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Fig. 1.

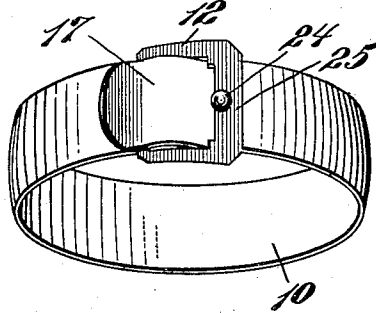


Fig. 2.

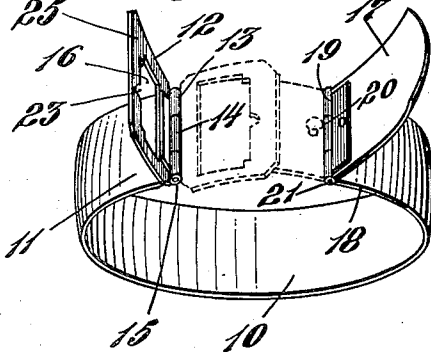


Fig. 3.

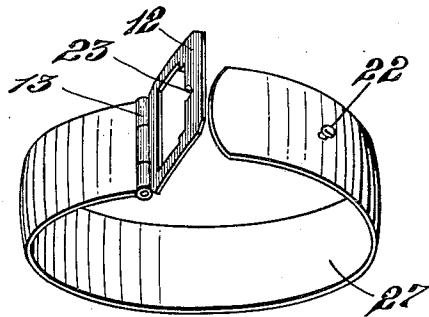
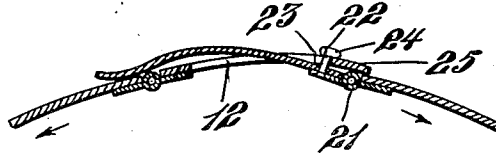


Fig. 4.

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This invention relates to a band bracelet and has for one of its objects to provide a construction which may be easily unfastened and its ends separated to permit it to be placed upon or withdrawn from the wrist of the wearer.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a bracelet having resiliency in the band thereof, which resiliency is responsible for the band being held in its engaged position by reason of the tendency of the same to expand.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a bracelet having two members hinged to its ends which will interlock to close the bracelet and both of which may be swung open to provide a more easy entrance of the bracelet onto the wrist.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a construction which will be of ornate appearance and one which is inexpensive to construct and yet will be easily and securely maintained on the wrist notwithstanding the strains or shocks to which it may be subjected when in use.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, as will be more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawing:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a bracelet formed in accordance with this invention.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the bracelet showing the two parts hinged to the body portion as swung open and shown in dotted lines in their closed position.

Fig. 3 is a central sectional view of the bracelet in attached position, showing the same expanded from the normal circle which it assumes.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a modified construction showing the parts in open position.

With reference to the drawing, 10 designates the body part of the bracelet consisting of a band of resilient material bent into generally circular form and comprising a section of nearly circular shape. To one end 11 of this resilient body section there is hinged

a loop member or buckle 12 by means of suitable rolled hinge eyes 13 and 14 provided on the different parts thru which a hinge pintle 15 extends. This loop member is provided with an opening 16 to receive there-
thru a short band section 17 hinged to the end 18 of the resilient band 10. This short section and the end 18 are provided with suitable hinge eyes 19 and 20 to receive the pintle 21 to hingedly mount this section on the end of the band 10 and is of such dimension as to be received thru the opening 16 in the loop member 12.

The end section 17 is provided with an abutment pin 22 over which the loop member 16 is swung to engage this pin. The notch 23 is provided in the cross bar 25 of the loop member, as illustrated in Fig. 2, to receive the pin therein, the head 24 of which pin extends over the surface of the loop member 12 to prevent the same from swinging up and by reason of the expanding resiliency of the band 10, this loop member and pin are held securely in engagement. The hinge parts 19, 20 and 21 are so located relative to the abutment pin 22 that the bar 25 of the loop member covers this hinge pin when in fastened position, thus enhancing the appearance of the bracelet.

The loop member 12 may be swung upwardly on its hinge and the short part section also swung outwardly on its hinge from the dotted line position shown in Fig. 2 to the full line position thereof, which affords easy access of the wrist into the bracelet after which the parts may be swung down with the short section extending thru the loop section 12 after which by a simple compression of the parts the loop member will be caused to pass over the pin and upon release will move back into engagement therewith to hold the parts firmly in position.

In the modification shown in Fig. 4, the abutment or locking pin 22 is provided directly upon the body member 27 which is of longer length than that shown in Fig. 2 and from which modification there is omitted the joint short section 17 as provided in Figs. 1 to 3 as above described. The locking is similarly occasioned, particularly as the section

17 is supported thru the loop, but much easier access is accorded by section 17 being present than in this simpler form of construction as shown in Fig. 4.

5 The foregoing description is directed solely towards the construction illustrated, but I desire it to be understood that I reserve the privilege of resorting to all the mechanical changes to which the device is susceptible, the invention being defined and limited only
10 by the terms of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A bracelet comprising a resilient body band section, comprising the major portion
15 of a circle, a short band section hinged to one end thereof, and a loop member thru which said short section extends hinged to the other end thereof, and interengaging means on said loop member and short section for holding
20 said loop member and short section in closed position.

2. A bracelet comprising a resilient body band section, comprising the major portion of a circle, a short band section hinged to one
25 end thereof, and a loop member thru which said short section extends hinged to the other end thereof, and interengaging means on said loop member and short section assisted by the resilient expanding action of the resilient
30 band for holding said loop member and short section in closed position.

3. A bracelet comprising a resilient body band section, comprising the major portion of a circle, a short band section hinged to one
35 end thereof, and a loop member thru which said short section extends hinged to the other end thereof, and an abutment on said short section extending outwardly therefrom with which the loop member engages upon ex-
40 pansion of the encircling size of the bracelet due to the resiliency of the band.

4. A bracelet comprising a resilient body band section, comprising the major portion of a circle, a short band section hinged to
45 one end thereof, a loop member thru which said short sections extends hinged to the other end thereof, and a pin on said short section extending outwardly therefrom with which the loop member engages upon expansion of
50 the encircling size of the bracelet due to the resiliency of the band.

5. A bracelet comprising a resilient body band section, comprising the major portion of a circle, a short band section hinged to
55 one end thereof, a loop member thru which said short section extends hinged to the other end thereof, and a pin on said short section extending outwardly therefrom with which the loop member engages upon expansion of
60 the encircling size of the bracelet due to the resiliency of the band, said loop member being provided with a notch to receive said pin.

6. A bracelet comprising a resilient body
65 band section, comprising the major portion

of a circle, a short band section hinged to one end thereof, a loop member thru which said short section extends hinged to the other end thereof, and a pin on said short section extending outwardly therefrom with which the
70 loop member engages upon expansion of the encircling size of the bracelet due to the resiliency of the band, said loop member being provided with a notch to receive said pin, said pin having an enlarged head ex-
75 tending over the surface of said loop member.

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