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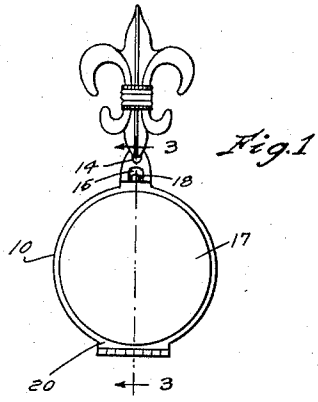


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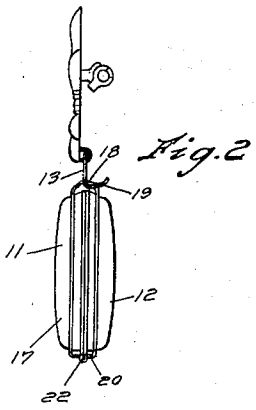


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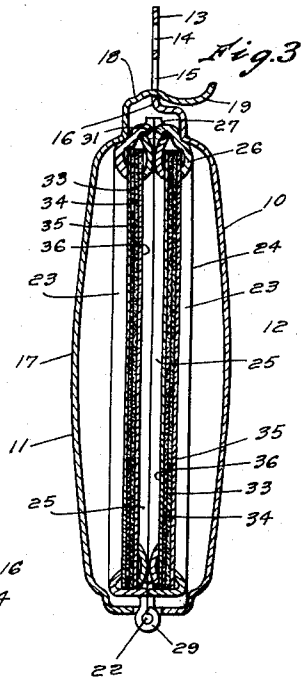


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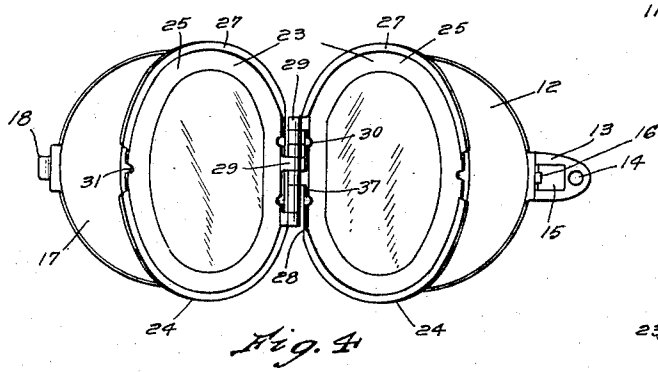


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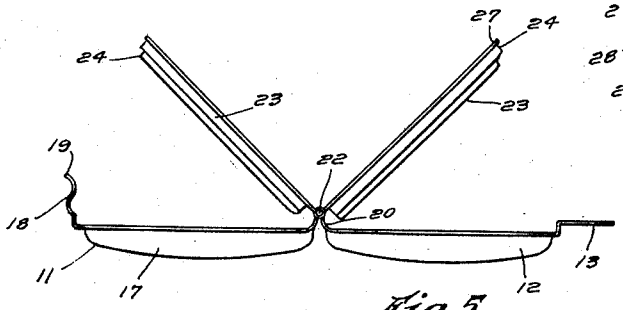


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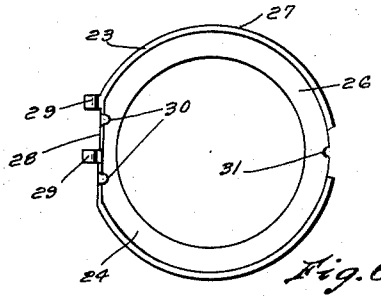


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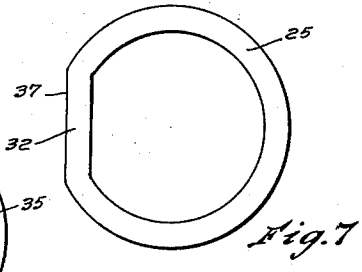


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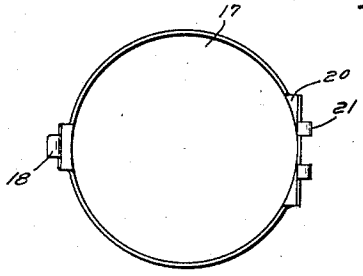


Fig. 9

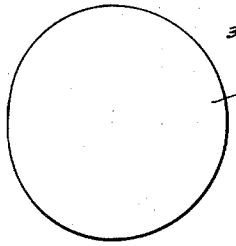


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1 Claim. (Cl. 63—19)

The present invention relates to the jewelry art, and has specific reference to a novel construction for a locket.

The principal object of the invention is to provide a four-photo locket of novel construction.

Another object of the invention is to provide a locket having novel photo retaining elements.

A further object of the invention is to provide a four-photo locket made of a small number of easily manufactured and assembled parts.

With the above objects and advantageous features in view, the invention consists of a novel arrangement of parts more fully disclosed in the detailed description following, in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, and more specifically described in the claim appended thereto.

In the drawings,

Fig. 1 is an elevation of an illustrative locket embodying the invention;

Fig. 2 is a side view thereof;

Fig. 3 is an enlarged central vertical section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is a view of the locket in open position;

Fig. 5 is a side view of Fig. 4;

Fig. 6 is a plan view of one photo frame;

Fig. 7 is a plan view of the bezel therefor;

Fig. 8 is a plan view of a transparent shield therefor; and

Fig. 9 is a plan view of the left case section of Fig. 1.

It has been found desirable to provide a multi-photo locket of simple construction, which has a number of double photo frames hinged inside the locket case. To this end, I provide a locket case in which several photo frames are set, the frames and the case parts being hingedly mounted on a common hinge pin, and the photo frames including a ring base and a bezel for snap seating in the ring base, whereby a very compact and attractive locket results.

Referring to the drawings, the locket **10** includes a case **11** of generally watch form; the case **11** has a rear section **12** with an offset integral suspension tab **13** provided with a terminal pin tab receiving opening **14** and with a lock tongue receiving opening **15** having an upstanding latch abutment **16**, and a front section **17** which is hinged to the rear section and has an integral latch tongue **18** adapted to pass through the opening **15** and downwardly curved to snap seat past the abutment **16**, the outer end of the latch tongue being upwardly curved to provide a thumb engageable tab **19**. The lower ends of the case sections each have extensions **20** with spaced hinge rolls **21** for seating over a hinge pin **22**.

Several photo frames **23**, see Fig. 4, are hingedly mounted on the hinge pin **22**, each frame including a base **24**, see Fig. 6, of ring form, and a bezel **25**, see Fig. 7. The base has an inner annular seat **26** and an arcuate

rim **27** which is made linear at the hinge area as indicated by the reference numeral **27** and is provided with integral spaced hinge rolls **29** and spaced integral lock tabs **30**; the rim **27** is also cut away diametrically opposite the portion **28** to provide a lock tab **31**.

The bezel **25** is preferably of stamped sheet metal, and is of ring form, slightly dished as shown in Fig. 3, and with one linear portion **32**, whereby two circular photos **33**, **34**, with outer transparent shields **35**, **36** of plastic or the like, may be placed on each base **24** and locked in place inserting the straight edge portion **37** of the bezel under the spaced lock tabs **30** and then snapping the opposite edge of the bezel under the lock tab **31**.

The above-described construction is thus readily manufactured and assembled, and provides a watch type locket with two or more photo frames and four or more photos; if desired, each case section may also be provided with a bezel, thus permitting the mounting of two additional photos.

Although I have disclosed a specific embodiment of my invention, it is obvious that changes in the size, shape and arrangement of the parts may be made to meet different design requirements, without departing from the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claim.

I claim:

In a locket construction, a front case section, a rear case section hingedly joined to said front case section by a hinge assembly, a latch formed on the outer peripheral edge of one of said sections, a finger formed on the outer peripheral edge of the other section and cooperating with said latch to releasably secure said sections together, a pair of frame members pivotally mounted on said hinge assembly between said case sections, each of said frame members having spaced hinge rolls formed thereon, the outermost of which form the end members of said hinge assembly and the innermost of which are disposed in side-by-side relation and form the center members of said hinge assembly, each of said frame members having an annular seat terminating in an annular rim, said rim having a linear portion adjacent said hinge assembly and having inwardly extending lock tabs in the linear portion and an integral inwardly extending lock tab in diametrically opposite relation to the linear portion lock tabs formed thereon, said annular seat including a dished portion for receiving a pair of circular photographs in back-to-back relation and a pair of transparent circular shields covering the outer face of said photographs, the outer edge of the inwardly positioned shield engaging said annular seat, and a bezel engaging the outer edge of the outwardly positioned shield and snap seated beneath said lock tabs to lock said photographs and shields in said pivotally mounted frame member, each of said photographs in said frame members thereby being exposed for view upon pivotal movement of said frame members with respect to said case sections.

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