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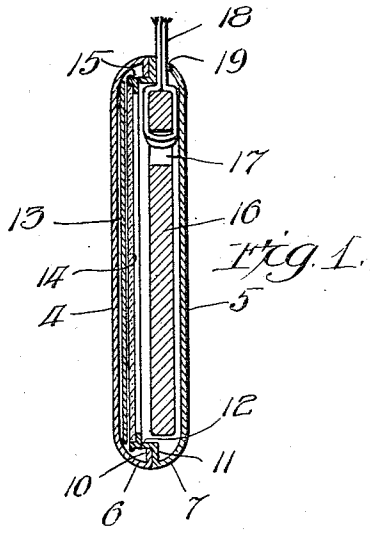


Fig. 1.

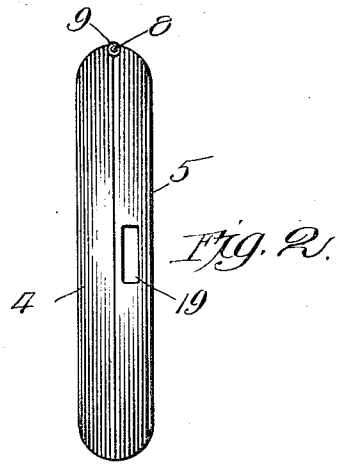
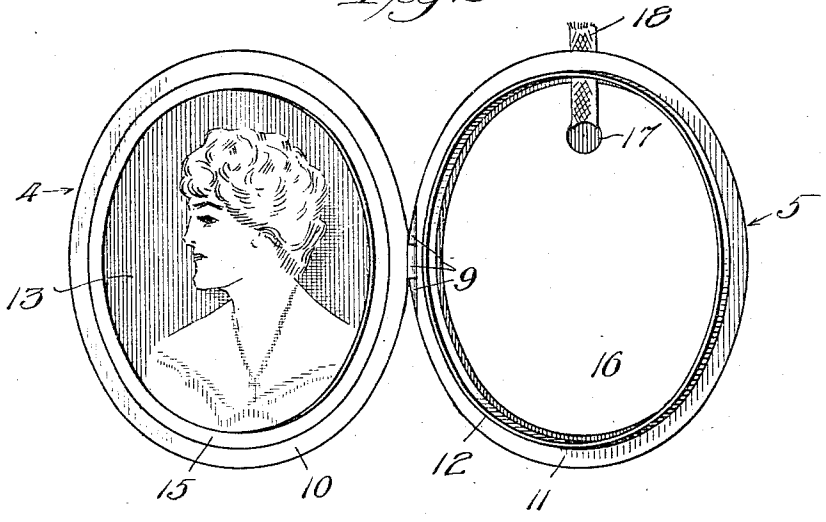


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS F. HATHAWAY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Elgin, in the county of Kane and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cases or Lockets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a case or locket adapted to inclose an object of small size suitable to be worn upon the person, such as a pendant, medallion, memorandum disk, miniature booklet, mirror, picture, etc.

Articles of the kind in question are usually secured upon the person, or elsewhere, by an attaching medium, generally a tape, ribbon, string, cord, or chain. Frequently, it is desired to house or inclose objects of this kind in an attractive protective case without, however, altering or modifying the appearance or construction of the article, or its attaching medium. These objects are effectively carried out in the case or locket of the present invention which is characterized by several novel and improved features, and which may be manufactured at but small expense.

An embodiment of my invention in a form adapted particularly for use with a medallion or pendant is illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which Figure 1 is a vertical transverse section through the case with the medallion inclosed; Fig. 2 is an edge plan view; and Fig. 3 is a perspective view with the case covers opened.

The present case is formed of two covers 4 and 5 arranged in complementary relation, and provided respectively with inturned rims or edges 6 and 7. By means of a pintle 8 and joints 9, arranged coöperatively upon the cover edges, a hinged connection is provided between the covers. The cover rims 6 and 7 are preferably bezeled as at 10 and 11 respectively, a snap ring 12 being formed on the bezel 11 capable of engaging with the bezel 10 to normally hold the two covers together.

The cover 4 is designed to receive a photograph 13, or other appropriate article of thin character, which may be secured in place beneath a transparent disk 14 held within the cover beneath a snap-fitting flanged ring 15. As will be seen by reference to Fig. 1, the photograph lies within the case adjacent the cover 4, leaving considerable unoccupied space toward the cover 5. It is within this space, as well as within the unoccupied space remaining within the cover 4 that an object 16, such as the medallion or pendant shown in Figs. 1 and 3, may conveniently be received. This object, which is disk-shaped, is provided with a hole 17, and through this hole is looped a ribbon 18 which, in ordinary practice, is of sufficient length to be worn around the neck. In the present locket the pendant may lie loosely within the case with the ribbon 18 inserted through a slot or opening 19 formed in the rim 7 of the cover 5. It will be noted that this slot is situated entirely within the rim or edge of the cover 5 within which the pendant lies, so as to be in substantial alinement with the object at all times, thereby enabling the case to lie snugly adjacent the body. The object will thus be held against the inner face of the cover 5 owing to the offcenter manner of suspension described.

It should be noted that the case which has just been described is capable of receiving in one cover a photograph, and in the other cover the pendant object desired to be inclosed. The case may be opened at any time against the tension exerted by the snap ring 12, so as to afford a view of the photograph or of the pendant contained in the case. The object may, furthermore, be freely removed from the case for inspection without withdrawing the ribbon 18 from the opening 19. It will be apparent, therefore, that my case, which, in use, is in the nature of a pendant, affords substantial protection to the objects contained within it, and is securely fastened in place by the same attaching medium which connects with the pendant itself. It presents, furthermore, an enhanced attractive appearance, and is more comfortable to wear, than the medallion or other pendant object, when worn naked.

I claim:

In combination, a locket consisting of two covers hinged together, each having a rim

turned toward the other to provide therewithin a compartment, there being an opening formed through the rim of one cover situated entirely to one side of the plane defined by the meeting edges of the cover rims, an object loosely positioned within the locket, and an attaching medium passed through the rim opening and secured to the object within the locket, the object being larger than the opening, whereby the medium attached to the object serves as a means of support for the locket, substantially as described.

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