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**(54) Title (EN):** CLASP FOR ITEM OF JEWELRY AND METHODS OF USE

**(54) Title (FR):** FERMOIR POUR ARTICLE DE BIJOUTERIE ET PROCÉDÉS D'UTILISATION

**(57) Abstract:**

**(EN):** The inventive disclosures described herein pertains to an improved clasp-type device for connecting two ends of a wrap-around personal-adornment/jewelry item, such as a necklace, bracelet, or anklet. The improved jewelry clasp provides for both easy and secure coupling of two ends of a wrap-around jewelry item, while providing a decorative "hiding" of the clasp. In variations, the improved jewelry clasp can appear as just one of several ingots/charms that the wrap-around jewelry item may contain. Various other practical applications of the improved jewelry clasp are also disclosed.

**(FR):** La présente invention concerne un dispositif de type à fermoir amélioré destiné à relier deux extrémités d'un article d'ornement personnel/bijou enroulé, tel qu'un collier, un bracelet ou un bracelet de cheville. Le fermoir de bijou amélioré permet une liaison à la fois facile et sûre de deux extrémités d'un article de bijouterie enroulé, tout en fournissant un « masquage » décoratif du fermoir. Dans des variantes, le fermoir de bijou amélioré peut apparaître sous la forme d'un seul lingot/breloque parmi plusieurs lingots/breloques que l'article de bijouterie enroulé peut contenir. L'invention concerne également diverses autres applications pratiques du fermoir de bijou amélioré.

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