

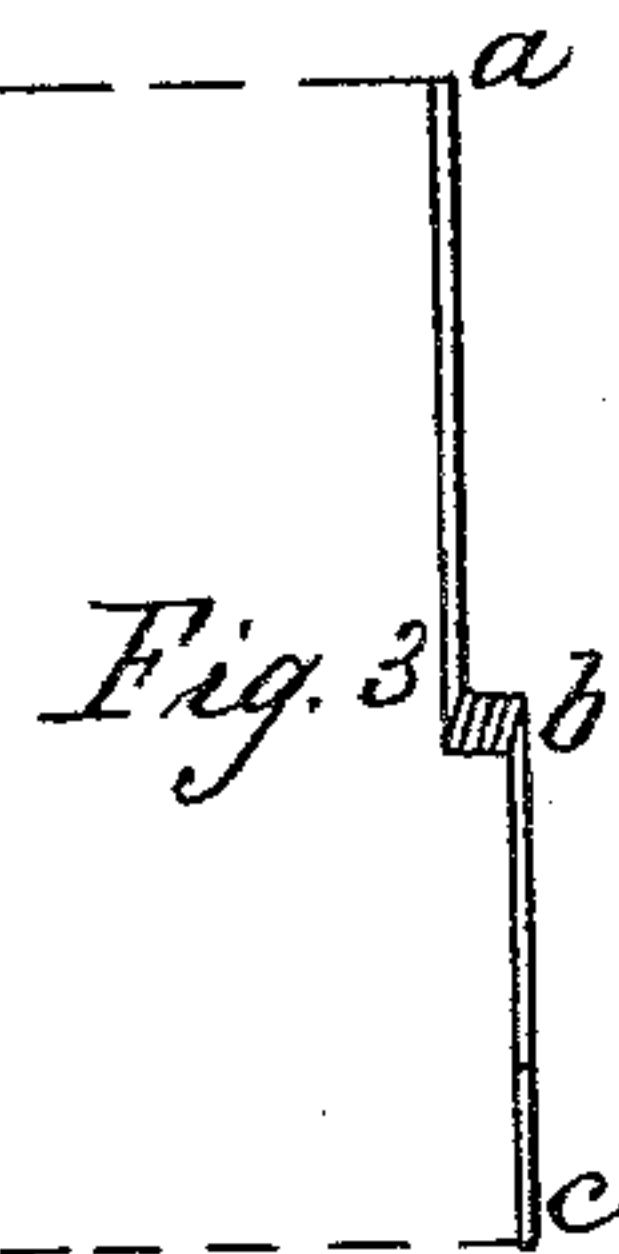
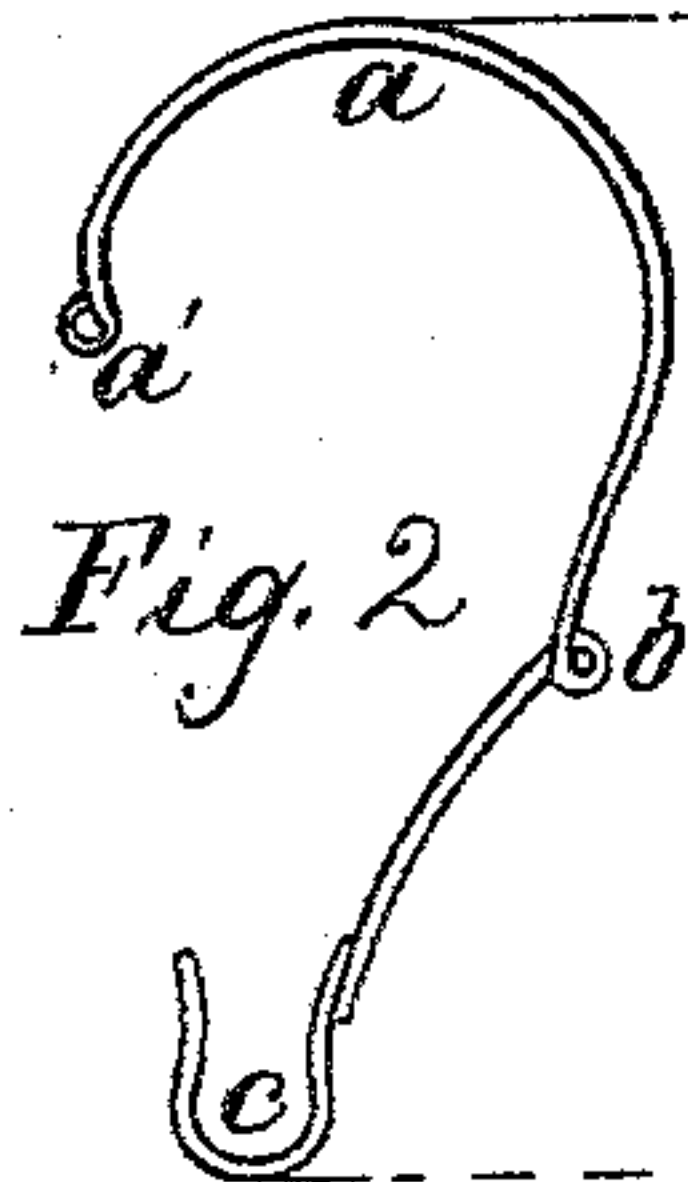
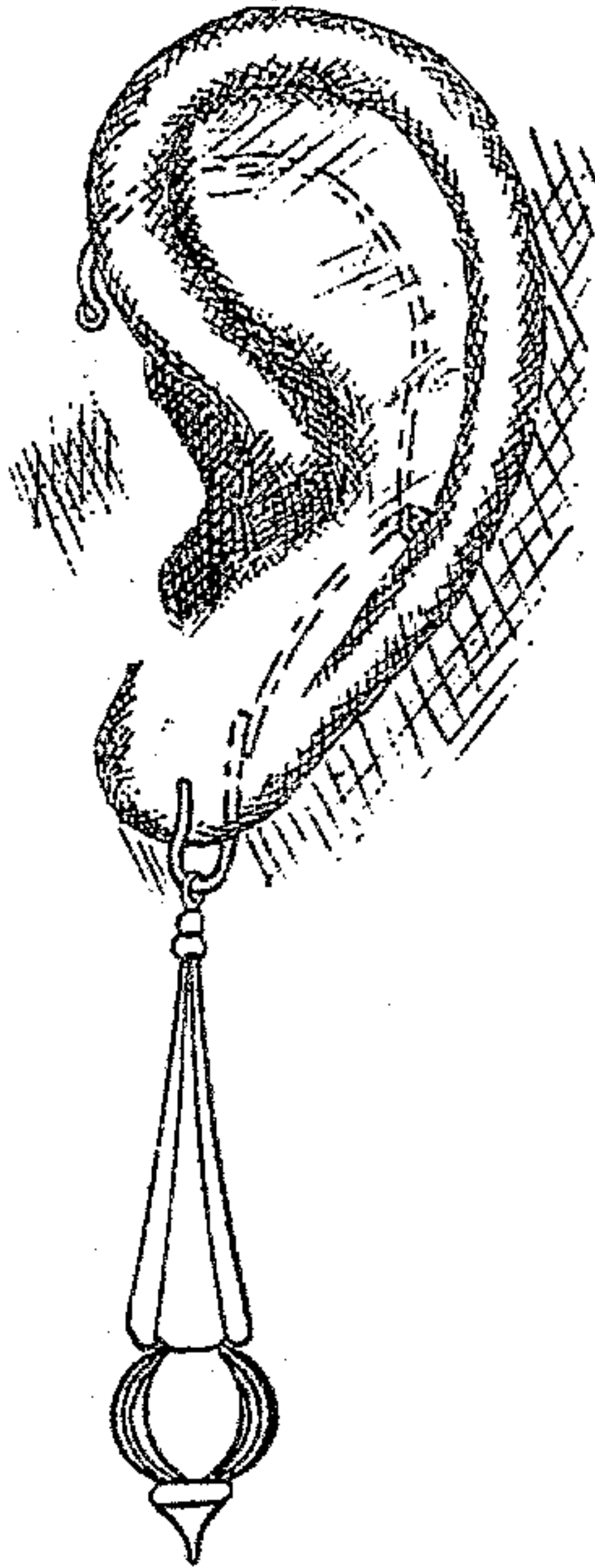
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*Ear-Drop Suspenders.*

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*Fig. 1*



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**IMPROVEMENT IN EAR-DROP SUSPENDERS.**

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, LINUS WEED, of Norwalk, in the county of Fairfield, in the State of Connecticut, have invented a new and improved Device for Attaching and Suspending Ear-Drops; and I do hereby declare the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

Like letters of reference refer to corresponding parts in all the drawings.

Figure 1 is a view of my improved ear-drop suspender, as applied to the ear in its proper position.

Figure 2 is a side view of the suspender detached.

Figure 3 is a back view of the same.

The part shown in red ink in fig. 1, is not visible when the suspender is in position, but lies at the back of the ear, and is hidden by it.

The nature of my invention consists in providing a clasp, or hook, which is self-retaining upon the top of the ear, in combination with another clasp, which embraces the lobe of the ear, and sustains the drop, or jewel, the two being connected by a coiled spring, or its equivalent, for exerting a gentle pressure, and enabling it to be adjusted to ears of varying form and size.

The part *a* passes behind the ear, with which its terminating hook *a'*, engages and forms a loop round the ear for holding the suspender in its proper position, which is more particularly shown in fig. 1.

*b* is a spring, formed by making a few convolutions in the wire of which the suspender is formed.

*c* represents the hook which embraces the lobe of the ear, and upon which the ear-drop is suspended.

The object of the spring *b* is to keep the suspender in place, and prevent its falling off, by the gentle pressure which it exerts when in position, tending to keep the part *a* close down on the ear, and also to adapt it to ears of different size.

The hook *c* clasps the lobe of the ear slightly, thereby preventing the ear-drop from being thrown off the hook by any sudden motion of the body, and also assisting to keep the suspender in place.

I prefer to make it of light gold or silver wire, but it may be constructed of any suitable material possessing sufficient elasticity.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

An ear-clasp, or drop-suspender, constructed of a single wire, having upper and lower hooks, or clasps, *a'* *c*, and the intermediate spring *b*, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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