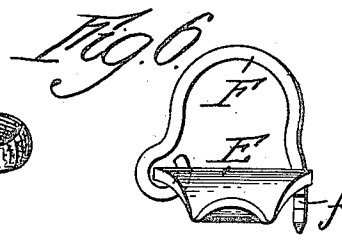
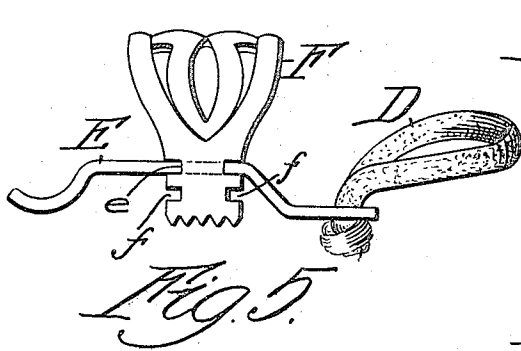
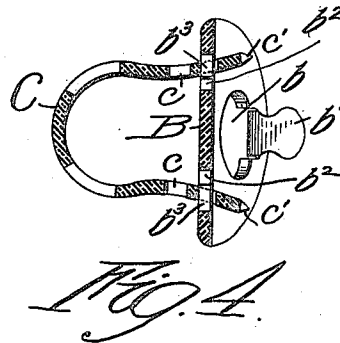
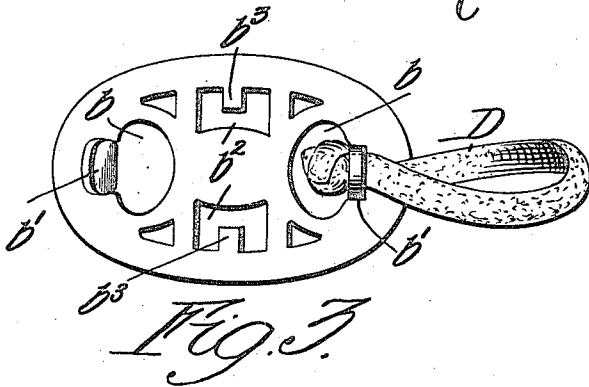
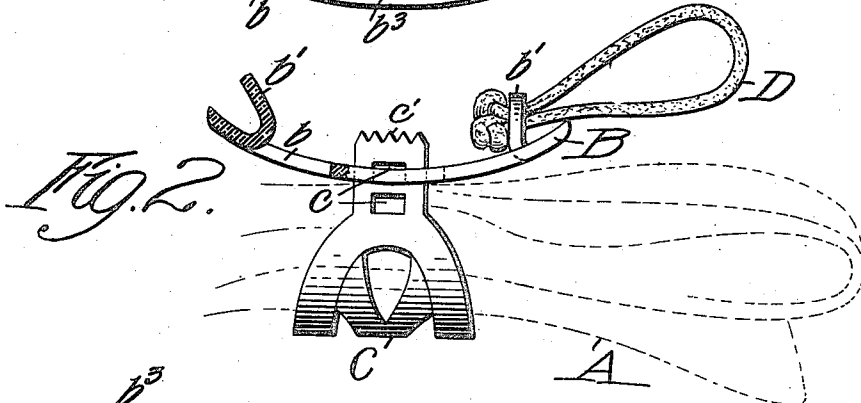
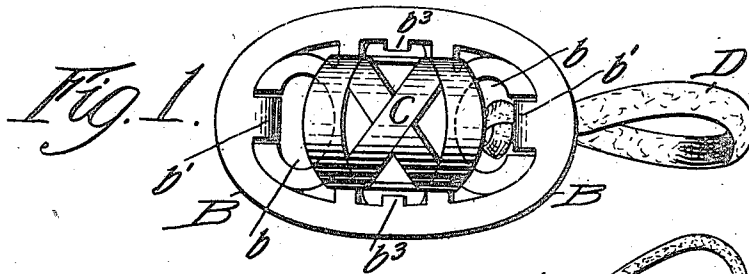


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALSTON L. PRESTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Leominster, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Bow-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a holder for a bow of ribbon adapted to be applied to the hair, and the principal objects of the invention are to provide a two-piece construction with means of the simplest character by which the size of the opening for receiving the bow can be adjusted to receive bows of different sizes, and also to provide improvements in the construction also of simple character by which the whole device is held more firmly than heretofore in position on the hair.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation of a bow holder constructed in accordance with this invention;

Fig. 2 is a plan or edge view of the same partly in longitudinal section;

Fig. 3 is a rear elevation with the bow holding member omitted;

Fig. 4 is a transverse central sectional view of the same;

Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 2 of a modification, and

Fig. 6 is an end view of the same.

In the first form shown the invention is illustrated as applied to a holder for a bow of ribbon A and consisting of two members B and C. The member B constitutes the main body of the device and is made of a piece of sheet celluloid or similar material having at its opposite ends two openings *b* therethrough and provided with two tongues *b'* formed from the material originally within said openings, said tongues being bent backwardly into a plane substantially transverse to the plane of the body B and adapted when in use to engage the braid of hair at the sides, on which braid the bow holder is adapted to be located. In this way they assist in anchoring and holding the device in position. One of these tongues is perforated preferably to receive an elastic D by which the device is secured to the hair, the loop end of the elastic passing over the other tongue *b'* which is bent slightly out of the transverse plane so as to constitute a hook. It will be noticed that these

two small tongues *b'* are in substantially parallel planes although one of them is bent away from the plane for the purpose above described, and that they are formed by bending backwardly from the plane of the body so that the corners formed in bending them back are rounded and smooth so that they will not catch into the bow or hair.

In this way the entire holding means except the elastic is integral with the body, and this permits a very material cheapening in the manufacture without any detriment to the appearance or usefulness of the article, and in fact makes the article stronger and more durable because no parts have to be cemented or riveted on.

This body B is also provided with two other openings *b<sup>2</sup>* located opposite each other at the center of the article longitudinally. They are provided with two small tongues *b<sup>3</sup>* shown as projecting toward each other from the outer sides of the body and located in the plane of the body and integral with it. Obviously these are stamped out when the article is made without any additional cost whatever.

The bow-holding member C consists simply of a member of sheet celluloid or the like stamped out from flat material and shaped up into U-shape in such a way that its two legs have a natural spring apart. These legs are provided with a plurality of perforations *c* for receiving the projections *b<sup>3</sup>* and holding the member in position. It is obvious that by selecting the perforations at which it is applied the space between the body and the bow-holding member can be regulated to accommodate ribbons of different thicknesses. On the ends of the legs of the U-shaped member teeth *c'* are provided which assist these projecting legs in anchoring the device in the hair. These legs project a considerable distance through the body and enter the hair itself. By the provision of these teeth their holding action is increased materially, but they also assist in holding the device in accurate position independently of the teeth. It will be seen therefore that these advantages are secured not only without adding to the expense of the device as heretofore manufactured, but with an actual reduction in the cost of the manufacture on account of reducing the parts absolutely to two members.

Certain features of the invention can be applied to another type of bow holder as

shown in the last two figures. In that case the device is shown in the form of a body member E and a bow holder F pivotally connected together as is well understood in this art, and having an elastic D as in the other case. In this case the member E is provided with a notch *e* and the member F with a plurality of pairs of oppositely placed notches *f* so that the bow member can be adjusted to different positions to accommodate different kinds of ribbon. Here the bow member naturally springs inwardly to hold itself in position.

Although I have illustrated and described only two forms of the invention I am aware of the fact that modifications can be made therein by any person skilled in the art without departing from the scope of the invention as expressed in the claims. Therefore I do not wish to be limited to all the details of construction herein shown and described, but what I do claim is:—

1. As an article of manufacture, a bow holder comprising a body having two openings therethrough near its ends, integral tongues at the outer sides of said openings bent back so as to project away from said body in substantially parallel transverse planes, and a ribbon holding member having its end projecting back of the body in a plane transverse to the planes of said tongues for engaging the hair and helping to hold the article in position, said end being provided with teeth thereon.

2. As an article of manufacture, a bow holder comprising a body having means for holding the device in position on the hair, and a ribbon holding member having two ends each provided with a row of perforations, said body having two opposite openings for receiving said ends, and having op-

posite inwardly extending tongues in said openings for entering the perforations in the ribbon holding member.

3. As an article of manufacture, a bow holder comprising a body having means for holding the device in position on the hair, and a ribbon-holding member adjustably mounted on said body said ribbon holding member having an end and said body an opening for receiving said end, the body having an extending tongue in said opening and the ribbon holder a plurality of perforations for receiving said tongue, whereby the space within the ribbon holding member can be regulated to accommodate ribbons of different character, said end being provided with teeth for engaging the hair and assisting in anchoring the body in position thereon.

4. As an article of manufacture, a bow holder comprising a body having means for holding the device in position on the hair, and a ribbon-holding member, said ribbon holding member having two ends and said body two opposite openings for receiving said ends, said ends being provided with teeth for engaging the hair and assisting in anchoring the body in position thereon.

5. As an article of manufacture, a bow holder comprising a body having means for holding the device in position on the hair, and a ribbon holding member having an end provided with a row of perforations, said body having an opening for receiving said end, and having a tongue in said opening for entering the perforations in the ribbon holding member whereby the ribbon holding member can be adjusted.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature.

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