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EAR RING.

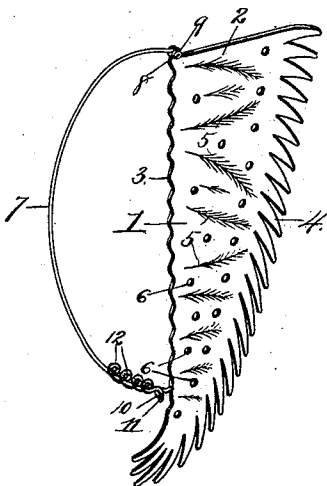
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Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CORDELIA LONA MARSTERS, of Kansas City, Jackson county, Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ear-Rings, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

My invention relates to that class of ornaments which are designed to be attached to the ears of the wearer; and the objects of my invention are to produce an ear-ring which shall be attractive and ornamental in appearance and which can be applied to and removed from the wearer's ears without necessitating the mutilation of the lower lobe of the external ear by piercing the same, as has heretofore been necessary with this class of personal ornaments.

To the above purposes my invention consists in certain peculiar and novel features of construction and arrangement, as hereinafter described and claimed.

In order that my invention may be fully understood, I will proceed to describe it with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 a is two-thirds front view of the head and bust of a female figure with my improved ear-ring in position for wear. Fig. 2 is a detached view, in side elevation, of the ear-ring, the said figure being upon an enlarged scale.

Referring first to Fig. 2, 1 designates the ornament proper of my improved ear-ring. As shown, this ornament is of substantially triangular form, the upper margin 2 of the ornament being of straight form, the rear margin 3 being of scalloped form, and the front margin 4 being composed of a number of frond-like projections, and, furthermore, the front and rear margins 3 and 4 meeting at their lower ends at an acute angle, so as to form the apex of an inverted triangle, while the upper ends of said margins 3 and 4 meet the ends of the upper margin 1, which thus resembles the base of an inverted triangle. The outer surface of this body portion 1 is shown as provided with a number of ornamental fern-like figures 5, either engraved or otherwise formed upon said body portion, and said body portion is furthermore shown as pro-

vided with a number of openings 6, which may serve as the settings for precious stones or other ornaments.

7 designates the retaining loop or bow of the ear-ring, said loop being preferably formed of fine wire of gold, silver, or other ornamental material, and being of approximately segmental form. At its upper end this loop or bow is attached by a rivet or pin 8 to one or more lugs 9, which extend outwardly from the body portion 1 of the ear-ring at the point of juncture of the upper margin 2 with the front margin 3. From the said front margin 3, at a point near its lower end, projects a hook 10, into which the lower extremity 11 of the loop 7 is removably engaged. Now by reference to Fig. 1 it will be seen that when the ear-ring is in proper position it lies in front of the wearer's ear and against the cheek, covering the hinge or joint of the lower jaw. The loop or bow 7 passes over the top of the external ear, downward behind the same, and is connected at its lower extremity to the eye 10 below the lower lobe of the ear. The loop or bow 7 is thus completely concealed from view and the body portion of the ear-ring presents a pleasing ornamental appearance. It is obvious that no piercing, and consequently no mutilation, of the external ear is necessary to the proper attachment of the ear-ring to the ear, and that while the ear-ring is securely held in position the wearer can readily apply it to or remove it from the ear without inconvenience and without any liability of further mutilation of the lobes of the ear.

In order to adapt the loop 7 to fit different sizes of ears, its lower end is shown as provided with any desired number of loops 12, (four being shown,) which loops may be formed by bending the loop 7 repeatedly upon itself and soldering or otherwise securing the crossing portions. Thus by engaging one or another of the loops 12 with the hook 10 the loop 7 is lengthened or shortened to properly fit ears of different sizes.

I desire it to be particularly understood that while I have described one particular form and style of the ornamental body portion of the ear-ring I do not propose to confine myself exclusively to the said precise form and style. The body portion may be of any suitable form or style of ornamentation,

and may be, also, of any suitable or preferred material, without departing from the essential spirit of my invention.

5 Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new therein, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

10 1. An improved ear-ring comprising a body portion, a loop or bow pivotally connected to the upper part of said body portion, and an eye at the lower part of said body portion, the said loop being formed to embrace the top, back, and lower portion of the ear, substantially as set forth.

15 2. An improved ear-ring comprising a body portion of substantially inverted triangular form, a loop or bow secured at one end to the rear upper corner of the body portion, and an

eye located at the lower part of the rear margin of the body portion, the said loop being formed to embrace the top, back, and lower portion of the ear, substantially as set forth. 20

3. An improved ear-ring comprising a body portion, a loop or bow pivotally connected to the upper part of said body portion and provided at its lower end with a number of loops, 25 and a hook secured to the lower part of the body portion and serving to engage one or another of said loops, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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