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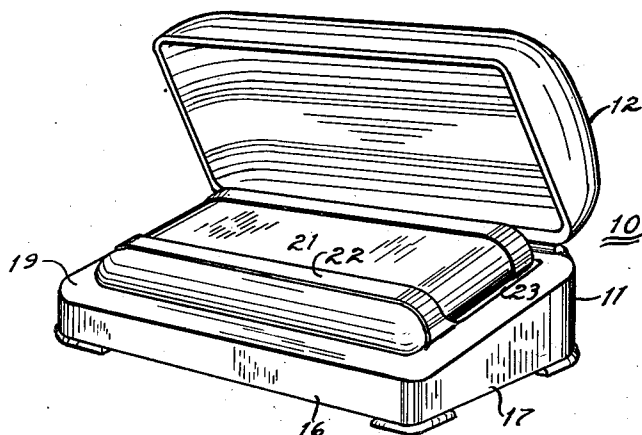


FIG-1

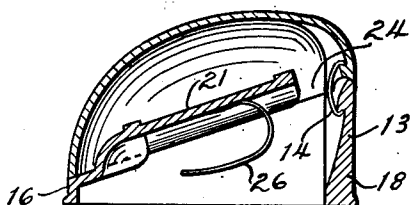


FIG-2

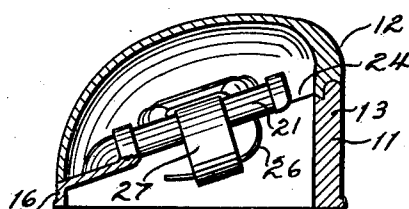


FIG-3

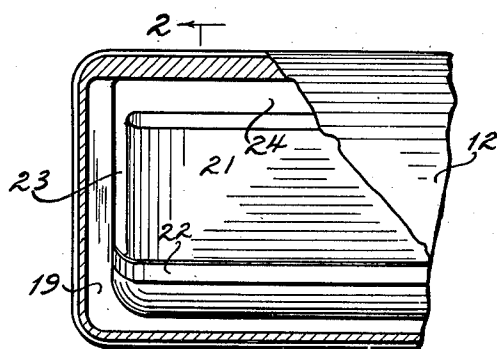


FIG-4

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This invention relates to improvements in receptacles and more particularly to those adapted to contain and display articles of merchandise.

One form of the invention discloses a receptacle adapted to accommodate and display articles of merchandise such, for example, as jewelry. In the present disclosure a wrist-watch serves to illustrate one application of use of the invention. It will, of course, be understood that other articles of merchandise may be mounted and displayed in a similar manner, as hereinafter more specifically set forth.

Receptacles for the purpose of accommodating strap-watches, pendants, beads, etc., have generally been of elongated form for the purpose of effecting a complete display of the article. Generally speaking, only slight variation in size, shape, and design of the receptacle is possible, this being dependent to a large extent on the article to be displayed. It is the usual practice to provide some means for forwardly inclining the article to provide clearer and better display when the receptacle is in a show-case or window. Obviously articles of this nature are more attractively displayed if, in addition to being forwardly inclined, provision is made for the concealment of necessary and yet usually unornamental parts, such as straps, chains, clasps, etc. The present invention discloses a closed receptacle that is adapted to mount a strap watch or analogous article in such a manner that it may be attractively displayed and at the same time the unornamental portions thereof, such as the fastener or buckle, will be conveniently concealed. The receptacle is comprised of only two members, namely, a body and cover. The base wall of the body is constructed to project upwardly into the space inclosed by the cover and it is on this base that the article is mounted.

One of the objects of the invention lies in the provision of a closed receptacle adapted to mount and secure an article of merchandise for display purposes.

Another object of the invention lies in the provision of a closed receptacle in which the body portion is adapted to mount an article of merchandise both for shipment and display purposes.

Another object of the invention lies in the provision of a receptacle having spring means by which to secure an article of merchandise in display position on the body thereof.

Another object of the invention lies in the provision of a closed receptacle in which an ornamental mounting pad for an article of merchandise is integral with the body of the receptacle.

Other and further objects will be more fully understood from a consideration of the following specification taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawing; and in which

5 Figure 1 is a perspective view of an open receptacle in which an article of merchandise may be mounted for display purposes;

Figure 2 is a transverse vertical sectional view of the receptacle, being taken substantially on the 10 line 2—2 of Figure 4;

Figure 3 is another transverse vertical sectional view of the receptacle showing an article and mounting in full end view; and

Figure 4 is a fragmentary plan view of the receptacle in closed position, part of the cover being broken away to disclose the article mounting.

Reference is now had to the drawing wherein the numeral 10 is employed to generally designate a receptacle embodying one form of the invention. In the present disclosure the receptacle is comprised of body and cover elements 11 and 12. Generally speaking, the body and cover elements may be of any suitable configuration. A suitable hinge structure is provided along a common vertical edge 13 of the structure. As shown, the pivotal elements of the hinge are formed in the wall of the body and cover and are held in operable pivotal relationship by one or more 25 springs 14. The springs also serve the purpose of holding the cover 12 in either opened or closed position with respect to the body. The hinge structure described is disclosed in my Patent #1,833,305 and will not, therefore, be set forth in greater detail.

The body and cover elements 11 and 12 in the present disclosure are formed from moldable material. It will be understood, however, that the material from which the elements of the receptacle are made forms no part of the invention inasmuch as the invention may be carried out in substantially all materials that are susceptible of use in the manufacture of receptacles of the type to which the invention relates.

The body 11 includes front, side, and rear walls 16, 17, and 18. As shown, the front wall 16 is of considerably less height than the rear wall 18 and, consequently, the upper edge 19 of the body is inclined upwardly from front to rear of the receptacle. In the present instance, the edge 19 is in the form of an inwardly directed ledge with which the cover contacts when in closed position.

Secured to or formed integral with the ledge portion 19 of the front wall 16 is an article support 21. This support may be formed with any

desirable ornamentation, such as the raised bands 22, and is raised slightly above the meeting edges of the cover and body elements. It is to be noted that the support 21 is attached to the body only at the front, and thus there is a gap 23 between the ends of the support and the ledges 19 of the end walls 17, and a further gap 24 between the rear edge of the support and the rear of the receptacle. One or more spring clips 26 are secured to the under face of the support 21. It is to be noted that the support 21 is forwardly inclined at substantially the same angle as the inclination of the meeting edges of the body and cover. Also, the fact that the support is raised slightly above the ledge 19 gives it the appearance of an insert in the body of the receptacle. A strap watch 27 may be mounted on the support 21 by slipping the strap portion over the free edges of the support. As the watch is moved into centered position on the support, the strap thereof slips over the spring 26, the tension of which tends to prevent displacement of the watch. Figure 3 of the drawing illustrates a strap watch in place on the support 21.

It will be understood that the contour and inclination of the support 21 may be varied as required for different types of articles and that it may also be set down into the body 11 rather than raised thereabove as shown. It is contemplated that these modifications, as well as variations in the number, position, and size of the springs may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as defined in the hereunto annexed claims.

Having thus set forth my invention what I claim as new and for which I desire protection by Letters Patent is:

1. A receptacle for an article of merchandise comprising body and cover elements, the meeting edges of said elements being inclined upwardly from front to rear of said receptacle, a base wall in said body element, said wall being disposed in the plane of the meeting edges of said elements, an article support disposed above and parallel to the plane of said base wall, said support being rigidly joined along one edge to said base wall and spaced from said base wall in all other respects whereby to permit encirclement of said support by a fastener for an article mounted thereon.

2. A receptacle for an article of merchandise comprising body and cover elements, a base wall in said body element, said base wall being disposed in the plane of the meeting edges of said body and cover elements and having a central aperture, an article support rigid along one edge with the forward edge of said aperture and being within the limits of said aperture and spaced from the other edges thereof whereby to permit engagement thereof of a fastener for an article adapted to be mounted on said support.

3. A receptacle for an article of merchandise comprising body and cover elements, an apertured base wall in said body element, said base wall being substantially in the plane of the meeting edges of said body and cover elements, an article support integral with the forward edge of said aperture and projecting therinto, said support being spaced from the side and rear edges of said aperture and being in a raised position with respect to said base wall and facilitating engagement therewith of a fastener for an article to be mounted on said support.

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