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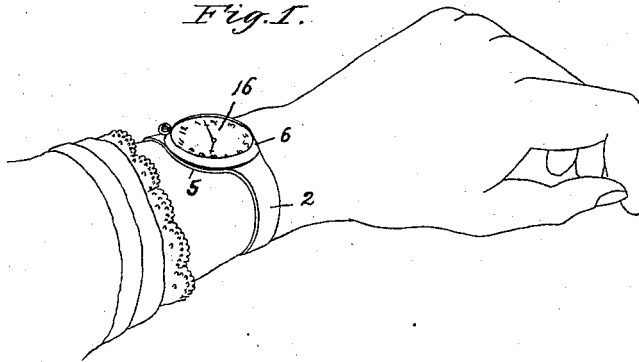


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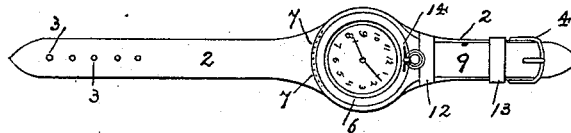


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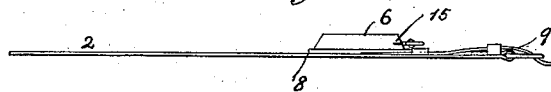


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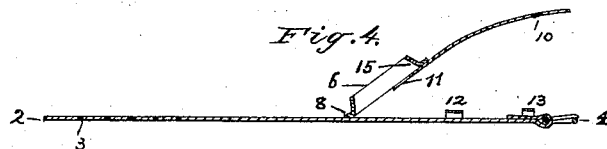
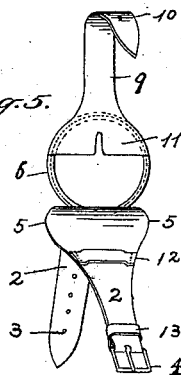


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD JOSEPH LEZARD, a subject of Her Britannic Majesty, and a resident of London, in the county of Middlesex, England, have invented a certain new and useful Device for Holding Watches, of which the following is a specification.

It is the fashion at the present time, especially among the ladies, to carry watches exteriorly of the clothing to enable the ascertainment of the hour without the inconvenience of removing the time-piece from the pocket or from the bosom of the dress; and to this end numerous contrivances have been devised by which the watches have been adapted to be suspended from the wearer's apparel, particularly from waistbands or belts.

My invention has for its main object to provide for use a simple means by which the watch may be conveniently and safely carried upon the wrist or lower portion of the arm; and to this main end and object my invention consists, first, in a strap or band formed or provided with a watch-receptacle so constructed that the time may be readily observed without removing the watch from the holder, and, secondly, in certain details of construction of the contrivance, all as will be hereinafter more fully described, and specifically set forth in the appended claims.

In the drawings accompanying this specification and forming a part thereof, Figure 1 is an elevation to illustrate the application of my invention. Fig. 2 is a top view of the band straightened out and containing a watch. Fig. 3 is a side elevation thereof. Fig. 4 is a central vertical section through the device with the watch removed, and Fig. 5 is a rear elevation of the same with some of the parts turned aside to more clearly exhibit the detail construction of the watch-receptacle.

In the several views the same parts will be found designated by the numerals of reference.

2 is a strap or band, preferably of leather, provided at one end with a series of perforations, 3, and at the other end with a buckle, 4. Nearer the last-mentioned end the strap is widened and curved or rounded at its edges, as seen at 5 5, and at this locality is secured a watch receptacle or holder, 6, preferably in

the form of a tapering ring. The watch receptacle or holder is likewise preferably made of leather, and is hinged to the strap at the point 7—in this instance by stitching passing through a flange, 8, at the base of the holder and through the strap beneath.

To the base of the watch-holder is attached a supplemental strap, 9, which is arranged in the direction of the buckle 4, and is provided with a hole or perforation, 10, to receive the tongue thereof. This supplemental strap is formed with an extension, 11, which projects nearly half-way across the circular base of the watch-holder, and serves to maintain the watch in position during the act of inserting it and while securing the supplemental strap in place.

Upon the main strap 2 are preferably provided loops 12 and 13, the former to receive the supplemental strap only and the latter to accommodate both the supplemental strap and the point or free end of the main strap.

The watch-holder is formed with a circular opening, 14, for the passage therethrough of the stem of the watch, and with an intersecting circumferential slit or slot, 15, for the passage of the chain-ring of the watch. The contrivance is of course designed for use with a hunting-case or open-face watch, such as indicated at 16, the dial of which may be seen and the time read through the large circular opening in the watch-holder.

To secure the watch in the position illustrated at Fig. 2, the parts may be turned into the condition shown at Fig. 5, and the stem and the ring of the watch introduced beneath the extension 11 and pushed forward until they shall have passed out through the openings 14 and 15 and the body of the watch come to a seat or bearing within the conical holder 6. The point of the supplemental strap may then be passed under the loop 12, and the holder with the watch therein drawn down flat upon the main strap beneath. The end of the supplemental strap may then be passed through the loop 13, the tongue of the buckle pushed through the perforation 10 therein, and the extremity of said strap carried down through the open frame of the buckle to the under side thereof. The contrivance may then be applied to the wrist, as seen at Fig. 1, by passing the main strap around the wrist and engaging the

tongue of the buckle with any of the holes 3 at the free end of said strap, the point of which may then be slipped under the loop 13 to hold it down upon the supplemental or watch-holder strap.

The watch-holder is preferably made to extend above the crystal of the watch, to afford it some protection against breakage, and the watch is prevented from falling out by reason of the fact that the diameter of the opening at the upper end of the tapering holder is less than the diameter of the watch.

Watches unprovided with a stem and chain-ring of course do not require a holder having the openings 14 and 15, and therefore, so far as the main feature of my invention is concerned, these openings may be omitted. By locating the loop 12 close to the periphery of the watch-holder and passing the supplemental strap thereunder, the watch-holder may be held down flat and firmly against the strap below.

When it may be desired to carry the watch in the usual way, it may be readily removed from the holder, the contrivance being designed especially for use out-of-doors by ladies while shopping and by those engaged in diversions of the field.

The detail construction of the contrivance may be varied without departing from the spirit of my invention, and in lieu of the supplemental strap for confining the watch-holder in position some other means may be employed.

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

1. As a new article of manufacture, a strap or band provided with a watch-holder having an opening to permit observation of the time, substantially as set forth.

2. A strap or band provided with a watch-holder having an opening to permit observa-

tion of the time, and a fastening for securing said holder in place upon the strap or band, substantially as set forth.

3. A strap or band provided with a watch-holder and a loop, as 12, said watch-holder having an opening to permit observation of the time, and a supplemental strap for engagement with said loop, substantially as set forth.

4. A strap or band provided with a watch-holder having an opening to permit observation of the time, and apertures, as 14 and 15, for the passage of the stem and chain-ring of the watch, substantially as set forth.

5. A strap or band provided with a watch-holder consisting of a ring tapering from its outer to its inner edge, substantially as set forth.

6. The combination, with a strap or band, of a watch-holder hinged thereto and a fastening device for said watch-holder, substantially as set forth.

7. The combination of the strap 2, perforated, as at 3, at one end and provided with a buckle and loop at the other end, with a watch-holder, 6, provided with a strap, 9, adapted to engage with said loop and buckle, substantially as set forth.

8. The combination of the strap 2 and the watch-holder, the latter provided with a strap, 9, having an extension, 11, substantially as set forth.

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