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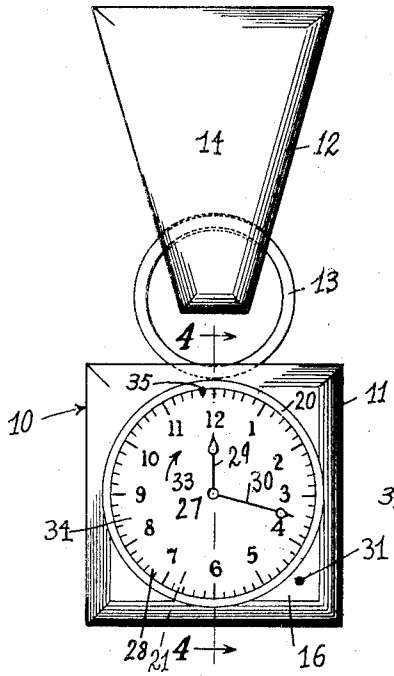


Fig. 1

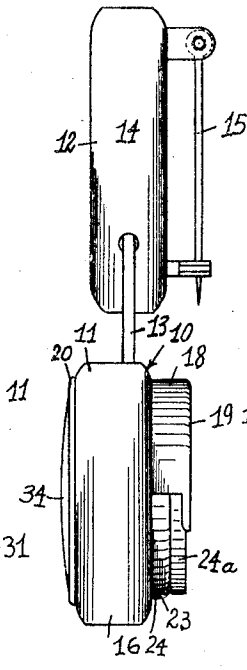


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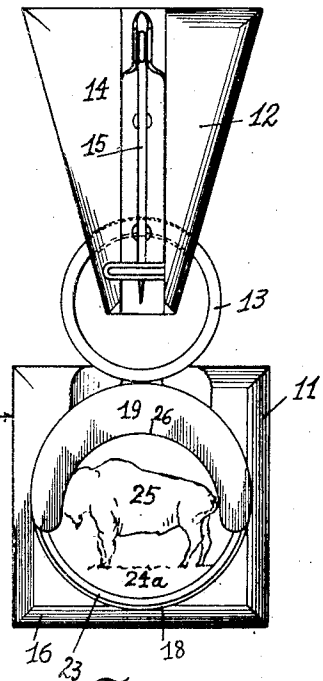


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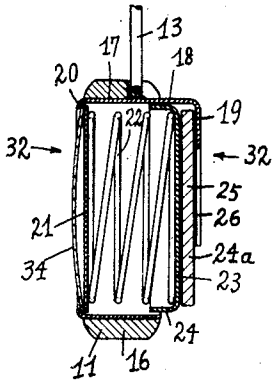


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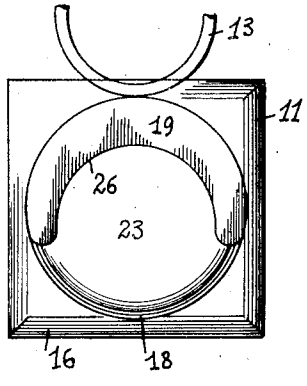


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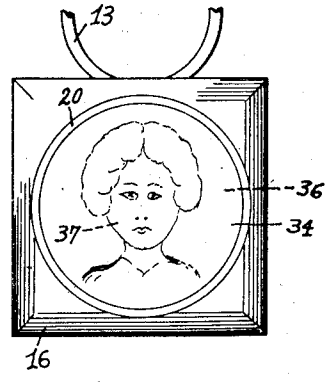


Fig. 6

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This invention relates to coin holder and dispenser devices, and has for its main object to provide a device of this character which may also serve for other purposes, particularly as a reminder of appointments made.

A further object of this invention is to provide a device as characterized hereinbefore, which also may be used as an ornament or jewelry, as a photo locket or an imitation pendant watch.

Still other objects of this invention will be apparent as the specification of the same proceeds, and, among others, I may mention: to provide a device of the type indicated, which will be easily operated, attractive in appearance, simple in construction, and inexpensive to manufacture.

In the drawings forming a part of this specification and accompanying the same:

Fig. 1 is a front elevational view of one embodiment of my invention, being in the form of an imitation pendant watch, and

Fig. 2 is a side elevational view thereof; while

Fig. 3 is a rear view of the same;

Fig. 4 is a sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary rear view of the device showing the same as it would appear when all the coins are removed from it; and

Fig. 6 is a similar fragmentary front view showing a modification of it when it is used as a photo locket instead of an imitation watch and appointment indicator.

Referring now to the drawings more in detail by characters of reference, the numeral 10 indicates my device, in general, which, in the embodiment shown, is composed of two main parts, the coin holder dispenser, and date indicator proper 11, and a suspending or pin portion 12.

It is to be understood that the form of my invention shown in the drawings and described in the specification, is only one embodiment thereof, and in this embodiment the coin holder and indicator proper is in the form of a pendant watch being suspended from a hook or pin device 12 by a ring 13. The ornamentally designed hook device is composed of a trapezoid shaped plate 14, of any appropriate attractive material, like plastic, on the back of which is secured a usual so-called safety pin construction 15 by which my invention may be suspended on the garment of the wearer, as is usual with such pendants.

The coin dispenser and date indicator proper 11 may also have a plate shaped housing 16, possibly of a plastic of harmonizing effect with the hook or suspending device 14, said housing 16 being provided with a circular through-going opening or hole 17.

A thin walled hollow cylinder or tube 18 is secured in the hole 17 in the housing 16 by frictional action, or by any other appropriate means. A partial bottom 19 is provided for the tube 18 in

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the shape of a half-moon, as best shown in Figs. 3 and 5.

The front or top of the tube 18 may have an inwardly turned narrow flange 20, against which a disk 21 is pressed, as by the coil spring 22 arranged in the tube 18. The other end of the spring 22 is resting against a second disk 23 which may have an inwardly turned flange 24, and said flanged disk or thimble 23 will be pressed by the spring 22 against the half-moon shaped bottom 19, as will be obvious.

Now, the rear portion of the device may be used as a coin holder and dispenser. One or more coins 24a may be pushed back of the half-moon shaped bottom 19 between the same, and the thimble disk 23. These coins will be pressed by the spring 22 against the half-moon shaped bottom 19 and so kept within the device. In case, however, a coin is to be used, the same may be pulled out from the space between the thimble 23 and the bottom 19 by the finger of the user being applied on the exposed part 25 of the coin in the open space 26 of the bottom, as it is well known with such coin dispensers.

Disk 21 which is being pressed in the other direction by the spring 22, in the embodiment shown in Figs. 1 to 5, will have watch dial markings on its face 27. The markings will consist as usual of hour and minute markings 28, an imitation marking of the hour pointer 29, and a similar imitation of the minute pointer 30.

On the front of the housing 16, and preferably in one of its lower corners, in Fig. 1 being the lower right hand corner, an indicator 31 is marked, and the use of this portion of my device is as follows:

When it is intended to make a reminder or indicator of a date agreed upon by the user or wearer of my device, the plate 21 and the coin 24, each will be pressed inwardly against one another pressing the spring 22 between them, as between the thumb and forefinger of the user, as indicated by the arrows 32, whereupon the disk with the spring and the rest of the inside devices may be turned around, as indicated by the arrow 33, until the hour and minute indications of the desired date on the dial 27 will arrive opposite the date indicator mark 31 on the housing 16.

Now, the pressure of spring 22 will insure that the dial disk 27 will remain in such a position, and any time the user glances at the device, the hour and minute is set against the date indicator 31 reminding him or her of the appointment made.

It will be seen therefore, that I provided a device wherein small coins, like nickels, frequently used, may be carried in a convenient manner, and be ready for use in a similar manner, and wherein the same element, the spring 22, also

will hold, in a set position, an appointment indicator.

The coin holder and date indicator 11 may also be made a separate unit and carried in a pocket, purse, handbag, etc., or may be used as a pendant. The coins may be dispensed from the rear end of the holder 11, while a glance at the front end of the dial will remind the person using the same of the appointment set.

A usual transparent disk, like a watch crystal 34, may be placed over the dial disk 21, and, in such a case, the pressure, as indicated by the arrow 32, will be exerted on the crystal 34, and through that on the disk 21.

I also may employ a conspicuous indicator 35 on a place on the watch dial part of my device, which in all probability will never be used for making an appointment, like 11:59 A. M. When this mark 35 is set against the date indicator 31, it will mean that no appointment has been made for that day.

In Fig. 6 I show a modification of my device wherein the coin holder is used as a photo locket, in which case the disk 21 is replaced by a disk 36 carrying a photograph 37, or such a photograph may be placed over the dial disk 21 when it is not desired to use the device as a date indicator, but rather as a photo locket, in which case my device may be used for all three purposes, for a coin holder and dispenser, for a date indicator, and for a photo locket, as desired.

What I claim as new and want to protect by Letters Patent of the United States, is:

1. In a device of the type described, a housing, registering openings being provided in two opposite sides of the housing, a rotatable disk inside one of said openings, a second rotatable disk inside of the other opening, a resilient member interposed between said two disks urging them in opposite outward directions, limiting means at each opening for each disk for their outward travel whereby each disk will be pressed against said limit and prevented of rotation, cooperating

markings on the exposed portion of one of the disks and on the housing around the opening for the same, whereby upon an inward pressing of the respective disk against the resilient member, the same may be rotated, and selected markings on the disk and on the housing may be placed in registering relation for a predetermined purpose, like indicating the time for an appointment made, flat objects, like coins, to be distributed being adapted to be placed between the other disk and its limit normally held by the pressure of said resilient member against said limiting means, and means on said limits to permit the removal of the outermost flat object, like a coin, by transverse sliding thereof from between the respective disk and limit.

2. In a device, as set forth in claim 1, a hollow cylindrical body in the housing carrying said limits at its respective ends, said disks and said resilient member being arranged in said hollow cylinder.

3. In a device, as set forth in claim 1, said housing being a flat ornamental object, and means to suspend the same on the person of the wearer, like a pendant or locket.

4. A date indicator, comprising a housing having a window therein, a rotatable disk, to the rear of the window, having watch dial markings on its exposed surface, limiting means in the housing against which said disk may be pressed, a resilient member in the housing normally pressing said disk against said limiting means and holding it fixed by frictional action, said disk, however, being adapted to be pressed inwardly against said resilient member and to be turned around in such a position, and a date marking on the housing against which a time marking on the rotatable disk may be set for a date reminder.

5. In a device, as set forth in claim 4, a specific marking on the watch dial disk, the setting of which against the date marking is to indicate no date.

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