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SAFETY POCKET WRIST WATCH GUARD

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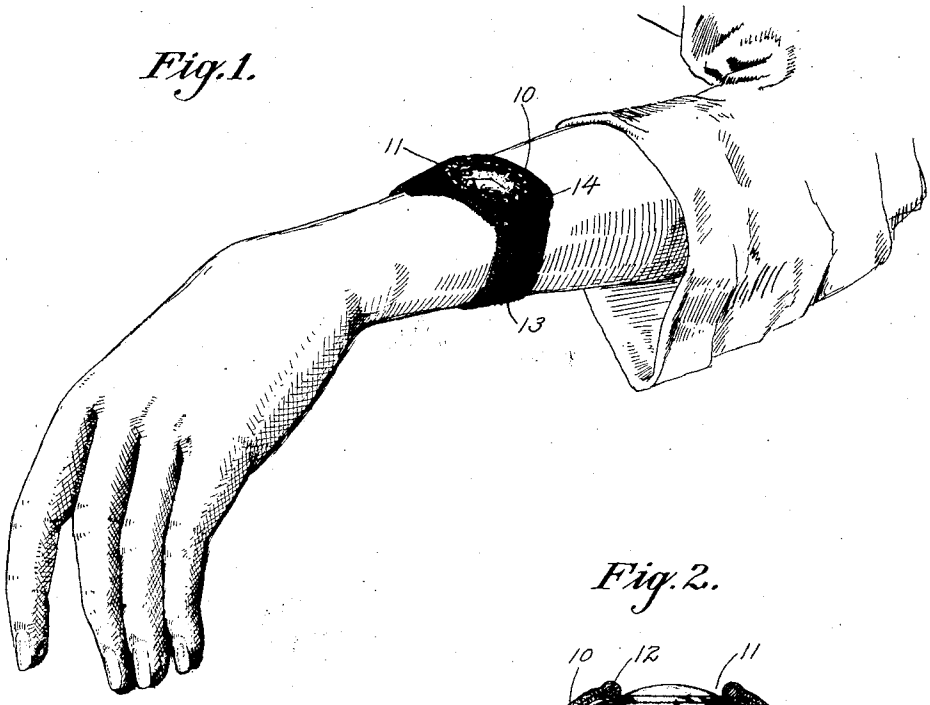


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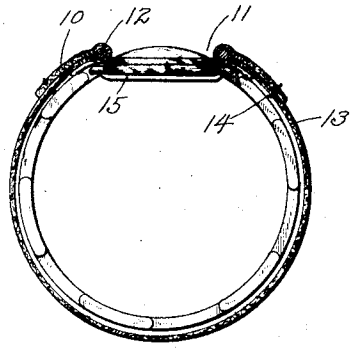


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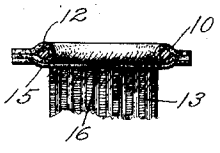
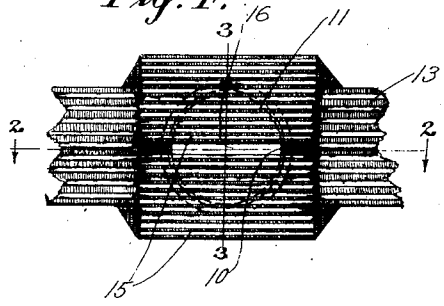


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARGARET ALLBEE BROWN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Muscatine, in the county of Muscatine and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Safety-Pocket Wrist-Watch Guards, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to watch guards, and particularly to a device intended to be worn on the wrist for guarding and protecting a wrist-watch and also covering and protecting the links of the bracelet holding the watch in place.

A further object is to provide a device of this character which is adapted to embrace the watch and hold the watch from dropping off the wrist even though the links of the bracelet should be broken, and which is so constructed that the watch may be quickly put in place or removed and which can be readily placed upon the wrist.

A still further object is to provide a device of this character which is very simple and cheap, may be constructed of a variety of materials, and be more or less ornamental in character.

My invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing my wrist-watch guard in applied position;

Figure 2 is a sectional view through the wrist-watch guard showing the manner in which it encircles and protects the wrist-watch and the bracelet therefor:

Figure 3 is a transverse section through the watch holding pocket;

Figure 4 is an inside face view of the pocket and a portion of the wrist strap.

Referring to these drawings, it will be seen that my device comprises a safety pocket for the watch and a band, preferably elastic. which is attached to the safety pocket and which is adapted to embrace the wrist and extend over the bracelet. The safety pocket consists of a front piece 10, which may be made of leather or textile fabric, and which is illustrated as approximately rectangular in form, though this is not absolutely necessary. This pocket has a central opening 11 and the material of this piece 10 at the margin of the opening is preferably sewed over a ring 12. This prevents the opening from stretching or getting out of shape.

Attached to the ends of the piece 10 is a band 13 which is adapted to embrace the wrist and which is preferably of elastic or has a contractible quality, and this band 13 is of a width sufficient to fully cover the bracelet of the wrist-watch when the band is in place. This band 13 is stitched or otherwise attached, as at 14, to the piece 10. Behind the piece 10 there is disposed a backing which, as illustrated, consists of two pieces of elastic 15 which at their ends are stitched to the ends of the piece 10, two pieces of elastic being used so as to provide a slit 16 between the two pieces of elastic, providing for the insertion of the watch into the holder of pocket. While I have illustrated and preferably use two pieces of elastic 15 so as to provide the slit 16, it is to be understood that one piece of elastic might be used and this piece be simply slitted longitudinally, and it is also to be understood that other material than an elastic material might be used for this back.

In the use of this device, the watch is inserted through the slit 16 into the safety pocket. The watch, of course, being larger than the opening 11 cannot come out of this opening and particularly in view of the fact that this opening is guarded and prevented from expanding by the ring 12. The band 13, of course, encircles the wrist exteriorly to the bracelet and conceals and guards the bracelet, and even though some of the links of the bracelet should break the watch cannot possibly slip off, as it is held securely within the safety pocket.

It will be seen that with this device the wrist-watch does not have to be detached from the bracelet, as is the case in other guards of the same general character. Instead, the guard is slipped over the hand, if the band is elastic, and is slipped over both the watch and the bracelet. The watch is then slid into one side of the pocket, the thumb of the right hand works through the ring on the upper side of the safety pocket, and the rear side of the pocket is easily pushed under the watch. When the watch is in place. the dial is visible, and both watch and bracelet are secure from ordinary loss. While the elastic band is preferable for convenience, it will be obvious that this band can be made of other materials, such as

woven fabric or fine leather and be strapped upon the wrist or otherwise closed around the wrist. The pocket itself may be made in varying sizes to fit watches of different sizes and may be of varied shapes, as oblong, rectangular, oval, etc. The metal ring around the central opening 11 prevents any possibility of the watch working out through the outer side of the pocket, while the wrist of the wearer holds the watch securely from slipping out of the slit on the inside.

I claim:—

1. A wrist-watch protector of the character described comprising a pocket adapted to receive the watch and having a central opening upon its outer face smaller than the diameter of the watch and having a longitudinal slit on its back through which the watch may be inserted into the pocket, the margin of the observation opening having a rigid ring disposed therein to which the material of the pocket is attached, and a wrist band attached to the pocket.

2. A wrist-watch protector of the character described comprising a pocket formed with a front piece and a back piece, the front piece having a central observation opening, the margin of the opening having attached thereto a rigid ring, the back piece being formed to provide a longitudinally extending slit through which the watch may be inserted into the pocket, and a wrist band attached to the ends of said pocket.

3. A wrist-watch protector comprising a pocket having a front piece formed with a central opening smaller in diameter than the watch to be disposed therein, an elastic band attached to the ends of the front piece and adapted to encircle the wrist, and an elastic back attached to the front piece and constituting the back of the pocket and formed to provide a longitudinally extending slit through which the watch may be inserted into position behind the opening the ends of the slit constituting means to accommodate the watch engaging ends of the bracelet.

4. A wrist-watch protector of the character described comprising a front piece having a central opening through which the dial of the watch may be observed, the margin of the central opening being reinforced, an elastic band attached to the ends of the front piece and adapted to extend around the wrist, and two elastic bands attached to the back of the front piece at the ends and sides thereof, the elastic bands being spaced from each other to provide a slit through which the watch may be inserted into the pocket thus formed.

5. A wrist-watch protector of the character described comprising a band adapted to encircle the wrist, and a pocket to which the band is attached, the pocket having an observation opening in its face smaller in diameter than the face of the watch, the pocket having an opening in its back through which the watch may be inserted and through which the bracelet of the watch may pass.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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