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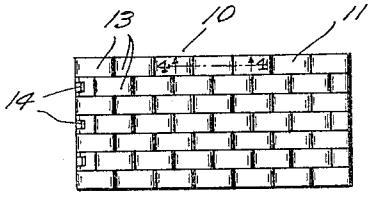


Fig. 1

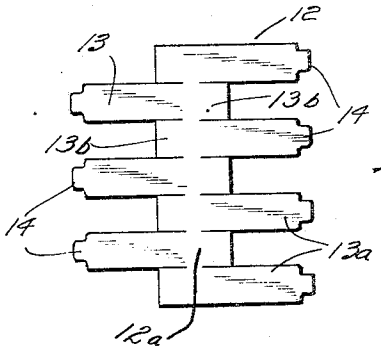


Fig. 2

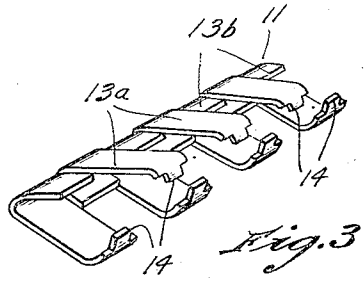


Fig. 3

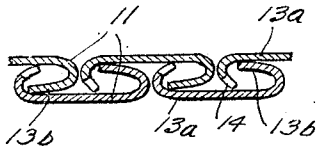


Fig. 4

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My present invention relates to the jewelry art, and has particular reference to a novel construction for a linked bracelet.

The principal object of the invention is to provide a novel construction for a basket weave bracelet.

A further object is to devise a bracelet construction utilizing stamped links which may be hingedly joined without pivot pins.

Still another object is to provide a bracelet construction utilizing interlocking links.

With the above and other objects and advantageous features in view, the invention consists of a novel arrangement of parts more fully disclosed in the detailed description following, in conjunction with the accompanying drawing, and more specifically defined in the claims appended thereto.

In the drawing,

Fig. 1 is a plan view of the novel bracelet;

Fig. 2 is a plan view of one link blank as stamped;

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the blank of Fig. 2 as formed ready for assembly; and

Fig. 4 is an enlarged section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1, showing the pivotal interlocking of the links.

It has been found desirable to form a basket weave bracelet from stamped metal links which can be hingedly assembled without the use of auxiliary hinges, pivot pins, or the like, so as to provide a flexible bracelet of simple design and of sturdy construction. To this end, I stamp link blanks out of sheet metal, bend and shape the blanks to form links, and complete the assembly by interlocking the links to provide a flexible metal mesh bracelet.

Referring to the drawing, the basket weave bracelet 10 is made up of a plurality of interlocked links 11. Each link 11 is obtained from a metal stamping 12, see Fig. 2, having a plurality of parallel bars 13, the illustrated embodiment showing seven, extending in staggered relation with respect to the central or body portion 12a of the stamping, each bar consisting of a long bar section 13a extending from one side of the body portion and an aligned short bar section 13b extending from the other side of the body portion, the ends of each long bar section being reduced to provide a lock prong 14.

Adjacent links are then interlocked, with the ends of the aligned long and short bar sections in spaced longitudinal relation, as shown in Fig. 4, by alternately placing the four and the three bar portions of the links in interlocking relation, the prongs 14 locking over the short bar sections 13b of the adjacent links to provide a sturdy pivoted construction which does not require any auxiliary hinge pins or other connection. The resulting metal band is of the flexible metal mesh type, as illustrated in Fig. 1, and may be made of any desired length, the ends being provided with clasp means or latch devices, not shown, to hold the bracelet closed.

The links may be stamped of any suitable metal, and ornamented in any desired manner, as for example by plating or otherwise coloring the links with slight variations in color.

While I have described a specific constructional embodiment of my invention, it is obvious that changes in the size, shape, arrangement of the parts, and in the number of staggered bars, may be made to suit the requirements for different bracelet designs, without departing from the spirit and the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A basket weave bracelet, comprising a plurality of interlocked links, each link having a body portion, an odd number of bar sections extending laterally from each side of the body portion, the bar sections on one side being alternately long and short and the aligned bar sections on the other side being alternately short and long, the long and short bar sections at one side of the body portion being bent to overlie the aligned short and long bar sections at the other side with the ends thereof in spaced longitudinal relation, the ends of the long bar sections being bent to interlock with the short bar sections of the adjacent links.

2. A basket weave bracelet, comprising a plurality of interlocked links, each link having a body portion, an odd number of bar sections extending laterally from each side of the body portion, the bar sections on one side being alternately long and short and the aligned bar sections on the other side being alternately short and long, the long bar sections having reduced prong ends, the long and short bar sections at one side of the body portion being bent to overlie the aligned short and long bar sections at the other side with the ends thereof in spaced longitudinal relation, the reduced prong ends of the long bar sections being bent to interlock with the short bar sections of the adjacent links.

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