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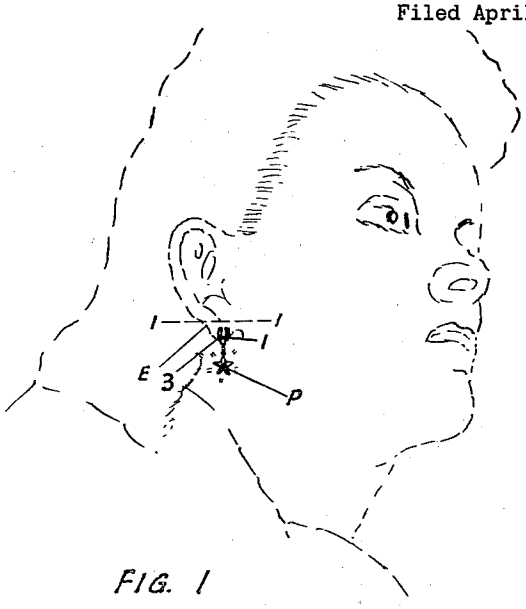


FIG. 1



FIG. 2

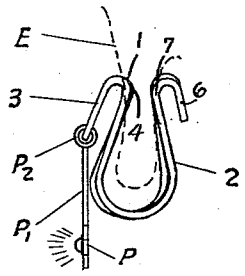


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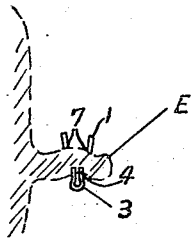


FIG. 4

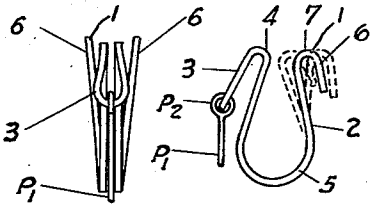


FIG. 5 FIG. 6

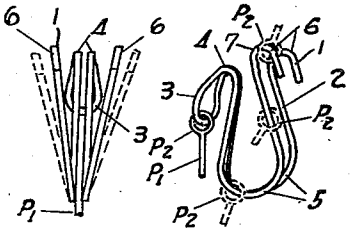


FIG. 7 FIG. 8

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My invention relates to ear pendants and other ear ornaments but more especially to the means for attaching the ear pendant or the like to an unpierced ear.

An object of my invention is to provide an ear pendant of the clamping type that simulates the pierced ear type of ear pendant.

Another object of my invention is to provide an ear pendant clasp that may be adjusted to fit a wide variety of shapes of ear lobes.

Another object of my invention is to provide an attaching means for ear pendants or the like that permits the ready removal of one ornament and its replacement by another without the use of tools.

Other objects and advantages of my invention will appear from a reading of my detailed description to follow of a preferred form of ear pendant embodying my invention which I have illustrated in my drawing.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a front elevation view of an ear pendant embodying my invention shown attached to a lady's ear,

Figure 2 is a rear elevation view of the pendant illustrated in Figure 1 showing the back side of the pendant and the ear to which it is attached,

Figure 3 is a side elevation view of the pendant illustrated in Figure 1 as the ear is viewed when looking at the back of the wearer's head,

Figure 4 is a cross section view taken on line 4—4 of Figure 1,

Figure 5 is a front elevation view of a part of the pendant,

Figure 6 is a side elevation view of the structure shown in Figure 5,

Figure 7 is a rear elevation view of the structure shown in Figure 5, and

Figure 8 is a perspective view of the structure illustrated in Figure 5.

Referring to the drawing, E designates a lady's ear lobe on which my ear ornament shown as a pendant in my drawing generally designated by numeral 1 is shown attached. See Figure 1, Figure 2, Figure 3, and Figure 4 of my drawing.

In the preferred construction of my ear pendant, I use gold plated wire of square cross-section such as is employed to a large extent in the manufacture of hand made jewelry. This wire is slightly resilient, yet it may be easily deformed into permanent shapes. The first step in the making of the illustrated ornament 1 is the formation of the ear clasp 2. The first movement in the making of the ear clasp 2 is the formation of the supporting loop 3 in the middle of the length of stock being fashioned. The pendant style finding P is hung on the supporting loop 3 by means of its ring P_2 formed at the outer end of the pendant support rod P_1.

For reasons that will be explained later in this description, I will say that, while it is possible to hang the pendant style finding P at this stage of the manufacture, it is more convenient to hang it after the ear clasp 2 has been completely formed.

After forming the supporting loop 3, the two runs of the wire stock are brought together and bent backwardly on themselves as most clearly shown in Figure 6. In this step of the shaping a pair of outer pressure feet 4 are formed which are adapted to press into the outer surface of the ear lobe E as seen in Figure 1, Figure 3, and Figure 4 of my drawing. After the formation of the outer pressure feet 4, the two runs of the stock, while maintained in contacting parallel positions, are formed into a pair of U bends 5. The right hand legs of the U bends 5 as seen in Figure 3, Figure 6, and Figure 8 are bent inwardly and are terminated into hooks 6.

The inner curved portions of the hooks 6 constitute rear pressure feet 7. The rear pressure feet 7 may, if desired, be left in contacting parallel positions, the same as were the outer pressure feet 4. Where this is done the adjustment of the ear clasp 2 is made by squeezing the U bends 5 or by spreading the U bends 5 to form a snug pinching fit on an ear lobe E.

A better way of attaching the ear clasp 2, however, is to spread the hooks 6 so that the rear pressure feet 7 contact the ear lobe E at points to the right and the left side of the pair of outer pressure feet 4 maintained in parallel contacting or nearly contacting positions. In this mode of attaching the ear clasp 2 the rear pressure feet 7 may with comfort be brought closer to the outer pressure feet 4 than when left together and when so spread they fold the ear lobe E around the outer pressure feet 4 to produce the illusion of wires extended through the ear lobe E itself. This simulation of a quaintness has proven to be very popular as a selling feature of my invention in ear ornaments.

Each of the rear pressure feet 7 may be separately adjusted with respect to the pair of outer pressure feet 4, if desired. With the majority of users such an adjustment is not needed, but such adjustment is important when an odd shaped ear lobe E must be fitted.

To explain to the reader, now, how the pendant style finding P may be placed after the complete

formation of the ear clasp 2 his attention is directed to Figure 8 of my drawing. In this figure, I show by dotted lines the various positions of the pendant support rod P_1 and the pendant attaching ring P_2 of the pendant style finding P must be moved through to place the pendant style finding P on the supporting loop 3 with the start on one of the hooks 7, then throughout the curve of the U bend 5 to its final resting place on the supporting loop 3.

I now come to one of the most important objects of my invention, the provision of the above described ear clasp 2 which is adapted to the placement of the pendant style finding P without the use of tools as just described. The particular illustrated pendant style finding P may be slid back off of the ear clasp 2 and another entirely different style of ornamental finding may be placed in its stead to suit the fancy of the wearer or to harmonize with a selected costume. Even a bright colored shoe button might serve as an ornamental finding when strung on the ear clasp 2 to complete the ear ornament 1.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

1. In an ear ornament, an ear attaching clasp comprising a length of wire bent upon itself at its middle to provide an elongated downwardly extending supporting loop adapted for positioning over the outer surface of an ear lobe and adapted to support a pendant finding or the like, the remaining lengths of the wire being brought together at the upper end of the loop and bent backwardly on themselves to form pressure feet adapted to press into the outer surface of a human ear lobe in a manner appearing to be embedded in the ear lobe, the remaining lengths of the wire being formed into parallel extending U shaped bends adapted for squeezing engagement with the human ear lobe, the tips of the wire being formed into downwardly curved hooks constituting pressure feet adapted to be pressed into the rear surface of a human ear lobe.

2. In an ear ornament, an ear attaching clasp comprising a length of semi-spring wire bent upon itself at its middle to provide a downwardly extending loop adapted to support a pendant finding or the like, the remaining lengths of the wire being brought together at the neck of the loop and thence bent backwardly on themselves to form pressure feet adapted to press into the outer surface of a human ear lobe, the remaining length of the wire being formed into a pair of U shaped bends, each of which is separately adapted to fit in friction engagement with a human ear lobe, the tip of each of the lengths of the wire being formed into downwardly curved hooks serving as pressure feet adapted to contact the rear surface of a human ear lobe, each of said U shaped bends being adapted for manual closing or opening without the use of tools, whereby the U shaped bends may be separated and adjusted to or from the first mentioned pressure feet to bring the second mentioned pressure feet into contact with the rear surface of a human ear lobe in a manner to fold the ear lobe about the first mentioned pressure feet.

3. The device as claimed in claim 2 wherein the hooks are made U shaped to permit an eyelet or ring portion of the pendant finding or the like to be threaded on or off the ear attaching clasp in placement on or removal from the supporting loop.

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