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WATCH HOLDER.

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Fig. 1.

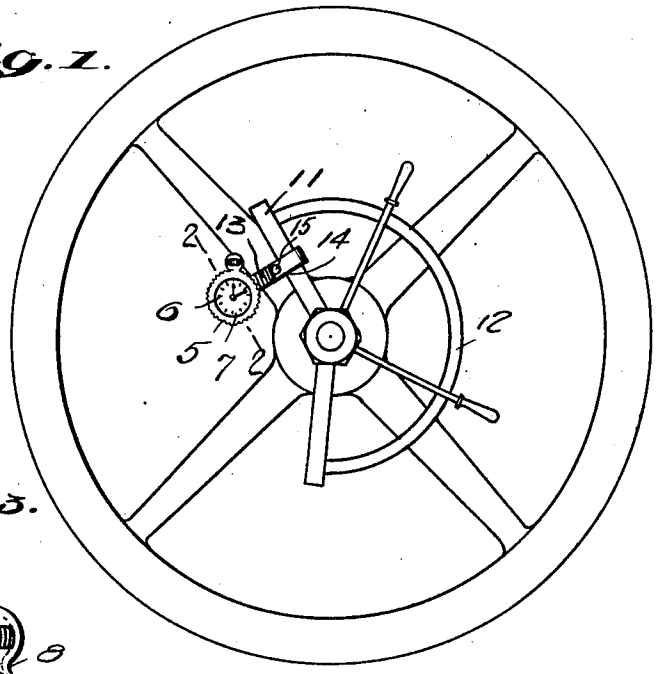


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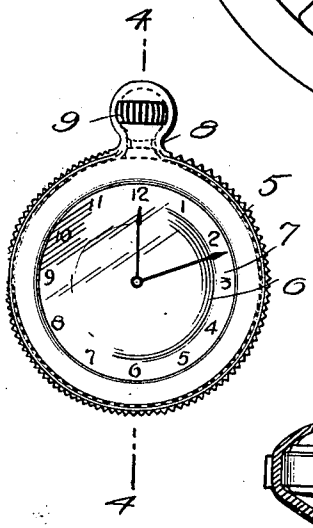


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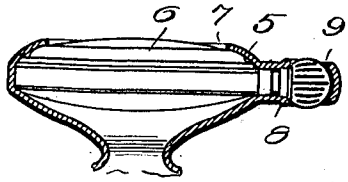


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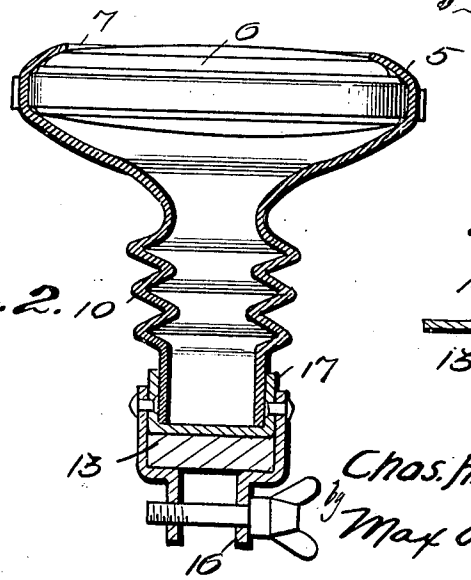
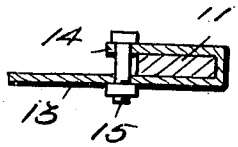


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES A. WHEATON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Stockton, in the county of San Joaquin and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Watch-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

The device which is the subject matter of the present application for patent is designed for holding a watch, and more particularly for attachment to some convenient part of a motor vehicle so that the watch is at all times exposed to the view of the driver.

The invention has for its object to provide a simple and easily attached device of the character stated, and one which will securely hold the watch without subjecting the same to injurious jars or vibrations.

The object stated is attained by means of a novel combination and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter described and claimed, and in order that the same may be better understood, reference is had to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is a plan view showing the holder in place; Fig. 2 is an enlarged section on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is an enlarged plan view of the holder, Fig. 4 is a section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3, and Fig. 5 is a cross section of one end of a supporting bracket.

Referring specifically to the drawing, the watch holder comprises a casing 5 of rubber or other suitable material which is elastic, with sufficient stiffness however so that it will hold its shape. The casing is of circular contour to form a housing which incloses the open-face watch shown at 6, the housing being dimensioned so that the watch fits snugly therein. In the top of the housing is an opening 7 through which the face of the watch is exposed. The material out of which the housing is made has sufficient elasticity so that the opening 7 may be distended for insertion of the watch. The encircling edge of the housing is ribbed so that this wall of the housing has a certain amount of rigidity to retain the shape of the housing.

The housing 5 has a lateral extension 8 in which the pendant and the bow of the watch seat. This extension has side openings 9 exposing the crown by which the winding stem is operated, so that the watch may be wound up without removing it from the device.

The bottom of the housing 5 has a tubular extension 10 having bellows-like folds, so that it may expand or contract, and thus take up all jars or vibrations. This part of the housing has suitable means for attachment to the steering wheel, the dash or any other convenient part of the car which will position the watch so that it is at all times in view of the driver. The drawing shows the device fastened to one of the arms 11 of the segment 12 along which the spark and throttle levers work, and as these parts are associated with the steering wheel, it will be evident that the watch is positioned in front of the driver in plain view.

On the arm 11 is fastened one end of a bracket arm 13 to the other end of which the part 10 is detachably connected. The bracket arm has a bend 14 fitting over the arm 11 and fastened thereto by a screw bolt 15. The detachable connection between the bracket arm 13 and the part 10 may be made by a suitable clamp 16, which latter may be employed if the device is to be attached to the dash or any other part of the car, it being understood that the bracket arm 13 is then not necessary. The clamp 16 is carried by a rigid cap 17 fitted to the outer end of the part 10.

When the device is mounted as shown, it does not interfere with the steering wheel or the control levers and it is held securely at all times. The housing, on account of its elasticity and its ribbed marginal portion, is self-adjusting, so that it can be fitted to different sized watches.

The tubular extension 10 opens into the housing 5 so that the watch chain or fob may be inserted thereinto, and as the extension is closed all around, the chain or fob

are completely protected and they cannot drop out. The chain or fob may be placed in the hollow extension without being detached from the watch.

I claim:

A watch holder comprising a housing shaped to hold the watch with its face exposed, a closed tubular bellows-like flexible extension on the back of the housing, a rigid cap fitted to the outer end of the extension, and a clamp carried by the cap.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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