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*Ear Ring.*

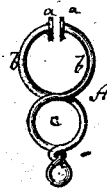
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*Fig. 1*



*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN EAR-RINGS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GOTTFRIED HABERLAND, of Bloomington, in the county of McLean and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Ear-Rings, Drops, &c.; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my invention, showing it applied to the ear.

Figure 2 is a side view of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to improvement in ear-rings or drops, such as are applied to the ear by spring-pressure.

Hitherto drops have been attached by means of an arm or spring, provided with a hook which entered the outer cavity of the ear, and a spring prong which was arranged to press on the inner side of the lobe, a construction which rendered the drop expensive, and also unsightly in appearance.

My improved drop is so constructed that, to the casual observer, it appears to be attached to the ear in the same manner as those at present in use, and is, therefore, not open to the objection, which has alone sufficed to prevent the drops, above referred to as provided with spring arms, from coming into general use.

They are constructed of wire, so formed or twisted that pressure at a certain point, on opposite sides of the same, will detach them from the ear-lobes, the

ends of the same being provided with small plates or disks to prevent them from injuring or paining the wearer.

A in the drawing represents my improved ear-drop. It is made of wire or other material, of suitable ornamental form.

Its upper part is formed into two spring-jaws or arms *b b*, whose ends are opposite each other.

The ends of the arms *b* carry small plates, *a a*, or are otherwise enlarged, so as not to injure or pain the wearer.

The device is applied by spreading the arms *b* apart, and fitting them over the lobe of the ear, and then allowing them to close. They will clamp the device to the ear without causing unpleasant pressure.

The ear need not be pierced, or otherwise injured, and will be ornamented fully as well as by the rings or drops of ordinary construction.

By crossing the wires under the arms *b*, as in the drawing, to make an 8-shaped drop, the arms can be readily spread by compressing the lower loop *c*.

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

As an improved article of manufacture, the ear-drop *A*, constructed of wire, of the form shown, to adapt it to be applied or removed by compressing the lower-loop *c*, and having the opposite ends of its jaws *b* provided with plates, *a*, as and for the purpose specified.

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