

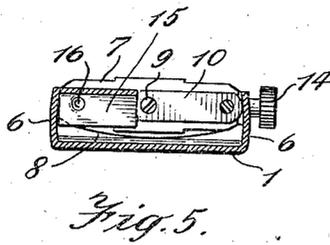
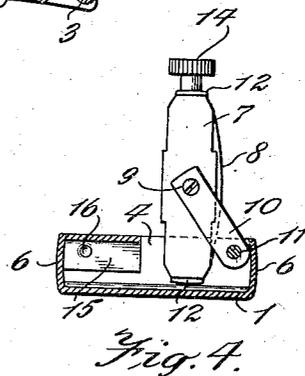
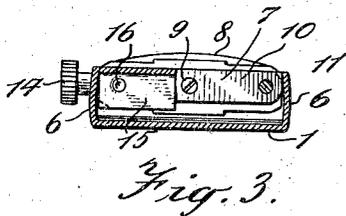
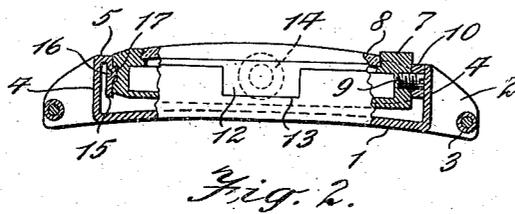
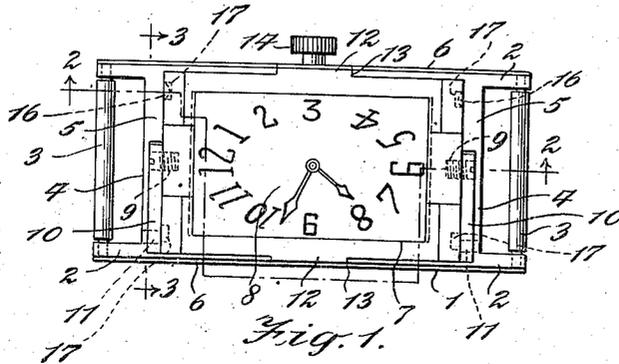
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This invention relates to a case that is particularly useful in connection with watches and more especially in connection with wrist watches, but it is not restricted to a case for this particular purpose, as it is adapted for holding jewelry and other objects where it is desired that the objects should be exhibited at times and should be prevented from being visible at other times.

In carrying out the invention a container is provided which is adapted to receive a holder that is suitable for holding the works of a watch or for holding a jewel or other object in such a way that the face of the watch can be seen through a crystal or the other objects can be seen through a glass on this holder. In devices of this sort it is sometimes desirable to reverse the position of the holder to protect the crystal or glass or to render the objects invisible, while at the same time avoiding the danger of the holder becoming loose or displaced from the container. Also, it is desirable that the reversal of positions of the holder should be conveniently and safely and quickly accomplished.

These and other objects are carried out in accordance with this invention, which will be understood from the description in connection with the accompanying drawing, in which Fig. 1 is a plan view of an illustrative embodiment of the invention in the form of a watch case; Fig. 2 is a section along the line 2—2 of Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is a section along the line 3—3 of Fig. 1; Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 3; and Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 3 with the holder reversed.

In the drawing, reference character 1 indicates a container, such as a watch case for example, that may be provided with lugs 2 to accommodate pins 3 for attachment to a wrist strap.

The end walls 4 to which the lugs 2 are attached are provided with bent or horizontally extending portions 5 for a distance slightly less than one-half the lengths of these end walls. The side walls 6, the ends of which are connected to the wall 4, are preferably slightly curved, as shown in Figs. 3, 4 and 5.

A holder 7 for the works of the watch or for jewels or other objects, is provided with a crystal 8 or other transparent material through which one can observe the desired part of the watch face or other object that is held in the holder.

A pivot 9 is provided at each end of the holder 7 at or near its middle portion, and a link 10 is pivoted at one end of each one of these pivots 9. A pivot 11 corresponding to the pivots 9 is provided in each end wall 4 near where they join walls 6 and the other ends of the links 10 are pivoted on these pivots 11. Lugs 12 (Figs. 1 and 2) may be provided on opposite sides of the holder 7 to fit in corresponding slots 13 in the side walls 6 when the holder 7 is in place in the container

or case 1. A watch stem 14 of the usual sort is shown extending through one of the lugs 12.

The edges of the horizontal portion 5 of the end wall 6 may be extended downwardly, as indicated at 15, and a bump or detent 16 may be pressed outwardly therefrom, as shown more clearly in Fig. 2. Corresponding holes 17 are provided at the ends of the holder 7, so that the detents will snap into them when the holder 7 is in place in the container 1.

The operation is as follows:

The holder will ordinarily occupy the position shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3, so that the face of the watch or other object in the holder will be readily visible through the crystal 8 or other sheet of transparent material. When it is desired to reverse the position of the holder 7 in the container 1, the stem 14 is pressed upwardly, whereupon the detents 16 snap out of the openings 17 while the holder turns about its pivots 9 and the links 10 simultaneously turn about their pivots 11 from the position shown in Fig. 3 to the position shown in Fig. 4, after which further turning in the same direction causes the holder 7 to assume the position shown in Fig. 5 and be held by the detents 16, but in a position reversed or turned 180° from that shown in Fig. 3. The holder 7 is returned to its normal position by a similar turning movement, but in the opposite direction.

I claim:

1. A container for watches, jewelry and other objects, comprising a case, a holder for objects and a pair of links, one end of each of said links being pivoted to said case near one end of said case and the other ends of said links being pivoted at the central line of said holder, the pivot points on the respective links being far enough apart to permit said holder to be turned 180° on its pivots.

2. A container for watches, jewelry and other objects, comprising a case, a holder for objects fitting closely in said case, and a pair of links, one end of each of said links being pivoted to said case near one end of said case and the other ends of said links being pivoted at the central line of said holder, the pivot points on the respective links being far enough apart to permit said holder to be turned 180° on its pivots.

3. A container for watches, jewelry and other objects, comprising a case having concave side walls, a holder for objects having convex side walls fitting said first named side walls, and a pair of links, one end of each of said links being pivoted to said case near one end of said case and the other ends of said links being pivoted at the central line of said holder, the pivot points on the respective links being far enough apart to permit said holder to be turned 180° on its pivots.