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Fig. 1

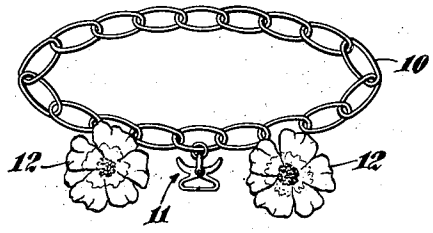


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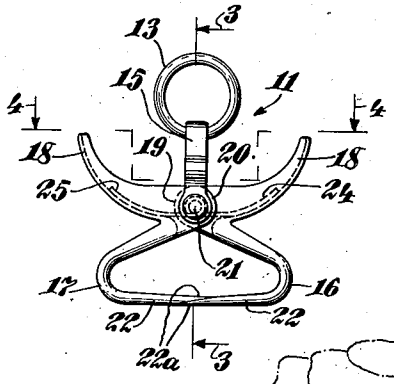


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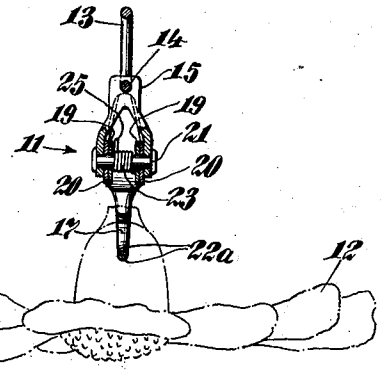
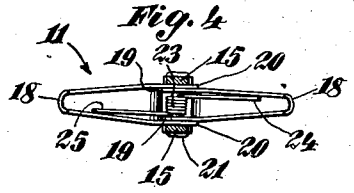


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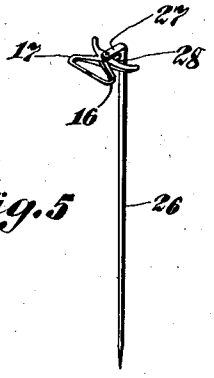
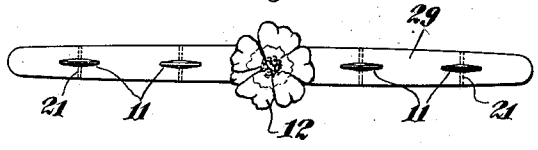


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This invention relates to jewelry and ornamental accessories to wearing apparel, and more particularly relates to articles such as, for example, necklaces, bracelets, brooches, buckles, clips, earrings, combs, barrettes, bobbie pins, rings, buttons, slide fastener pull tabs and pins which are adapted to receive and detachably retain a variety of natural or artificial ornaments.

The invention has as a principal object the provision of articles which are adapted to receive interchangeably such ornamental objects as real or artificial flowers, real or artificial vegetables and the like, so that the appearance, color and style of the articles may be varied as desired to match or contrast with the ensemble of the wearer.

Other objects of the invention will become apparent from the disclosure hereinafter of typical forms of articles embodying the invention.

Articles of jewelry and ornamental accessories, embodying the present invention, are characterized by the inclusion of a supporting element such as a chain, cord, strap, ribbon, pin, clip, button, or the like, on which is mounted one or more gripping or piercing elements for receiving real or artificial flowers, real or artificial vegetables such as, for example, beans or small carrots or the like, or in fact any other article now commonly used for the ornamentation of novelty jewelry and accessories.

More particularly, jewelry and ornamental accessories in accordance with the present invention include small tong-like clips which are provided with piercing points adapted to pierce and retain the ornaments so that original and varied combinations of the ornaments may be produced as desired.

Devises embodying the invention have many desirable characteristics that are not found in known types of novelty jewelry and ornamental accessories. For example, a necklace having a plurality of gripping elements thereon may be used to support a number of flowers, thus, in effect, providing the wearer with a necklace of flowers of any desired type or color combination. The flowers may be changed to match the costume of the wearer and thus one necklace may serve the purpose of a plurality of the types of necklaces heretofore known. Likewise, bracelets, buckles, buttons, clips, combs, earrings or brooches having such clips attached thereto facilitate the preparation of corsages or other floral ornaments and allow great latitude in the selection of color, design or type of the ornaments, as well as being capable of repeated use.

For a better understanding of the present invention reference may be had to the accompanying drawing in which:

Figure 1 is a view of a typical form of necklace or bracelet embodying the invention.

Figure 2 is a side view of one of the clips which is shown as greatly enlarged to permit illustration of the details of the clip;

Figure 3 is a view in section of the clip taken on line 3—3 of Figure 2 and showing, in dotted lines, a flower retained by the clip;

Figure 4 is a view in section taken on line 4—4 of Figure 2;

Figure 5 is a perspective view of a scarf or lapel pin suitable for retaining a flower; and

Figure 6 is a front view of a bar pin or brooch embodying the invention.

The form of the invention shown in Figure 1 consists of a chain 10 to which are attached a plurality of clips 11, which are adapted to receive artificial or real flowers 12, or any other ornamental small object. While the device disclosed in Figure 1 includes a chain 10, it will be understood that a cord, ribbon, tape, strap, or any other flexible type of supporting device may be used with equal facility.

The clips 11 which are best shown in Figures 2 to 4, include a ring element 13 which may be connected to a link of the chain 10 and which passes through an aperture 14 in a bifurcated element 15 to which the jaws 16 and 17 of the clip are connected. The jaws 16 and 17 are substantially identical and include manually engageable wing elements 18 of concavo-convex cross section from which project spaced flanges 19 and 20. The flanges 19 and 20 of the jaws 16 and 17 overlap and are provided with apertures for receiving a pivot pin 21 which is fixed in any suitable way in the arms of the bifurcated member 15.

Joined to the lower ends of the wings 18 of the clip are U-shaped pins 22 which have opposed inwardly directed and, preferably, overlapping piercing points 22*a*. If desired, the jaws 16 and 17 may be provided with a plurality of piercing points. The piercing points are normally retained in overlapping relationship by means of a coil spring 23 wound around the pivot pin 21 and having outwardly directed ends 24 and 25 which engage within the concavo-convex wings 18 and urge the piercing points 22*a* together.

The clips 11 may be opened by squeezing the wings 18. The flower 12, for example, or a portion thereof may be disposed between the piercing points 22, the wings 18 released, and the points

22a may be forced into the flower. The spring 23 retains the piercing points 22a in the flower, thus gripping it tightly.

While the bracelet or necklace illustrated in Figure 1 is provided with only three of the clips 11, it will be understood that fewer or more of such clips may be attached to the chain 10. The clips may be disposed in such close relationship that the flowers overlap and form a substantially solid cluster around the entire extent of the chain. By selecting and using various combinations of colors, or types of ornaments, the appearance of the necklace or bracelet may be changed at will in accordance with the whims of the wearer.

The invention may also be embodied in scarf pins or boutonniere holders of the type shown in Figure 5. As illustrated in Figure 5, the scarf pin may include an elongated pin element 26 having a pair of spaced outwardly projecting lugs 27 and 28 thereon, between which are mounted the jaws 16 and 17 for piercing a flower and retaining it on the pin element 26. The pin may be inserted in the lapel or in the scarf, as desired, and affords a ready means for attaching a flower to a scarf or lapel.

As shown in Figure 6, the invention may take the form of a bar pin, brooch, ornamental buckle or clip and may consist of a backing member 29 having a plurality of the clips 11 supported thereon. Any suitable means such as a pin or clasp (not shown) may be mounted on the backing member 29 to facilitate its attachment to wearing apparel. In this form of the invention the pivot pins 21 of the clips 11 may be fixed in the backing member 29 with the releasing wings 18 of the jaw members 16 and 17 disposed in the rear of the backing member 29. This type of jewelry or accessory likewise facilitates the assembly of various combinations of colors and objects and allows the apppearance of the pin, brooch, or buckle to be varied at will.

It will be understood that the forms of the invention described above are illustrative, only, and that other shapes and forms of jewelry and ornamental accessories such as combs, earrings, rings, barrettes, buttons, etc., may be provided with ornament retaining clips without departing from the invention. Therefore, the embodiments of the invention described above should not be considered as limiting the scope of the following claims.

I claim:

1. In an article of jewelry, the combination of a flexible member adapted to be worn as an ornament, a plurality of gripping devices suspended from said flexible member and adapted to detachably receive and retain natural and artificial ornaments, said gripping devices comprising a pair of pivotally connected pins having opposed piercing points, spring means normally urging said piercing points toward each other, and manually operable means for moving said piercing points apart.

2. In an article of jewelry, the combination of a pin element insertable in wearing apparel, a pair of spaced lugs projecting from adjacent one end of said element, a pair of pins pivotally mounted on said lugs and provided with opposed piercing points and means for urging said piercing points together for penetrating and retaining an artificial or natural ornament.

3. In a holder for a boutonniere, the combination of an element insertable in a coat lapel, a pair of spaced lugs projecting from said element, a pivot member mounted in said lugs, a pair of pins having opposed piercing points pivotally mounted on said pivot member, spring means engageable with said pins for urging said piercing points together and means on the pins for moving said piercing points apart.

4. In an article of jewelry, the combination of a brooch having a body portion attachable to wearing apparel, and a plurality of gripping elements mounted on said brooch, said gripping elements comprising a pair of pivotally connected pins having opposed piercing points, means for urging said piercing points together and means for manually separating said piercing points.

5. In an article for use as a part of or an accessory to wearing apparel, the combination of a supporting member adapted to be worn and at least one gripping device thereon comprising a pair of pivotally connected pins having opposed piercing points adapted to penetrate and detachably retain a natural or artificial ornament or article.

6. In an article of jewelry, the combination of a supporting member adapted to be worn and at least one gripping device thereon comprising a pair of pivotally connected U-shaped pins having inwardly directed opposed piercing points, means for normally urging said piercing points toward each other and means extending from said pins for moving said points apart to receive and release an ornament.

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