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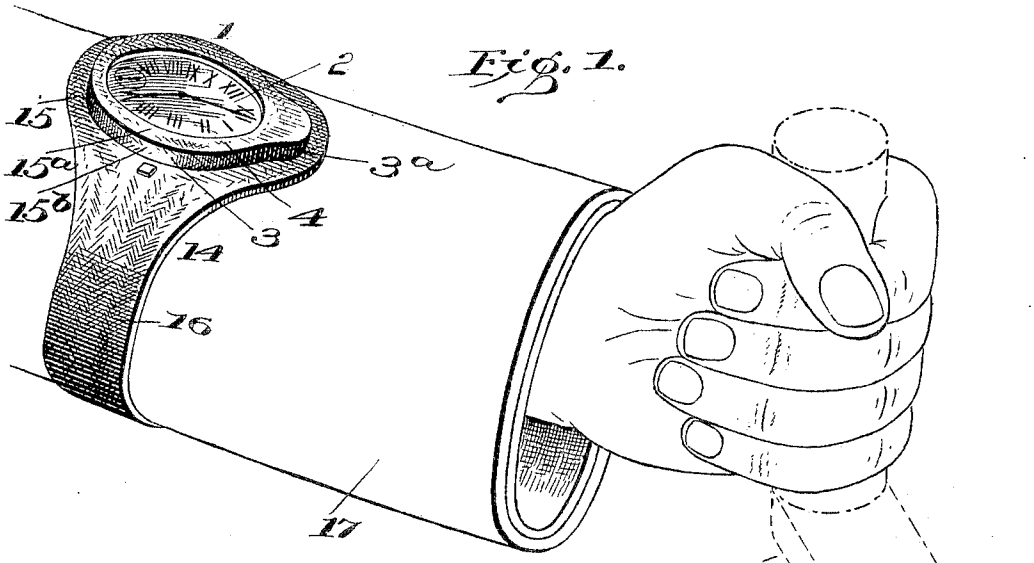
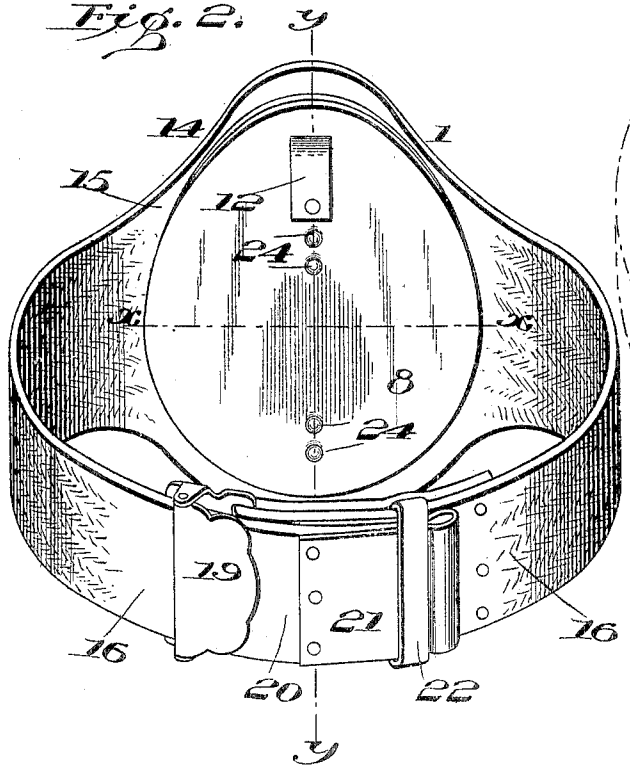


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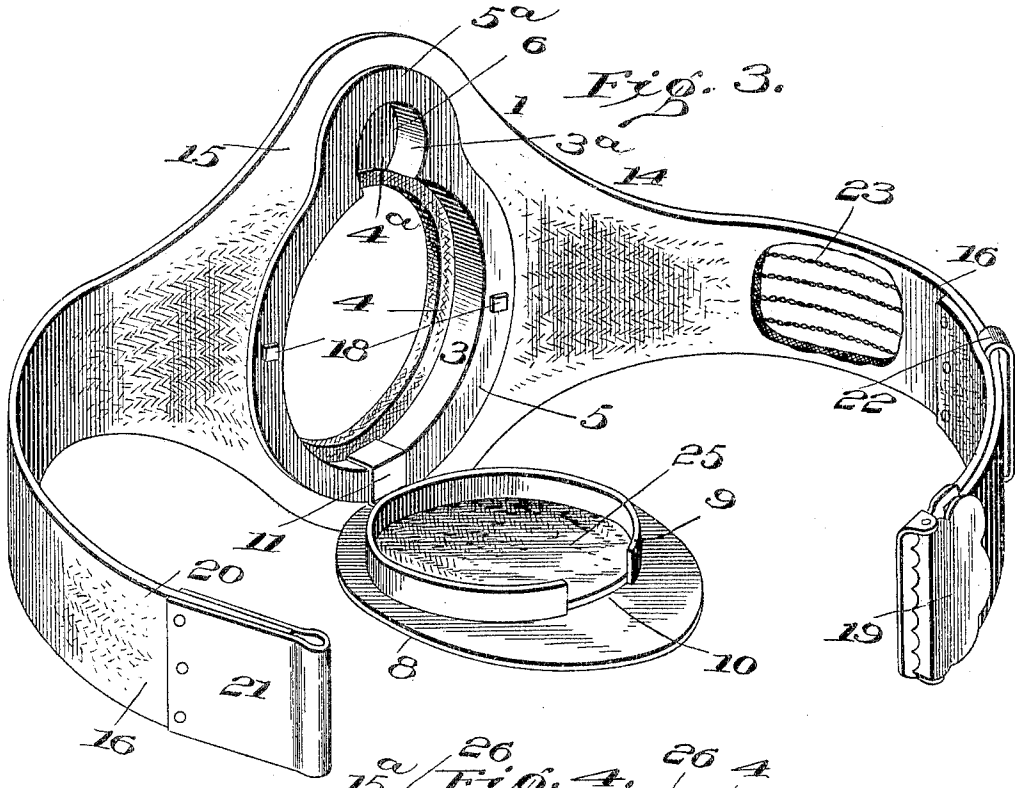


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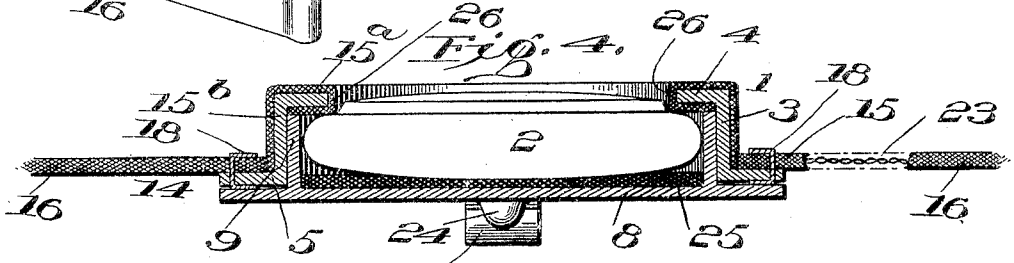
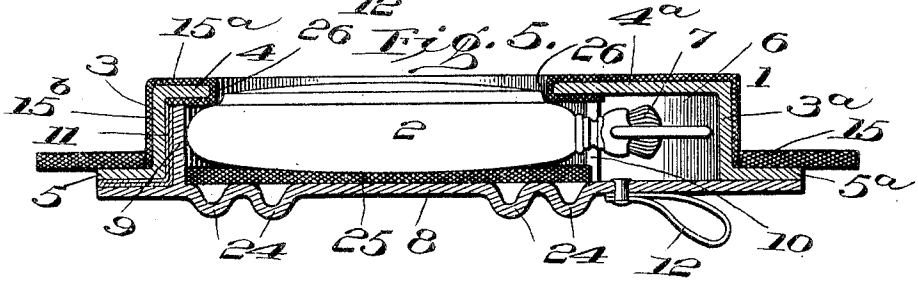


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN D. McCARTHY, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Jersey City, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Watch Holders and Guards, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to watch holders and guards; and it has particular relation to a device constituting a holder, guard, and protector for watches which is adapted to be secured and worn outside the coat-sleeve and detachably carry a watch in full view of the user, such as a motorman, conductor, or other person whose occupation requires the continual use of both hands.

It is well known that in certain classes of occupation—such as electric-vehicle motormen, street and railway car conductors, automobilists or chauffeurs, bicyclists, truck-drivers, yachtsmen, &c.—both hands are often constantly employed and an observation of time is necessary. It is consequently difficult and inconvenient to frequently refer to a watch carried in the pocket, and the conditions are often such that the risk of loss and inconvenience preclude the carrying of a timepiece exposed to view upon the vehicle. The constant use of a watch carried in the pocket in such occupations also occasions undue wear of the clothing.

It is the object of my present invention to provide simple and improved and inexpensive and convenient means for safely and detachably carrying and protecting a watch, so that it will at all times be in full view during occupations similar to those above noted, whereby the disadvantages and inconveniences referred to will be effectively obviated.

To these ends my invention embodies a device adapted to be worn upon and outside the coat-sleeve and surrounding the same and to be securely retained in position so that the watch is in full view while the arm carrying it is engaged in the occupations mentioned.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the device mounted and secured in position for use. Fig. 2 is a rear view of the device in perspective. Fig. 3 is a perspective view showing the holder open with the watch removed. Fig. 4 is a detail cross-section on the line $x\ x$, Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a detail cross-section on the line $y\ y$, Fig. 2.

Corresponding parts in all the figures are denoted by the same reference characters.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates the body of the device, which comprises a casing or frame adapted to receive and retain the watch 2. The body-frame 1 conforms in contour to the circular form of a watch and may be constructed of any light and rigid material. It preferably comprises a side wall 3, a face-flange 4, projecting interiorly beyond the side wall so as to retain the watch within the frame at the front, and a rear flange 5, extending from the side wall outwardly. The flanges 4 and 5 extend annularly around the side wall 3, as shown.

Inasmuch as the body-frame 1 is usually intended to detachably carry an ordinary pocket-watch, it may be interiorly provided at its top with a recess or compartment, as at 6, to receive the stem and chain-ring 7 of the watch, which recess is preferably simply formed by extension of the side wall 3, as at 3^a, the rear or base flange 5, as at 5^a, and the face-flange 4, as at 4^a, which latter extension closes the front of the recess.

The body-frame 1 is closed at the back, which is the under side bearing against the coat-sleeve when in use, by a cover or closure-plate 8, conforming to the circular contour of the frame and arranged to operatively rest against the rear face of the rear or base flange 5. Said closure-plate 8 preferably carries upon its front face an annular flange 9, adapted to rest within and against the side wall 3 of the frame 1 to form a strong and secure closure, and the flange 9 may be intersected at the mouth of the recess 6, as shown at 10, to provide for the reception of the stem of the watch. The cover or closure 8 is preferably hinged to the body-frame 1 at the bottom, which hinge may be formed by a flexible connecting-strip 11. When the device is in operative position, the closure 8 is underneath and against the coat-sleeve and retained closed by the fact that the device is securely fastened in position. Special fastening means for the closure 8 are therefore not necessary. A flexible pull, as at 12, may be provided upon the outer face of the closure-plate 8 to enable convenient opening of the same.

Connected with and carrying the body 1 is a flexible attaching and securing member 14, which is preferably formed of cloth fabric, but may be of any other suitable material adapted to surround the coat-sleeve and bind upon the same. The member 14 embodies a main middle portion 15, covering the front of the body of the device, and side strips 16

16, extending from said main portion and adapted to surround the sleeve of the garment 17, as represented in Fig. 1 of the drawings. The main portion 15 of the member 14 is preferably secured to the front face of the rear or base flange 5 in any suitable manner, such as staples 18, the portion 15 being cut away to conform to the exterior contour of the side flange or wall 3. The front face of the face-flange 4 and the outer face of the side wall 3 may be covered by the same material of which the attaching and securing member 14 is composed, as shown at 15^a and 15^b, respectively, to provide a neat and uniform outside appearance.

As shown, the member 14 constitutes a band for surrounding the coat-sleeve, and at the ends of its strips 16 are provided means by which the meeting ends of the strips may be secured and fastened together to bind the device securely upon the sleeve. For this purpose any suitable buckle or clasp may be employed. I have herein illustrated an ordinary clasp, as at 19, and for purposes of greater safety the free end 20 of one of the strips 16 beyond its point of passage through the clasp 19 is preferably provided with a supplementary clasp or plate 21, arranged to engage under a body-loop 22, carried by the other strip 16.

To render the flexible-fabric securing-band 14 proof against cross-cutting for purposes of theft, I may provide within the strips 16 one or more metallic flexible strands or wires, as illustrated at 23, which will stiffen and protect the band, but not preclude its flexibility.

Projections, as at 24, or other adapted engaging means may be provided upon the rear face of the cover or closure-plate 8 for the purpose of more positively engaging the device with the fabric of the coat-sleeve 17, if desired, though ordinarily the texture surface of the band 14 (especially if the same is formed of cloth or other flexible textile fabric or material) in conjunction with the securing means therefor will bear upon the fabric of the coat-sleeve in a positive manner and assure the firm retention of the device in position.

The front face of the cover or closure-plate 8 is preferably provided with a cushion, as at 25, within the annular flange 9 for the watch 2, and the fabric material shown at 15^a may be continued around the edge of the face-flange 4, as shown at 26, to form a cushion-contact with the watch.

The operation and advantages of my invention will be readily understood from the foregoing description and illustration, and its convenient and effective adaptability to the special purposes and uses as stated is evident.

I do not desire to be understood as limiting myself to the detail features of construction and arrangement as herein shown and described, as it is evident that variations and modifications may be made in the features of construction and arrangement in the adaptation of the device to various circumstances of use and different types of watches without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention. I therefore reserve the right to all such variations and modifications as properly fall within the scope of my invention and the terms of the following claims.

I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A watch holder and guard for attachment to coat-sleeves, comprising a body frame or receptacle having an open rear side and adapted to receive a watch, a securing-band secured to said receptacle at opposite sides and adapted to surround a coat-sleeve, said opposite side members of said securing-band terminating at the open rear side of the body frame or receptacle, and an independent cover or closure for closing the open rear side of the body frame or receptacle.

2. A watch holder and guard for attachment to coat-sleeves, comprising a body frame or receptacle adapted to receive a watch and embodying a laterally-projecting rear or base flange, said receptacle having comprised in its structure a rear cover or closure, means for securing said closure in operative position, and a securing-band extending from opposite sides of said body frame or receptacle and secured to said flange, said band being adapted to surround a coat-sleeve.

3. A watch holder and guard for attachment to coat-sleeves, comprising a body frame or receptacle adapted to receive a watch and embodying a laterally-projecting rear or base flange, said receptacle having comprised in its structure a hinged rear cover or closure plate, a securing-band connected to said flange at opposite sides of the body frame or receptacle and sustaining the same at opposite sides and adapted to surround a coat-sleeve, and means for fastening said band in secured position.

4. A watch holder and guard for attachment to a coat-sleeve, comprising a watch-receptacle having rearwardly-extending projections for engaging with a coat-sleeve, and a band for securing said holder in operative position.

5. A watch holder and guard for attachment to a coat-sleeve, comprising a watch-receptacle, a rear cover or closure for said watch-receptacle having rearwardly-extending projections for engaging a coat-sleeve, and a securing-band extending from opposite sides of said watch-receptacle.

6. A watch holder and guard for attachment to coat-sleeves, comprising a body-receptacle consisting of a casing or frame having side walls, an interiorly-projecting face-flange, and a base-flange extending from the side walls outwardly; a cover or closure plate adapted to rest against the rear face of said base-flange and carrying upon its front face a flange arranged to rest within the side walls

of the body-frame; and a securing-band connected to the front face of the base-flange and extending therefrom at opposite sides of the body-frame.

7. A watch holder and guard for attachment to coat-sleeves, comprising a body-receptacle consisting of a casing or frame having side walls, an interiorly-projecting face-flange, and a base-flange extending from the side walls outwardly; a cover or closure plate adapted to rest against the rear face of said base-flange and carrying upon its front face a flange arranged to rest within the side walls of the body-frame, said rear cover-plate being hinged to the body-frame; and a securing-band connected to the front face of the base-flange and extending therefrom at opposite sides of the body-frame.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name in the presence of the subscribing witnesses.

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