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ARM WATCH PROTECTOR

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Fig. 1

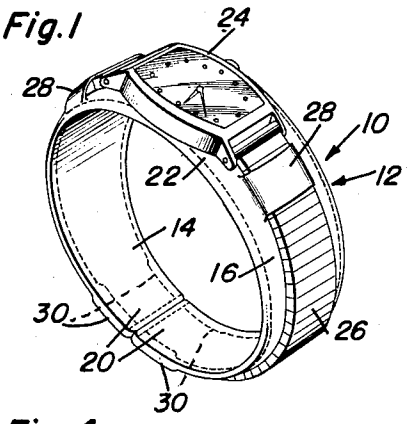


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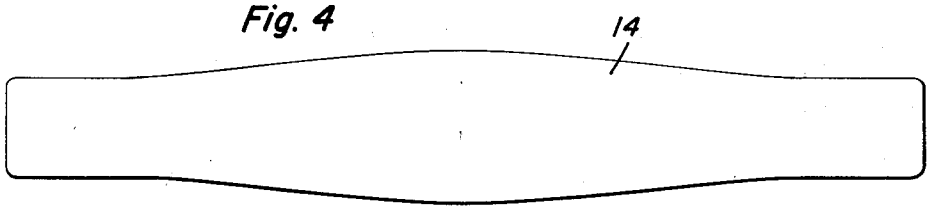


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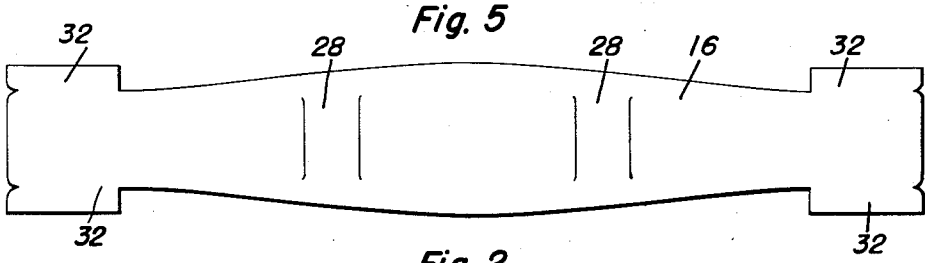


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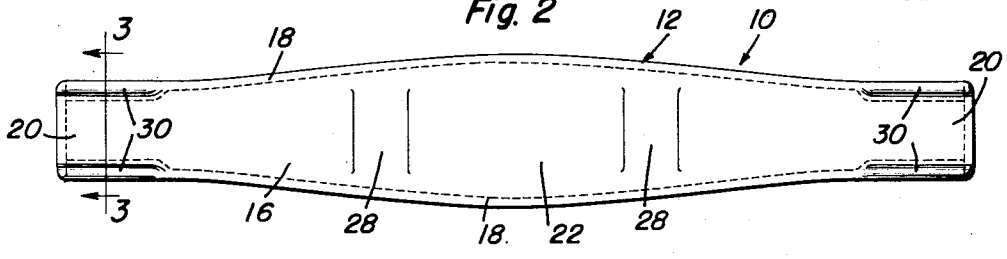
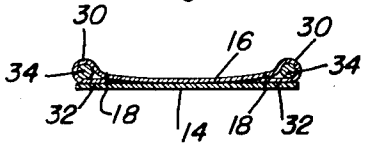


Fig. 6



Fig. 3



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This invention relates to new and useful improvements and structural refinements in protecting devices intended to be used with wrist watches, and the principal object of the invention is to protect the wrist watch against perspiration and other foreign matter accumulating on the arm and also to protect the arm against irritation, tarnish, constricting pressure, etc. incident to the use of the watch, particularly a wrist watch equipped with a metallic band.

The above object is achieved by the provision of a protector which is adapted to be positioned on the wrist under the watch and band, so that the latter do not actually come in contact with the arm.

Some of the advantages of the invention lie in its simplicity of construction, in its efficient and comfortable operation, in its pleasing appearance, and in its adaptability to economical manufacture.

With the above more important objects and features in view and such other objects and features as may become apparent as this specification proceeds, the invention consists essentially of the arrangement and construction of parts as illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the invention showing the same applied to a wrist watch and band;

Figure 2 is a developed plan view of the invention;

Figure 3 is a transverse sectional detail, taken substantially in the plane of the line 3—3 in Figure 2;

Figures 4 and 5 are developed plan views of two pieces of material from which the protector is formed; and,

Figure 6 is a perspective view of a reinforcing pin used in the invention.

Like characters of reference are employed to designate like parts in the specification and throughout the several views.

Referring now to the accompanying drawings in detail, the invention consists of a wrist watch protector which is designated generally by the reference character 10 and embodies in its construction an arcuate annular member 12 of flexible material, preferably consisting of two superposed pieces 14, 16, which are stitched together adjacent the marginal edges thereof as indicated at 18.

The member 12, when in its arcuate form, has opposing, separable ends, whereby the member may be expanded for installation or removal from

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a wrist, and it will be noted that while the end portions 20 of the member are relatively narrow, its intermediate portion is relatively wide so as to afford a platform 22 on which a wrist watch 24 may be positioned.

The metallic band 26 of the wrist watch is superposed on the member 12 and means are provided for sustaining the band in position, these means involving the provision of a pair of band engaging loops 28 which are struck out from the piece 16 at the opposite sides of the platform 22 so that the band 26 may be slipped therethrough, as is best shown in Figure 1. In addition, the end portions 20 of the member 12 are provided at the opposite side edges thereof with protruding flanges 30 which form between them a channel or groove wherein the band 26 may be dependably sustained.

The flanges 30 are formed by simply providing the end portions 20 of the piece 16 with lateral projections 32 which are turned under the end portions and secured by the stitching 18 (see Figure 3), the portions 32 affording tubular pockets for the reception of reinforcing pins 34 so that the flanges 30 are made substantially rigid.

It will be observed from the foregoing that by virtue of the protector 10, the wrist watch 24 as well as the band 26 thereof are sustained entirely out of engagement with the arm, portions of the band 26 which extend through the loops 28 being separated from the arm by the underlying thickness of the piece 14.

Although in accordance with the preferred form of construction, the member 12 is composed of two pieces 14, 16, the member 12 may be molded integrally as a unit, if so desired.

It is believed that the advantages and use of the invention will be clearly understood from the foregoing disclosure and, accordingly, further description thereof at this point is deemed unnecessary.

While in the foregoing there has been shown and described the preferred embodiment of this invention, it is to be understood that minor changes in the details of construction, combination and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

A wrist protector for a wrist watch including an annular band, said protector comprising an annular member of flexible material having abutting ends and including a relatively wide intermediate portion constituting a watch receiving

platform, said member consisting of superposed inner and outer straps secured together at the edges thereof, the outer strap being provided at the opposite sides of and immediately adjacent to said platform with pairs of closely spaced parallel and transversely extending slits whereby portions of the outer strap between the slits in each pair define loops adapted to have a watch band threaded therethrough, the remaining portions of said outer strap being free of slits, pairs of transversely spaced and circumferentially extending tubular sockets provided on side edge portions of the outer strap at the abutting ends of said member, the sockets in each pair affording therebetween a watch band receiving groove,

and a reinforcing rod positioned in each of said sockets, said sockets constituting sole means for sustaining a watch band against movement laterally of the abutting ends of said member.

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