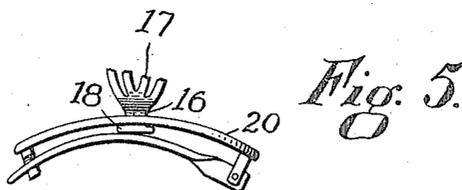
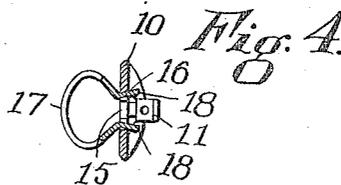
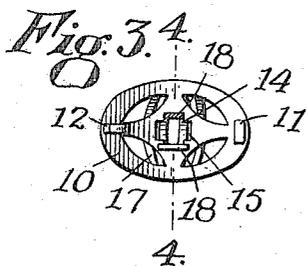
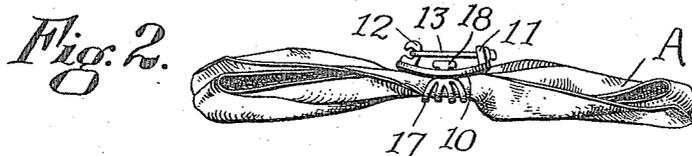
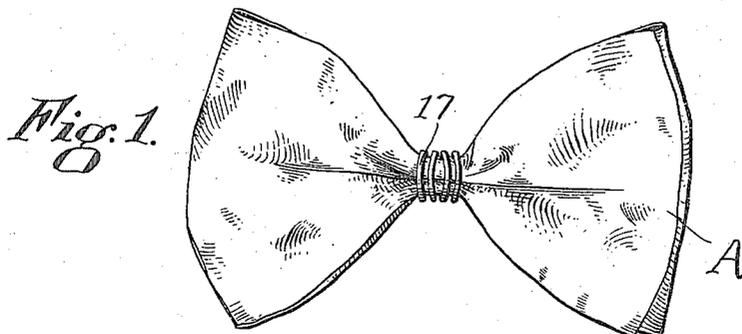


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD E. HAMILTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Northboro, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Ribbon-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a ribbon holding device for use on the hair.

The principal objects of the invention are to provide a simple device for this purpose which can readily be attached to a hair ornament, in the form of a barrette or other form complete in itself; to provide a construction in which the application of the ribbon holder to the hair ornament and its detachment therefrom can be accomplished in a very simple manner; and one in which the pressure of the ribbon inside the holder will not only not tend to displace the holder, but will tend to keep it more firmly in position. Further objects and advantages will appear hereinafter.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation of a ribbon holder constructed in accordance with this invention;

Fig. 2 is a plan of the same;

Fig. 3 is a rear elevation, partly in section;

Fig. 4 is a sectional view on the line 4—4 in Fig. 3, and

Fig. 5 is a plan of a barrette showing this invention applied thereto.

In the forms shown in the first four figures, the invention is applied to a hair ornament which consists preferably of a single plate 10 of celluloid or other similar material, having two posts 11 and 12 on the rear, one for receiving a rubber band 13 and the other constituting a hook for engaging the loop end thereof. By this arrangement the hair ornament can be placed around a braid of hair or the like and held in position by the rubber connection 13.

It will be noted that this hair ornament 10 is complete in itself. It may be provided with any desired ornamentation, but it has a cruciform opening near the center made up of a longitudinal slot 15 and opposite transverse extensions 14 extending in the other direction, so that the two together constitute a cross.

The purpose of the extension 14 is to receive the legs 16 of the ribbon holding mem-

ber 17. This member is of a bow form having a passage therethrough for receiving the ribbon A which is preferably folded so as to have three thicknesses. In this way a bow is provided with considerably less ribbon than if it were tied and the ribbon is not worn or damaged to the same extent. The two legs 16 are formed at the ends of the bow and consequently are flexibly connected by it as it is preferably made of sheet celluloid or other similar material. They have enlarged feet 18 at their ends which are adapted to pass into the slot 15 and then, when all the way through, they expand so as to come behind the ends of the extension 14 and hold the device locked in position.

In applying the device, the holder 17 with the ribbon therein is held horizontally and the feet pressed together and moved into the slot 15, then allowed to expand so that the legs come into the extensions 14. The device is thus held firmly in position until pressed inwardly again.

It will be seen that the ribbon, which is contracted in the holder 17 and exerts a pressure upon it for the purpose of opening it outwardly, does not tend to displace the holder from the main member, the hair ornament 10. The more ribbon that is caught in it the more firmly it will be held and the more difficult it will be to loosen it for replacing the ribbon or for other purposes. Furthermore, it is well understood that when curved devices are made of sheet celluloid there is some tendency for them to straighten out to their original flat condition. If the device were arranged so as to be caught on account of its curvature, it might tend to become useless after a time, but in the present case any tendency on the part of the celluloid to straighten out will only assist in locking it more firmly in position.

In Fig. 5 I have shown the same ribbon holder as applied to a barrette 20 and it will be understood that the cross-shaped slot is provided in that case as in the other.

Although I have illustrated and described only two applications of the invention and only one form of the holder proper, I am well aware of the fact that modifications can be made in both without departing from the scope of the invention as expressed in the claims. Therefore I do not wish to be limited to all the details of construction

herein described, or to the application of the invention to the particular articles illustrated, but what I do claim is—

1. As an article of manufacture, a ribbon holder comprising a complete hair ornament having means for securing it to the hair, and provided with a cruciform slot with one part extending longitudinally and having transverse extensions, and a ribbon holding member of bow-shaped form provided with two legs adapted to be pressed together to enter the longitudinal part of said slot, whereby by their natural resiliency they will be moved apart into the extensions, said legs having feet on their ends projecting behind the slot.

2. As an article of manufacture, a ribbon

holder comprising a complete hair ornament having means for securing it to the hair, and provided with a longitudinal slot there- through, and a ribbon holding member of bow-shaped form provided with two legs yieldingly connected together and adapted to enter said slot and be forced by the natural resiliency of the ribbon holding member against the sides of the slot to hold itself securely in position.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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