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Fig. 1.



Fig. 3.

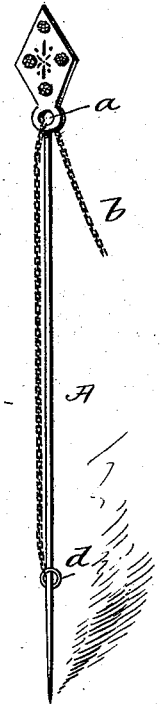
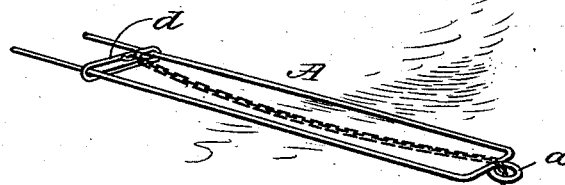


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL F. MERRITT, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Springfield, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements in Combined Hair-Pins and Holders for Eyeglasses or other Small Articles, of which the following is a specification.

10 This invention relates to new and useful improvements in suspension holders, which are formed as a part of and pendent from hair-pins, and which carry small articles of personal use—as, for instance, an eyeglass
15 or a pencil—the object of the invention being to render the utmost security to the devices for the purpose named, and to otherwise improve the construction thereof for the purposes of simplicity, durability, and economy;
20 and the invention consists in the construction and combination of parts, all substantially as will hereinafter more fully appear, and be set forth in the claim.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying
25 drawings, forming part of this specification, in which Figure 1 illustrates the invention as in actual and personal use. Fig. 2 is an enlarged perspective view of the combined hair-pin and pendant-holder. Fig. 3 is an
30 enlarged view of the device of slightly-modified construction.

The hair-pin A is at its rear end provided with an eye *a*, and through said eye passes a chain *b*, (or its equivalent which might be
35 comprised in a cord,) and on the end of said chain, which is extended toward the forward end of the hair-pin legs, is a yoke *d*, adapted to loosely embrace said legs and to slide

freely along them, there being connected on the other end of said chain the eyeglass or
40 other article desired to be carried thereby.

In practice a desirable method of forming the eye-provided hair-pin from a single length of wire is by bending the middle portion of the wire into a coil, and then continuing the
45 terminal portions of the wire forwardly in parallel lines to form the legs.

In Fig. 3 the device is shown as comprising a hair-pin having but a single leg.

In the use of this improved device the yoke
50 is drawn forwardly off from the forward ends of the legs, the chain then running freely through the eye *a*, and the hair-pin is then forced crosswise through the tuft of hair, the terminal portions of its legs projecting be-
55 yond such tuft, and the yoke is then placed upon and over the said outer end portions of the legs and the chain is drawn more or less taut, and, as will be plain, the greater the strain from the end of the chain, at which
60 the eyeglass is carried, the farther rearwardly on the hair-pin will be drawn the yoke, and consequently the firmer will be the confinement of the hair-pin in its engagement with the hair.
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What I claim as my invention is—

The combination, with a hair-pin having an eye thereon, of a chain for carrying an eyeglass or other small article, passed loosely through said eye, said chain having on its
70 end a yoke adapted to embrace the extremity of the hair-pin, substantially as described.

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