bar or rod *i*, the upper end of which is split or slotted down some distance. Pivoted in this slotted end is the rod *o*, which has its upper end curved inward, and

to which end is secured a small cup or plate, *V*, which bears against the rear side of the ear. Slipped over this rod *o* is a sliding sleeve, *t*, which can be moved entirely up above the joint *h*, or made to pass down over the joint, and hold the rods *o i* rigidly in line with each other, and thus prevent the rod *o* from being moved backward.

In order to attach the ring the sleeve is moved up the rod above the joint, the rod *o* moved backward, and the lobe of the ear inserted between the plates *d v*. The rod is then moved forward until the sleeve can be pushed down over the joint, when it will be found that the two plates have clasped the ear with sufficient force to hold the ring securely in position, and yet without pain to the wearer. To detach them it is only necessary to move the sleeve up above the joint.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. The combination of the rods *a i o*, joint *h*, sleeve *t*, and plates *d v*, substantially as shown.

2. In an ear-ring, a clasp for catching hold of the ear, consisting of a rigid and jointed rod, the latter being provided with a device for stiffening the joint while the clasp is attached to the ear, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 30th day of December, 1875.

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