[0201] E12. The method of paragraph E1, wherein both loops span a same window defined by the fastening member.

[0202] E13. The method of paragraph E1, wherein the fastening member has a pair of windows and wherein each loop spans a distinct window of the pair of windows.

[0203] F1. A system for binding bone, comprising: (a) a surgical encircling member; (b) a fastening member having a crimp region and arrangeable with the encircling member such that the encircling member extends twice through the crimp region to form a loop around a portion of bone; and (c) a tool having a pair of jaws to crimp the crimp region, wherein the fastening member defines an aperture configured to guide a jaw of the tool to the crimp region.

[0204] F2. The system of paragraph F1, wherein the encircling member extends through the crimp region on paths parallel to a spanning axis, and wherein the jaw after being guided to the crimp region is centered about a plane, the plane being orthogonal to the spanning axis and extending through a central portion of the crimp region.

[0205] F3. The system of paragraph F1, wherein the aperture has a wall region bounding a portion of the aperture and extending transverse to the spanning axis, and wherein the wall region is configured to contact the jaw to guide the jaw to the crimp region.

[0206] F4. The system of paragraph F1, wherein the jaw has a face to contact the crimp region and lateral sides disposed opposite each other and transverse to the face, and wherein the aperture has a wall region configured to contact a lateral side of the jaw to guide the jaw to the crimp region.

[0207] F5. The system of paragraph F1, wherein the fastening member defines one or more apertures to receive both jaws such that an aperture guides each jaw to the crimp region.

[0208] F6. The system of paragraph F5, wherein the one or more apertures are a pair of discrete apertures.

[0209] F7. The system of paragraph F2, wherein the jaw has a face to contact the crimp region and lateral sides disposed opposite each other and transverse to the face, and wherein a width of the jaw measured between the lateral sides corresponds to a dimension of the aperture measured parallel to the spanning axis.

[0210] F8. The system of paragraph F1, wherein the tool has a stop region configured to contact the fastening member to set an elevation of at least one of the jaws for crimping the fastening member.

[0211] F9. The system of paragraph F8, wherein the stop region is a shoulder projecting from the jaw.

[0212] G1. A method of binding bone, the method comprising: (a) arranging an encircling member and a fastening member such that the encircling extends twice through the fastening member and forms a loop around a portion of bone; (b) crimping the fastening member such that both ends of the loop are secured to the fastening member; and (c) disposing each of one or more prong members in threaded engagement with the fastening member and nonthreaded engagement with the bone.

[0213] G2. The method of paragraph G1, further comprising a step of turning one of the prong members after the step of disposing to adjust a length of a nonthreaded portion of the prong member extending below a bottom surface region of the fastening member and a depth of the one prong member in the bone.

[0214] G3. The method of paragraph G1, further comprising a step of turning one of the prong members after the step of disposing to adjust a length of a portion of the prong member extending below a bottom surface region of the fastening member, such that a position of the fastening member relative to the bone is changed.

[0215] G4. The method of paragraph G3, wherein the step of turning increases the length of the portion of the prong member extending below the bottom surface region of the fastening member and urges at least part of the fastening member away from the bone.

[0216] G5. The method of paragraph G3, wherein the step of turning is performed after the step of crimping and increases a tension of the loop.

[0217] G6. The method of paragraph G3, wherein the step of turning is performed before the step of crimping and adjusts a slope of the fastening member with respect to the bone.

[0218] G7. The method of paragraph G1, wherein the step of disposing is performed before the step of crimping.

[0219] G8. The method of paragraph G1, wherein the step of disposing includes a step of disposing three or more prong members.

[0220] G9. The method of paragraph G8, wherein the step of disposing includes a step of disposing four prong members adjacent four respective corners of the fastening member.

[0221] G10. The method of paragraph G9, wherein each respective corner is formed by a tab projecting from a body of the fastening member.

[0222] H1. A method of binding bone, the method comprising: (a) arranging an encircling member such that the encircling member extends twice through a fastening member to form a loop around a portion of bone; (b) crimping the fastening member with a tool such that both ends of the loop are secured to the fastening member, wherein the tool has a pair of jaws and a stop region configured to contact the fastening member to block advancement of at least one of the jaws into the aperture to set an elevation of the at least one for crimping the fastening member.

[0223] H2. The method of paragraph H1, wherein the stop region is in contact with the fastening member before and/or during the step of crimping.

[0224] H3. The method of paragraph H1, wherein the stop region is formed as a shoulder on a jaw of the tool.

[0225] H4. The method of paragraph H1, wherein the fastening member has a top surface region, and wherein the stop region contacts the top surface region to set the elevation.

[0226] H5. The method of paragraph H1, wherein each jaw has a stop region configured to set a respective elevation of the jaw.

[0227] H6. The method of paragraph H1, wherein the fastening member defines an aperture to receive the at least one jaw, and wherein the stop region stops advancement of the at least one jaw through the aperture.

[0228] H7. The method of paragraph H1, wherein the fastening member defines a plane and the tool defines a proximal-distal axis, and wherein contact of the stop region with the fastening member is configured to orient the proximal-distal axis with respect to the plane.

[0229] H8. The method of paragraph H7, wherein the fastening member defines at least one aperture, further comprising a step of mating the at least one jaw with the at least one aperture such that the proximal-distal axis of the tool is orthogonal to the plane defined by the fastening member.

[0230] H9. The method of paragraph H1, wherein the fastening member defines a pair of apertures, further comprising