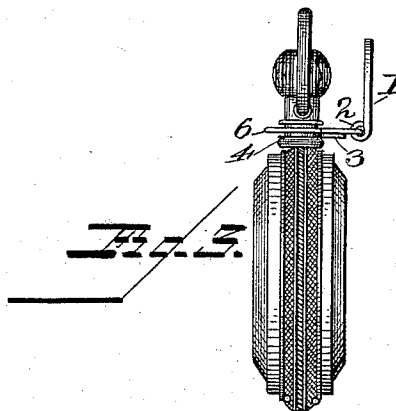
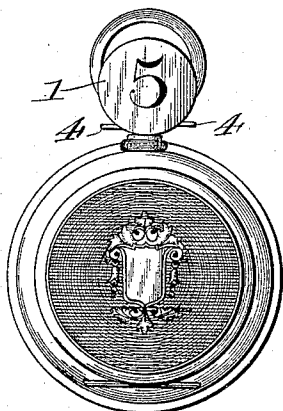
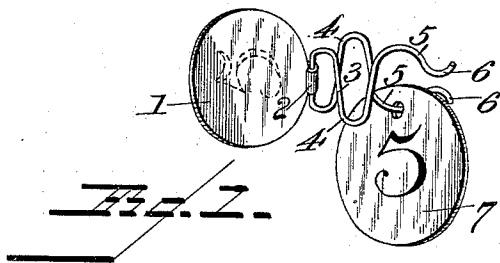


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE EDWIN SHIELDS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Dixon, in the county of Lee and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Watch-Checks; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to improvements in checks for the use of jewelers and watch repairers.

It is now the practice when a customer brings a watch to a jeweler to be repaired, for the jeweler to attach a tag or check to the watch and hang it on a rack, and give a duplicate or corresponding check or tag to the customer.

The object of the present invention is to provide an improved check and fastener which can be readily attached to a watch with the number of the check or tag plainly in sight, so as to be readily distinguished, and when not in use the duplicate check or tag can be attached thereto so as to obviate liability of loss of the same.

The invention consists in the novel construction and combination of parts herein-after fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of a checking device constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a front elevation showing the same applied to a watch. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the same.

In the said drawings, the reference-numeral 1 designates a check or tag consisting of a circular plate or disk of sheet metal, having stamped or otherwise produced thereon, a number or other character by which it may be distinguished. This check is preferably stamped out of suitable sheet metal and is formed with a lug or wing at its edge which is bent over inwardly upon itself, forming a knuckle 2. Connected with this knuckle is a spring 3, consisting of a piece of spring wire

which is passed through the knuckle 2, and the ends bent toward and crossing each other near the knuckle, which ends are then bent inwardly forming loops 4, and then bent at approximately a right angle and then curved forming arms 5 which conform to the curvature of the crown of a watch and the extremities finally bent outwardly forming short curved arms 6. It will thus be seen that the disk or circular plate is pivotally connected with the spring, so that it can be turned up at a right angle thereto, and by reason of the peculiar construction of the arms of the spring, the latter can be readily attached to a watch without any liability of its being accidentally disengaged therefrom, but which may be easily removed when desired.

The numeral 7 designates a duplicate check or tag consisting of a metal disk or circular plate bearing a number or character corresponding with that of the hinged check and having a perforation near its edge for the passage of one of the arms 6 when the device is not in use. By this means there is no liability of the duplicate check being lost or mislaid.

The manner of using the device is as follows: When a watch is left with a jeweler he takes one of the checking devices and detaches the duplicate check or tag therefrom and hands it to the person who brought the watch. He then connects the device with the watch by pressing the arm 6 against the crown of the watch below the ring, which arms will give or yield allowing the curved arms 5 to spring together and embrace the crown. The hinged check or tag is then turned upwardly at a right angle, as seen in Figs. 2 and 3 and the watch hung upon a peg or hook of a watch-rack. By this means the number of the tag or check will always be in plain sight, so that when the duplicate check is returned, the watch which it calls for can be distinguished at a glance from others on the rack.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

As an improved article, the herein described watch check comprising the duplex spring clamp adapted to be sprung upon and at right angles to the crown of a watch, consisting of the spring wire bent over at the center form-

ing two arms crossing each other, then bent
inwardly forming loops and then bent at ap-
proximately right angles and then curved to
conform to the contour of the crown of a watch
5 and the ends bent outwardly forming short
curved arms, in combination with the disk or
plate having a knuckle through which said
wire passes forming a hinge joint, said disk
or plate being adapted to be turned up at a
10 right angle in a plane in front of and parallel

to the ring or bow of a watch, substantially
as and for the purpose shown and set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as
my own I have hereunto affixed my signature
in presence of two witnesses.

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