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Fig. 1.

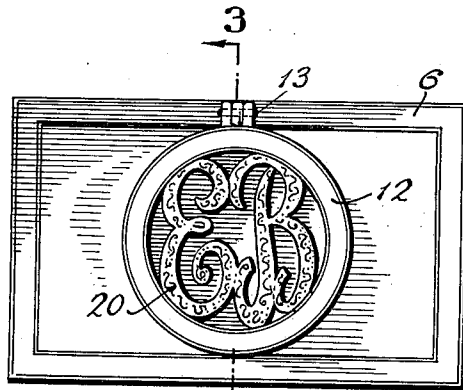


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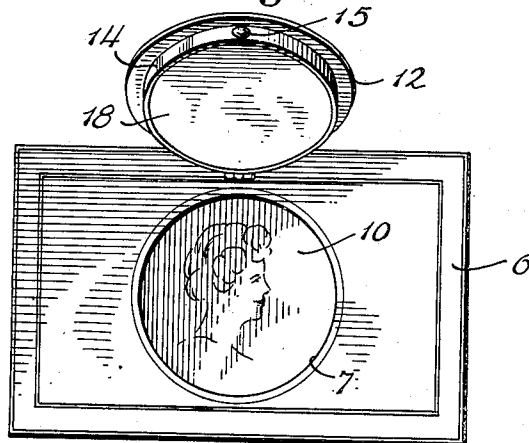


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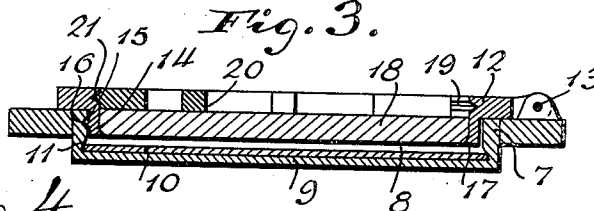


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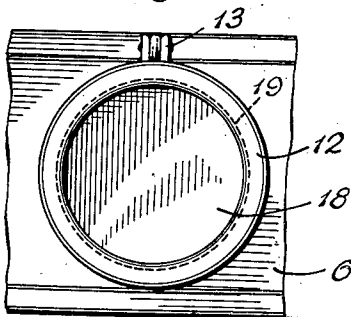


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This invention relates to improvements in brooches and has particular reference to a picture and monogram mounting therefor.

An object of the invention is to provide an improved brooch of simple and practical construction and of attractive appearance wherein provision is made for the mounting of a picture or the like within a closed compartment the cover of which is constructed to receive separately formed monogram letters.

The above and other objects will appear more clearly from the following detailed description when taken in connection with the accompanying drawing which illustrates a preferred embodiment of the inventive idea.

In the drawing:—

Figure 1 is a plan view of a brooch constructed in accordance with the invention and with the cover of the picture compartment in closed position.

Figure 2 is a similar view with the cover opened.

Figure 3 is a transverse section on the line 3—3 of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a fragmentary plan view showing the compartment cover before mounting the monogram letters therein, and

Figure 5 is a plan view of monogram letters with their securing means.

The brooch of the present invention may be made in various ornamental designs which essentially consist of a frame 6 of any desired configuration and adapted to have mounted thereon various ornaments such as jewels and the like.

Within the frame and preferably located at the center thereof there is provided a housing 7 which may be of circular or other form and which is so constructed as to provide a compartment 8 having a bottom 9 adapted to support a picture 10 within said compartment. The annular wall of the compartment 8 at its inner portion is beveled outwardly, as indicated at 11, to constitute a retaining shoulder with which the edge of the picture 10 will engage so as to prevent displacement of the latter when in the compartment.

A cover 12 for the compartment 8 is provided which conforms to the contour of the inner wall of said compartment and said cover is hinged at 13 to the frame 6 for swinging movement to opened and closed positions. The cover, in the embodiment illustrated, is of ring-like formation and is provided with a laterally extending flange 14 which is adapted to fit within the outer portion of the compartment 8 with the main part of the cover resting upon the housing 7 when said cover is in closed position. In order to retain the cover in this position against accidental opening, the flange 14, at a point diametrically opposite the hinge 13, is

provided with a small stud 15 engageable in a recess 16 in the wall of the housing, said stud and recess constituting a snap fastener for the cover.

At the inner edge of the flange 14 of the cover the same is provided with an inwardly directed annular supporting flange 17 upon which a suitable backing 18 is mounted to close the inner portion of the cover. The outer or main portion of the cover 12 is provided about its inner periphery with a groove 19 utilized to maintain the monogram letters 20 in a recessed position within the cover. For this purpose, the edges of the letters 20, which are of a size to fit within the opening of the cover, are provided at intervals with a series of lugs 21 which may be forced into the groove 19 when placing the letters in position within the cover and on the backing member 18, thereby to prevent accidental displacement of the letters. If desired, after the letters are in position and in order to further insure the secure mounting of the letters, a crimping pressure may be applied to the inner edge of the outer portion of the cover adjacent to groove 19 therein and at the points where the lugs 21 extend into said groove; or solder may be applied at these points to secure the letters in position.

What is claimed is:

1. In a brooch, a frame, a housing in said frame forming a compartment for receiving a picture or the like therein, a cover for said compartment hinged to said frame and comprising a rim member having a portion extending into said compartment and forming an annular flange, a backing member seated on said flange within the confines of said rim member, and one or more monogram letters disposed within said rim member exteriorly of said backing, said letters and rim member having cooperating means to retain the letters in position within said cover.

2. In a brooch, a frame, a housing in said frame forming a compartment for receiving a picture or the like therein, a cover for said compartment hinged to said frame and comprising a rim member having a portion extending into said compartment and another portion positioned exteriorly of said compartment when the cover is in closed position, said other portion having an annular groove in its inner periphery, a backing member seated within the first named portion of said rim, and one or more monogram letters having lugs about the edges thereof fitting into said groove to secure said letters within the confines of said cover exteriorly of said backing member.

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