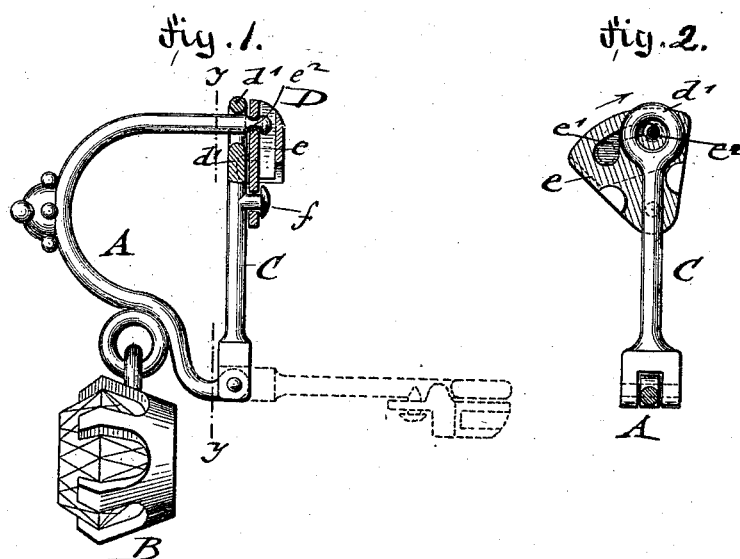


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## EAR-RING.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HERRMAN REES, of the city, county, and State of New York, a citizen of the United States, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ear-Rings, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain improvements in ear-rings of that class in which the ear-wire is retained on the lobe of the ear by means of suitable fastening devices.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a side elevation of my improved ear-ring, shown partly in section; and Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse section of the same on line *y y*, Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

Referring to the drawings, A represents the ear-wire of my improved ear-ring, and B the setting of a diamond or other precious stone which is applied to the ear-wire. The upper backwardly-bent end of the ear-wire A is passed through a hole in the lobe of the ear and through an eye *d'* in a locking-bar C, that is hinged to the lower end of the ear-wire A. A keeper *e* is pivoted to a stud *f* on the locking-bar C, below the eye *d'*, said keeper being provided with an arc-shaped slot *e'*, which is enlarged at one end, so as to permit the upper end of the ear-wire to enter into said slot after the same has passed through the eye *d'* of the locking-bar. The end of the ear-wire A is provided with a contracted neck, forming a knob *e<sup>2</sup>* at its upper end, which contraction is engaged by the slot of the keeper *e*, and when the keeper is swung into the position shown in Fig. 2 the neck is held in the narrow part of the slot and the ear-wire is locked. When the keeper is swung in opposite direction until the enlarged end of the slot is in line with the end of the ear-wire A,

the locking-bar C can be swung on its hinged connection in downward direction into the position shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1. In this position of the locking-bar the ear-wire can be readily removed from the ear or applied thereto, as the case may be. For applying the ear-ring, the ear-wire A is passed through the perforation in the lobe of the ear, the locking-bar C moved in upward direction, so that the eye at its upper end passes over the upper end of the ear-wire A, after which the pivoted keeper *e* is applied to the end of the ear-wire, and thereby the ear-ring retained on the lobe of the ear.

My improved ear-ring has the advantage that it is retained firmly in position on the lobe of the ear, that the setting is suspended close to the ear, and that the ear-ring can be applied to or detached from the ear with great facility.

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

An ear-ring comprising a curved ear-wire having a knob at its upper end, a locking-bar hinged to the lower end of said ear-wire and provided with an eye for engaging the upper end thereof, said bar being provided with a laterally-projecting stud below said eye, and a keeper pivoted on said stud and provided with an arc-shaped slot for engaging said knob, one end of said slot being enlarged, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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