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Fig. 1.

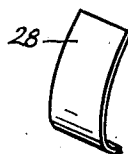
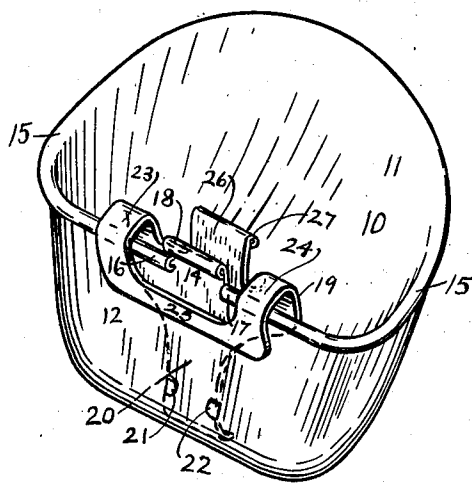


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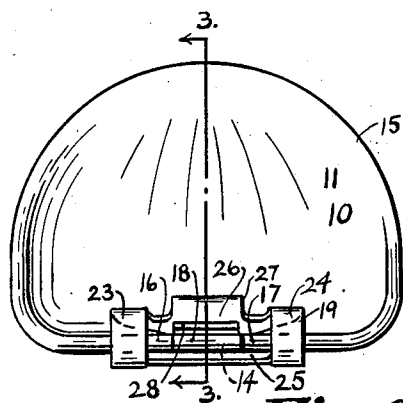


Fig. 2.

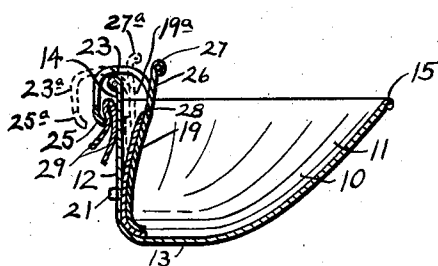


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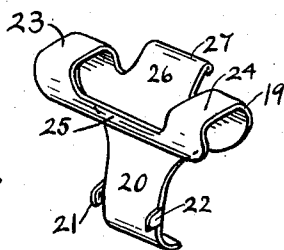


Fig. 4.

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This invention relates to a combined receptacle and clamp.

The hairdresser, at times, has occasion to temporarily deposit hair pins in some place where they can be easily picked up, for further use, during his work of dressing a person's hair. It is, therefore, one of the objects of my invention to provide some kind of a light receptacle, having a clamp thereon, of such a form and in such a position on the receptacle, as to enable the operator to quickly attach the same either to his own garment, or that of his customer, in such a place as will be most convenient for his work. One such place is at the shoulder.

A further object of my invention is to provide a clamp and receptacle which, while fulfilling the above named object, will have the clamp attached to the inside wall of the receptacle, having the clamp constructed with an outside gripping jaw, which can be easily released by pressing an up-standing portion of the clamp toward a portion of the receptacle wall, to which the clamp is attached. In this connection, I desire to have the clamp and its jaw so formed that the clamp can be easily operated by the thumb and finger of the operator.

With these and other objects which will hereinafter appear, one embodiment of my invention is illustrated in the drawing and is hereinafter described, its operation is explained and what I claim is set forth.

In the drawing,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a combined receptacle and clamp embodying my invention.

Figure 2 is a top plan of the receptacle and clamp shown in Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a vertical section taken on the line 3—3, of Figure 2.

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the clamp per se.

Figure 5 is a perspective view of a leaf spring used in connection with the clamp.

In the figures, the receptacle 10 is shown to have a body portion 11, with a flat rear wall portion 12 and bottom portion 13. The rear wall portion 12 is shown to have an up-standing part 14. The top edge of the receptacle has a rolled-over rim 15, which terminates at 16 and 17, at the top of the wall 12. These ends 16 and 17 are spaced, permitting the formation of the up-standing portion 14, to the wall 12. This portion 14 is shown to have a rolled-over edge 18.

Centrally positioned within the receptacle 10, against the rear wall 12 thereof, is a sheet metal clamp 19, having a central portion 20, attached

by ears 21 and 22 to the wall portion 12. The central portion 20 has integral therewith, the spaced arm portions 23 and 24, which are bent up, outward and over the rim 15, and then extend downwardly and are integrally connected with the bar or jaw 25, forming the outside of the clamp. The central portion 20, of the clamp 19, extends upward to form a lever portion 26, having a rolled-over edge 27. Held between the lower part, of the portion 20, of the clamp 19, and the receptacle wall 12, is a thin leaf spring 28, normally urging the upper part of the clamp 19, inwardly from the wall 12. If desired, the sheet metal clamp 19, can be made of elastic material, so that it can, of itself, in its upper part, spring away from the wall portion 12, to give sufficient clamping action to the jaw 25. In this case the leaf spring 28 can be dispensed with.

In operation, a fold of cloth, as 29 is formed and held by the operator, either as a fold in the garment of the customer, above the shoulder, or as a fold in a towel, thrown over the shoulder, where occasion to use the receptacle is in a hairdresser's shop. While thus holding the fold 29, the operator, with the other hand opens the clamp 19, by pressing the lever portion 26 against the up-standing portion 14, of the back wall 12. In so doing, the jaw 25 is moved outward, and thus held open, the fold 29 is positioned back of the jaw 25, as shown in Figure 3. Upon releasing the clamp 19, the jaw 25 becomes spring pressed against the fold 29, tightly gripping the same. At the same time, the lower end of the wall 12, bears against the shoulder of the one thus supporting the receptacle 10, and in this position, the receptacle rim 15 is held more or less horizontal. The receptacle so held by the customer, preferably in a sitting position, affords a convenient place for the operator, to put hair pins, or from which to pick them up, as he proceeds with his work, on the hair of his customer. While I have described the use of my invention as particularly adapted to the needs of a hair dresser, it is obvious that the same device can be readily supported for other holding purposes, as for holding shoemaker's nails or pegs, where the clamp grips some object, for holding the receptacle upright.

Inasmuch as changes can be made in the one embodiment of my invention illustrated and above described, I wish to include all forms which come within the scope of the following claim.

I claim:

In a releasably attachable bowl device including a bowl body and a clamp fixed to said body,

the rear part of the wall of said body having a rim portion at its upper end, an upstanding finger engaging portion integral with said rear wall part, extending above the line of said rim portion, said clamp comprising a central, upright, elastic member, positioned within said bowl body, and having its lower end fixed inside onto the lower part of said body, the upper end of said elastic member being normally sprung toward the axis of said body and being formed to provide a finger engageable piece for said clamp, and positioned to be opposite said finger en-

5 gageable portion of said rear wall part in normal spring-urged spaced relation thereto, an elongated looped part integral with said elastic member at its upper end, said looped part having inverted, U-shaped ends reaching out, over said rim portion in spaced relation, and terminating integrally, outside of said bowl body in a bar portion connecting said ends, said bar portion being in normal, spring-pressed relation to the upper, rear wall part of said body, forming a jaw on said clamp.

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