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Fig. 1

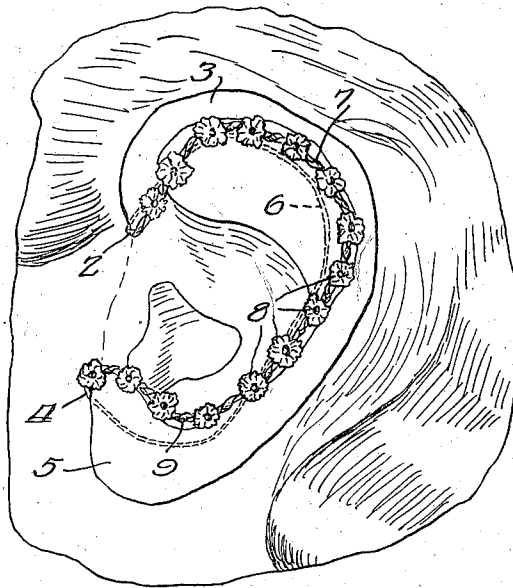


Fig. 2

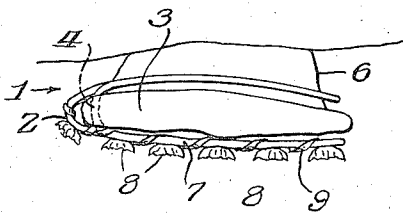


Fig. 3

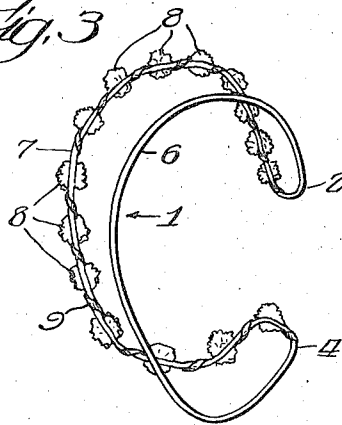
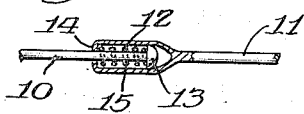


Fig. 4



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This invention relates, in general, to ornaments, and has particular relation to an ear decoration.

Ear ornaments in the form of ear rings and the like worn at the ear are old in the art. In such devices, however, the ornament has been positioned or suspended from the lobe of the ear and mounted on the lobe, for example, by a clamp, screw, or by fastening means passing through the lobe of the ear.

Guard means have also been provided for use with the familiar clamp on type of ear ornament for the purpose of preventing loss of the ornament by the wearer, should the clamp of the ornament release its grip on the wearer's ear.

The ear decoration of the present invention is not to be confused with the above mentioned types of devices, but is distinctive in the manner of its attachment to the ear and in its provision of a part which extends along the front of the ear from approximately the upper part of the helix to the lobe of the ear, with the ornamental elements or decoration mounted on and extending along said part from approximately the upper part of the helix to the lobe of the ear.

One of the main objects of the present invention is to provide an ear ornament possessing characteristics in attractiveness and mounting that are not possessed by ear rings and other ear ornaments heretofore provided.

Another object of the invention is to provide an improved ear decoration having a distinctive form of attachment to the ear and which is distinctive in its display of the desired ornaments or decoration along the front of the ear from approximately the upper part of the helix to the lobe of the ear.

Another object of the invention is to provide an ear decoration of the character described having various features of novelty, and which is particularly characterized by its attractiveness in use, its simplicity in construction, and its economy in manufacture.

Further objects and advantages of the invention will appear from the following detailed description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing which illustrates the manner of constructing and using an illustrative embodiment of the invention.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a side view of my improved ear decoration as applied to the ear;

Figure 2 is a top view of the device as shown in Figure 1;

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Figure 3 is a perspective view of the ear decoration; and

Figure 4 is a fragmentary detail view, partially in section, showing a portion of a modified form of device.

Referring now to the drawing, the ear decoration of the present invention as shown in Figures 1, 2, and 3 comprises a continuous resilient member 1 of looped form adapted to be looped at 2 over the upper part of the helix 3 and, at 4, over the lobe 5 of the ear. The member 1 may be formed of resilient wire of precious or non-precious metal or alloy, with its ends suitably joined, for example, by butt-welding or otherwise as desired. The continuous resilient loop may also be formed of other suitable materials within the scope of the present invention.

The inner and outer parts 6 and 7 of the loop are preferably curved so that when the loop is applied to the ear as shown in Figure 1, the parts 6 and 7 will conform, in general, to the curvature of the helix of the ear. The inner part 6 extends along the back of the ear from approximately the upper part of the helix 3 to the lobe 5, following, in general, the curvature of the helix. The outer part 7 extends along the front of the ear from approximately the upper part of the helix 3 to the lobe 5, and also follows, in general, the curvature of the helix of the ear.

Suitable decoration or ornamental elements 8 are mounted on the front part 7 of the loop and extend along the front part 7 from approximately the upper part of the helix 3 to the lobe 5. By extending along the front part 7 the decoration or ornamental elements 8 are exposed to view from the front and follow, in general, the curvature of the helix of the ear. A full ear display is thus provided without in anywise interfering with the functioning of the ear.

In the drawing the ornamental elements or decorations 8 are shown in the form of floral decorations carried, for example, by a wire or cord 9 which is twisted about the front part 7 of the loop to secure the ornaments thereto. The ornaments or decorations 8 may be of other than floral form, and may be attached to the front part 7 of the continuous resilient loop in other ways than that shown in the drawing, which is for illustrative purposes only.

In the modification shown in Figure 4, the inner part of the continuous resilient loop has contiguous or adjacent ends 10 and 11. The end 11 has a tubular part 12 which fits telescopically for sliding movement over a head or abutment 13 on the other end 10. The free end of the tubular part

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12 is turned in annularly at 14, and a coiled compression spring 15 encircles the end 10 and is interposed or confined between the head or abutment 13 and the inturned end 14 of the tubular part. The spring 15 holds the loop firmly in place on the ear and permits lengthening of the loop to fit different ears. When the loop is in place on the ear the tubular part 12 is concealed behind the helix of the ear and, at the same time, conceals the spring 15 and encloses the same against contact with the ear.

The embodiments of the invention shown in the drawing are for illustrative purposes only, and it is to be expressly understood that such drawing and the accompanying specification are not to be construed as a definition of the limits or scope of the invention, reference being had to the appended claims for that purpose.

I claim:

1. An article of the class described comprising a continuous resilient member of looped form adapted to be looped over the upper part of the helix and over the lobe of the ear with one side of the loop extending along the back of the ear and the other side of the loop extending along the front of the ear and acting as a support for decorative elements, and decorative elements mounted on and extending along the side of the looped member which extends along the outer side of the ear to provide ear ornamentation extending from the upper part of the helix to the lobe of the ear.

2. An article according to claim 1 wherein the

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outer and inner sides of the loop are curved to conform in general to the curvature of the helix of the ear.

3. An article of the class described comprising a decoration support adapted to be fastened to the ear and including an inner member extending along the back of the ear from approximately the upper part of the helix to the lobe of the ear, an outer member extending along the front of the ear from approximately the upper part of the helix to the lobe of the ear, and decoration means mounted on and extending along said outer member from approximately the upper part of the helix to the lobe of the ear.

4. An article according to claim 3 wherein the outer member is curved to conform in general to the curvature of the helix of the ear.

5. An article according to claim 3 wherein the inner member which extends along the back of the ear includes a spring operable to hold the device firmly in place on the ear and to permit application of the device to different ears.

6. An article according to claim 3 wherein the inner member which extends along the back of the ear includes adjacent ends, one having a tubular part telescoping for sliding movement over the other end with a spring enclosed within said tubular part and acting to hold the device firmly in place on the ear and to permit application of the device to different ears.

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