

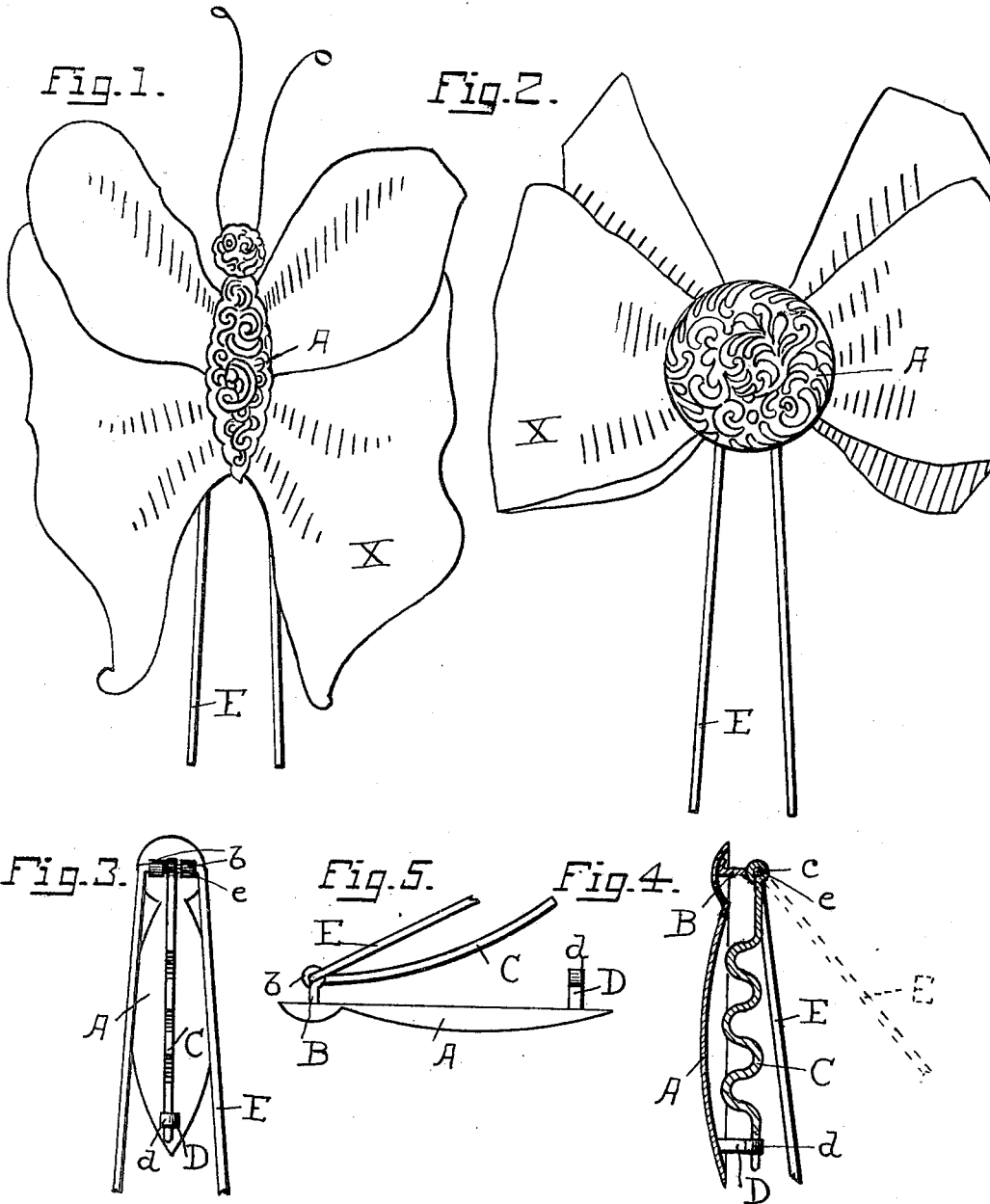
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## HAIR-ORNAMENT HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, WILLIAM JOHN LITTELL and MATILDA R. LITTELL, citizens of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Devices for Holding Women's Hair-Ornaments; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to a device for holding women's hair-ornaments; and it has for its object to provide a simple and novel article of this character which is designed for holding various kinds of hair ornaments—such as ribbon - bows, flowers, artificial butterflies, &c.—and which is further adapted for the ready removal and substitution of new or different forms of ornaments.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of the holder, illustrating the same in connection with an artificial butterfly, the plate being adapted to represent the body of the latter. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing a bow of ribbon secured in the holder, the plate being of a different pattern. Fig. 3 is a rear elevation of the holder shown in Fig. 1 detached. Fig. 4 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view taken centrally through Fig. 3, the adjustment of the hair-pin being illustrated in dotted lines. Fig. 5 is a detail side elevation illustrating a modified form of clamping-tongue.

Corresponding parts in the figures are denoted by the same letters of reference.

Referring to the drawings, A designates a plate, preferable constructed of metal, which may be of any preferred shape and chased or ornamented in any desired manner. From the rear side of this plate, at one end or side thereof, projects an arm B, which may be secured to said plate or formed integral therewith. At the outer end of this arm the latter is provided with a bifurcated bearing-sleeve b.

C designates a binding-tongue, which may be constructed of spring-wire, corrugated or fluted between its ends. At one end of this

tongue is provided a bearing-eye c, which is received between the members of the bifurcated sleeve b and coincides with the bore thereof. The free end of the tongue is designed to engage an arm D, projecting from the plate A at a point diametrically opposite the arm B or at the end of the plate opposite that at which said arm B is located. The arm D is provided with an overturned outer end, forming a hook d, which receives the free end of the tongue C and locks the latter in bound position.

The construction just described constitutes a clasp for securing the hair-ornament X, and in order to secure the clasp in the hair we provide a hair-pin E. The latter may be of any suitable form, but has at the bend thereof a straight portion e, which passes through the bifurcated sleeve b and through the eye c of the tongue C, forming the bearing for the tongue. In practice the sleeve b fits tightly upon the hair-pin, thereby holding the latter by frictional contact in any position to which it is adjusted.

The operation and advantages of our invention will be readily understood by those skilled in the art to which it appertains. To secure an ornament in the clasp, the free end of the tongue C is released and the tongue thrown back. The ornament is then placed in proper position upon the rear face of the plate A and the tongue pressed down and locked, thus securely binding the ornament between the plate and tongue.

We do not wish to be understood as limiting ourselves to the precise construction herein shown and described, but reserve to ourselves the right to all such modifications as properly fall within the spirit and scope of our invention. For instance, the tongue C may be constructed, in lieu of wire, of a flat spring-strip curved toward the plate A, as shown in Fig. 5.

We claim as our invention—

A hair-ornament holder consisting of a plate provided with two oppositely-disposed arms projecting from the rear side of said plate, one of said arms being provided with a bearing-sleeve and the other with a hook, in com-

5 bination with a hair-pin seated in said sleeve,  
a spring binding-tongue pivoted to said plate  
by means of said hair-pin and adapted to  
bind an ornament between the same and the  
plate, the free end of said tongue being adapt-  
to engage the hook on one of said arms to  
lock the tongue in bound position, substan-  
tially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof we affix our signa-  
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