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WATCH STAND.

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Fig. 1

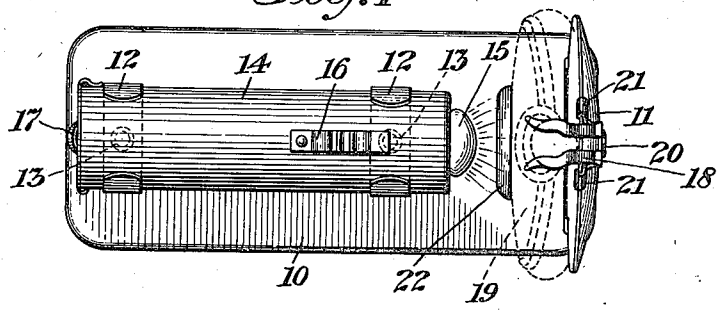


Fig. 2

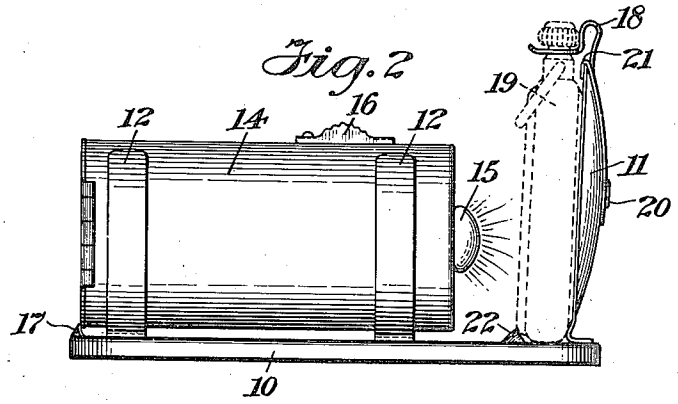


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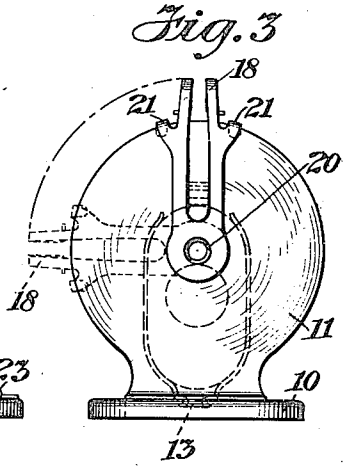
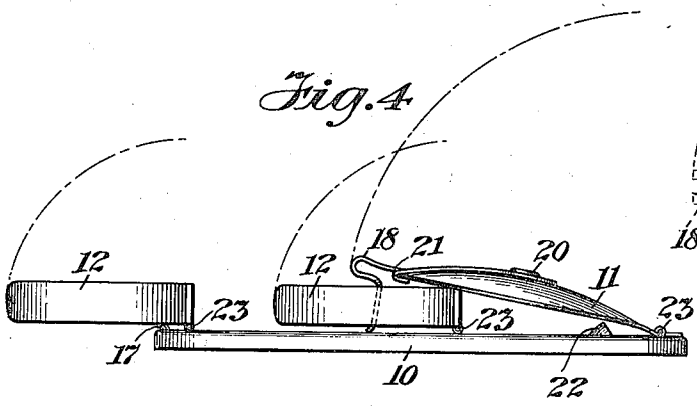


Fig. 4



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWIN L. WHITE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the borough of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings, city and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Watch-Stands, of which the following is a specification.

My present invention relates to a holder or stand for a watch, of that character designed for use at night or in a dark room, and comprises a base, an adjustable support for the watch connected therewith, an electric lamp, and means upon the base for supporting the same in such position that the rays of light from the lamp may be thrown directly upon the watch dial.

The details of the invention are hereinafter particularly described.

In the accompanying drawing:—Figure 1 is a plan view of the holder and lamp connected therewith, showing a watch in dotted lines. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is an end view, representing in dotted lines the adjustability of the watch supporting hook, and Fig. 4 is a side view with the lamp and watch removed, showing a modification in the stand.

Similar reference numerals indicate like parts throughout the several figures.

10 indicates a base, and 11 a standard attached to the top of the same at or near one end.

12—12 denote two spaced spring clips arranged on the longitudinal center of the top of the base 10, and transversely thereof. These clips are secured to the base in any suitable manner. In the preferred form they are rigidly fastened by means of eyelets or rivets 13, as shown by dotted lines in Fig. 1.

14 indicates a casing which contains a battery, and an electric lamp 15.

16 denotes a slide for making and breaking the electric circuit.

The casing 14 may be of any desired shape capable of support between the vertical fingers or clips 12, which may be of rigid U-character, but I prefer that they may be made of spring metal, and I also prefer to employ a lamp with a casing such as shown, which is of the pocket electric incandescent light character, so that it may be employed as a pocket lamp when not in use upon the stand, and which is readily sprung into position between the clips 12, when desired.

17 denotes a stop upon the top of the base 10 at or near the end opposite the standard 11.

When the lamp is in position in the holder, the end of the casing 14 contacts with the stop 17, and prevents the lamp being displaced when the slide 16 is drawn back to close the circuit.

The casing 14 is of such length as to leave the desired space between its end containing the electric lamp and the standard 11. This standard may be of any suitable shape, but I prefer that it be disk-shaped and slightly concave on the surface facing the lamp.

18 denotes a hanger attached at one end to the standard 11, and extending above the top thereof, with its free end bent into such shape that the stem or ring of a watch 19 may be connected therewith and the watch supported thereby. I prefer that this hanger be pivotally connected to the standard 11 so that it may be swung into the horizontal position shown by dotted lines in Fig. 3, thereby adapting the holder for receiving hunting case watches, with the front cover open so that the rays of light from the lamp 15 may be directed upon the exposed dial. I have shown the hanger pivotally connected to the standard by an eyelet 20. I prefer to bifurcate this hanger beginning at a point above its connection with the standard, and also to form two comparatively short branches 21, one on each side at a point suitable for the bending of such branches over the edge of the standard as shown. These bent over branches 21 strengthen the connection of the hanger with the standard whether in a vertical or horizontal position, and also form guides when the hanger is moved from one position to the other. The upper ends of the bifurcated hanger are bent into the shape shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3, so as to receive and hold the stem of a watch 19 between them. It will of course be seen that a smaller watch may be hung by its ring, if desired.

Upon the top of the base 10, at a suitable distance from the standard 11, I prefer to provide a transverse rib or projection 22, against which the lower part of the watch case may bear. This bearing is particularly advantageous where the hanger is swung into the horizontal position and a hunting case watch is being supported with its front case open. Instead of securing the standard

11 and fingers or clips 12 rigidly to the base 10, they may be connected by hinges 23, so that they can be folded into the position shown in Fig. 4, for convenience in transportation.

I claim as my invention.

1. A watch stand comprising a base, a standard secured to the base at one end thereof, a hanger secured to the standard with its upper portion bent over the edge of the standard in a shape to support the watch, and spaced vertical spring clips connected to the top of the base in line with each other and with the standard.

2. A watch stand comprising a base, a standard connected to the base at one end thereof, a hanger secured to the standard and adjustable from a vertical to a horizontal position, the upper portion of such hanger being bent over the edge of the standard in a shape to support a watch, and spaced vertical spring clips connected to the top of the base in line with each other and with the standard.

3. A watch stand comprising an elongated base, a disk-shaped standard connected to the base at one end thereof, a bifurcated hanger pivotally secured to the standard, its upper ends bent over above the top of the standard in a shape to engage the stem of a watch, branches extending from either side of the hanger and bent over the edge of the standard and engaging the same, spaced vertical spring clips connected to the top of the base in line with each other and with the standard, and a transverse rib upon the top of the base spaced a predetermined distance from said standard.

4. A watch stand comprising a base, a standard connected to the base at one end thereof, a hanger secured at one end to the center of the standard and adjustable from a vertical to a horizontal position, the upper portion of such hanger being bent over the edge of the standard in a shape to support a watch, branches extending from said hanger and bent over the edge of the standard and engaging the same, forming guides when the hanger is moved from one position to the other, and spaced vertical spring clips connected to the top of the base in line with each other and with the standard.

5. A watch stand comprising a base, a standard hinged to the top of the base at one end thereof, a hanger secured to the standard with its upper portion bent over the edge of the standard in a shape to support a watch, and spaced vertical clips hinged to the top of the base in line with each other and with the standard.

6. A watch holder or stand comprising in combination, a base, a standard connected to the base at one end thereof, a hanger secured to the standard with its upper portion bent over the edge of the standard in a shape to support a watch, an electric lamp, a casing therefor provided with means for closing and opening the circuit, a source of current, spaced supports for said casing connected to the base and holding the casing in a position to throw the rays of light from the lamp directly upon the watch dial when the circuit is closed.

7. A watch stand comprising in combination, a base, a standard connected to the base at one end thereof, a hanger secured to the standard and adjustable from a vertical to a horizontal position, the upper portion of such hanger being bent over the edge of the standard in a shape to support a watch, an electric lamp, a casing therefor provided with means for closing and opening the circuit, a source of current, spaced supports for said casing connected to the base in line with each other and holding the casing in a position to throw the rays of light from the lamp directly upon the watch dial when the circuit is closed.

8. A watch holder or stand comprising in combination, a base, a standard hinged to the top of the base at one end thereof, a hanger secured to the standard and adjustable from a vertical to a horizontal position, the upper portion of such hanger being bent over the edge of the standard in a shape to support a watch, an electric lamp, a casing therefor provided with means for closing and opening the circuit, a source of current, spaced vertical clips hinged to the top of the base in line with each other for receiving the casing and holding the same in a position to throw the rays of light from the lamp directly upon the watch dial when the circuit is closed.

Signed by me this 21st day of January, 1915.

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