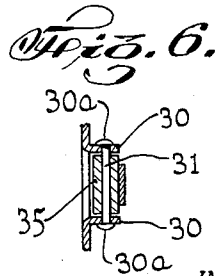
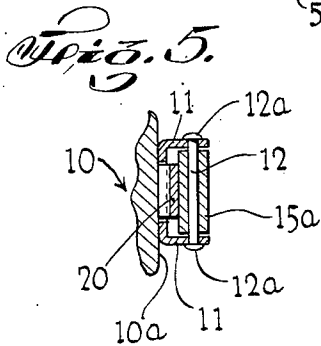
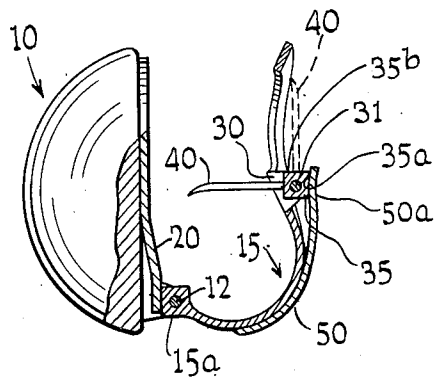
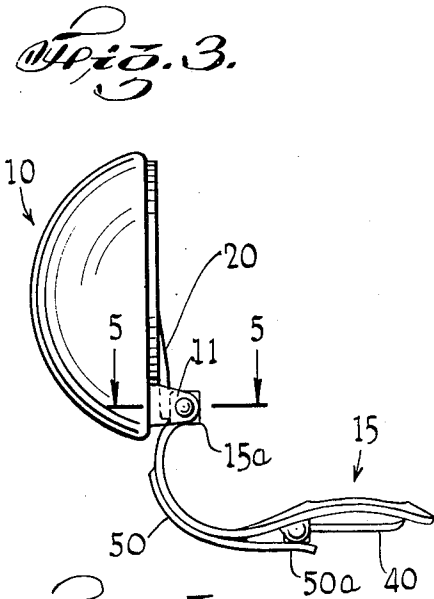
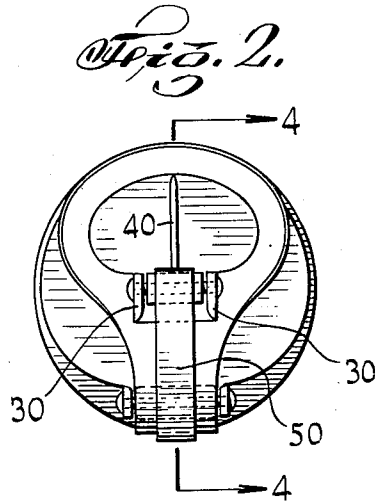
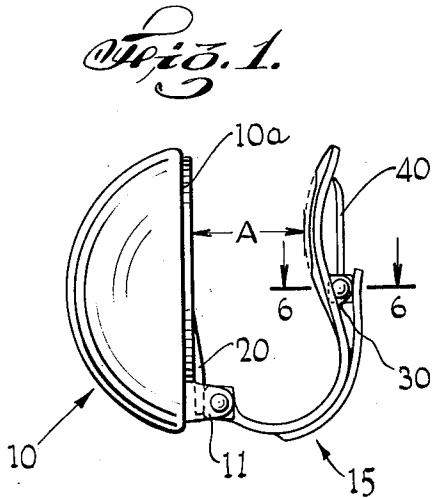


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My invention relates generally to clasp devices. More particularly my invention is directed toward an improved construction for clasp devices of the type employed for earrings.

One of the objects of my invention is to provide a highly improved clasp device adapted to be attached to an earring which shall be so constructed and arranged that the said earring may, whenever desired, be additionally utilized as a jewelry clip ornament.

Another object of my invention is to provide a clasp device of the character described which shall comprise relatively few and simple parts, which shall be relatively inexpensive to manufacture, easy to manipulate and yet represent a general improvement in the art.

Other objects of my invention will hereinafter be pointed out or will become apparent from the description of the invention to follow.

In the accompanying drawings,

Fig. 1 is a side elevational view of an earring with the clasp device of my invention attached thereto and illustrating the effective position of the said clasp device for frictionally holding the earring attached to the ear lobe in the customary manner;

Fig. 2 is a rear elevational view thereof;

Fig. 3 is a side elevational view similar to Fig. 1, but showing the clasp device in open or ineffective position;

Fig. 4 is a cross-sectional view taken substantially along the line 4—4 of Fig. 2 with a portion of the ornament in elevation and with the pin member in lowered position, illustrating the manner of utilizing the clasp device for converting the earring into a jewelry clip ornament to be attached to the garment of the wearer;

Fig. 5 is a cross-sectional view taken substantially along the line 5—5 of Fig. 3; and

Fig. 6 is a cross-sectional view taken substantially along the line 6—6 of Fig. 1.

Referring now in detail to the drawings I have shown a jewelry ornament 10 of any desired style and shape, suitable to be used as an earring. To the rear wall 10a of this ornament 10, adjacent the bottom thereof, there is permanently attached, by any customary attaching means, such as, for example, by soldering or cementing a channel member having a pair of ears 11 between which there is journaled a shaft 12, the ends 12a of which may be riveted over as shown more particularly in Figs. 2 and 5. Attached to the shaft 12, for rotation therewith, is an S-shaped clasp member 15 having a portion 15a of non-circular cross sectional contour, surrounding the

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shaft and disposed between the ears 12a. Fixed to the wall 10a of the ornament 10 is a flat spring member 20 having its free end portion 20a resiliently resting against a flat side of the square portion 15a.

It is noted that the above described construction for the mounting of the clasp member 15 on the ornament 10 is well known in the art and that when the said member 15 is in the effective position shown in Fig. 1 it will be maintained in such position by the spring 20. In the Fig. 1 position, the distance A between the clasp member 15 and the wall 10a of the ornament will be such as to frictionally grip the ear lobe therebetween to hold the earring in the well known manner. By manually rotating the clasp member 15 in a clockwise direction from its position in Fig. 1 to the open position shown in Fig. 3, the spring 20 will snap into position on the next adjacent flat face of the square portion 15a to frictionally retain the same in such open position.

In accordance with my invention and to enable the wearer of the earring 10 to utilize the same as a jewelry clip ornament on a dress or other similar garment, I provide the following novel construction.

A pair of spaced ears 30, which may be integral with the clasp member 15 as shown, or which may be soldered or welded thereto in the well known manner, are provided. Disposed between the ears 30 and journaled therein is a shaft 31, the ends 31a thereof being riveted over as shown. Disposed between the ears 30 and mounted on the shaft 31 for rotation thereof is a member 35 preferably of such cross-sectional contour as to have two flat adjacent faces 35a and 35b, but which may be of any suitable non-circular cross-sectional contour. Attached to the member 35 for rotational movement therewith is an upstanding pin member 40 of the type suitable to pierce the material of a garment without damage thereto. A flat spring member 50 carried by the clasp member 15 having its free end 50a resiliently pressing up against a flat side of the member 35 serves to maintain the shaft 31 and the said member 35 against undesired rotational movement. An aperture 55 is provided in the wall of the clasp member 15 to permit the rotation of the pin member 40 in a counter clockwise direction as viewed from Figs. 1 to 4 of the drawings.

It is thus seen from the above described construction that when it is desired to convert the earring shown in Figs. 1 to 3 into a jewelry clip ornament, it is merely necessary to manually move the pin member 40 from the position shown

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in Fig. 1 to that of the full line position shown in Fig. 4. This can be done by a finger of the hand or by any suitable tool at hand, such as, for example, a nail file. In such position the pin member 40 will pierce the material of the garment and be held attached thereto.

Referring to Fig. 4, it will be noted that when the pin member 40 is in its upright, or dotted line position the spring 50 will resiliently bear up against the flat face 35a of the member 35 and when the pin member 40 is moved 90 degrees, to the full line position, the spring 50 will resiliently bear up against the flat face 35b. To reconvert the ornament for use as an earring it is merely necessary to rotate the pin member back to its upright position.

It is noted that in accordance with my invention I have arranged the construction and operation of the pin member 40 so that when the ornament is used as an earring (as in Fig. 1) the said pin member 40 will be protectively received within a hollow portion of the S-shaped clasp member 15 so that no damage will occur to the ear of the wearer or to the fingers while handling the same.

In accordance with the provisions of the patent statutes, I have herein described the principle and operation of my invention, together with construction which I now consider to represent the best embodiment thereof, but I desire to have it understood that the construction shown is only illustrative and that the invention can be carried out by other means. Also, while it is designed to use the various features and elements in the combination and relations described, some of these may be altered and others omitted without interfering with the more general results outlined, and the invention extends to such use.

Having described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A combination jewelry clip and earring comprising a clasp member having a concaved portion and an aperture in said concaved portion, a shaft pivotally mounted on said clasp member, a projecting pin member fixed to said shaft member and adapted to pierce the material of a garment, said pin member when in ineffective position being disposed within said concaved portion and adapted to pass freely through said aperture when moved to effective position.

2. A device according to claim 9 in which the means for releasably maintaining said pin mem-

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ber in said two different positions comprises a portion of said shaft being non-circular in cross-sectional contour and a spring member fixed to said clasp member and having a portion thereof normally pressing up against said non-circular portion.

3. A device according to claim 9 in which the means for releasably maintaining said pin member in said two different positions comprises a portion of such shaft being of such cross sectional contour as to have at least two flat faces at angles to each other, and a spring member fixed to said main body member and having a portion thereof normally pressing up against one of said flat faces.

4. A combination jewelry clip and earring comprising a clasp, a pair of spaced ears fixed to said clasp, a shaft disposed between said ears and journaled therein, a pin support mounted on said shaft for rotation therewith, said support being of such cross-sectional contour as to have two flat adjacent faces angularly disposed with respect to each other, an upstanding pin member fixed to said pin support for rotation therewith and adapted to pierce the material of a garment and a flat spring carried by said clasp and having its free end resiliently pressing up against one of said flat faces of said pin support to maintain said shaft against rotational movement for use as a jewelry clip, said pin member being manually rotatable against the action of said flat spring to a position whereby said free end of said flat spring resiliently presses against the other of said flat faces to maintain said shaft against rotational movement for use as an earring.

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