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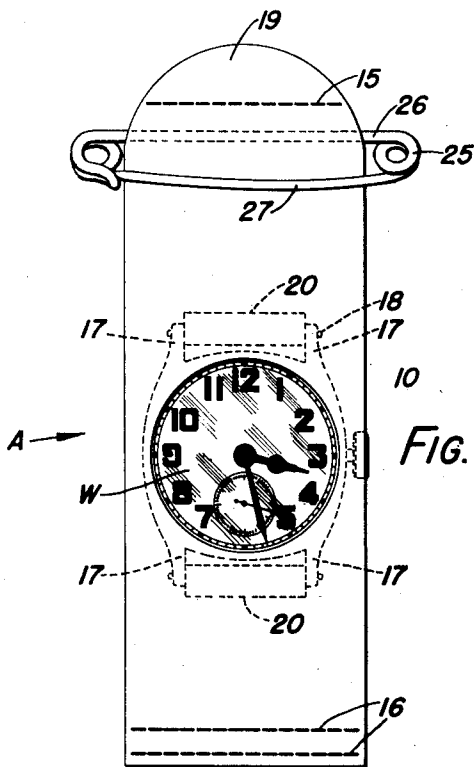


FIG. 1.

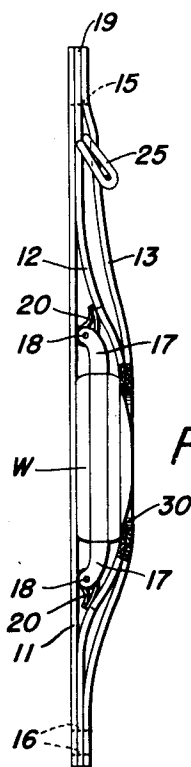


FIG. 2.

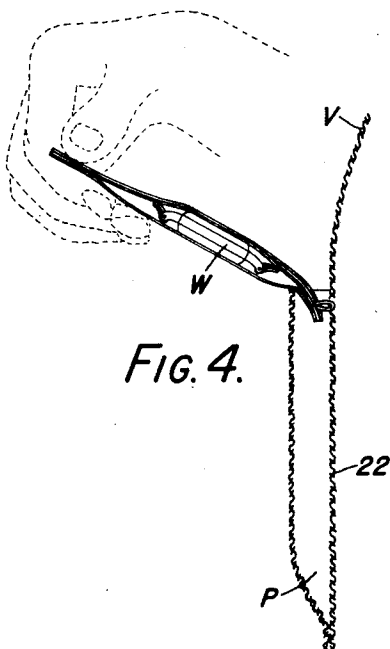


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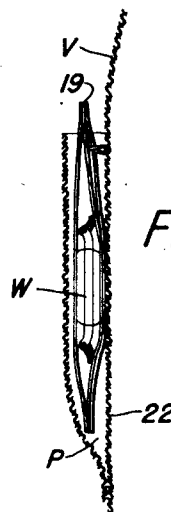


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The present invention relates to watch holders.

Because of its convenience, the wrist watch has been widely adopted by men. There are many men who work at occupations, however, such as in a photographic dark room, where it is necessary to be putting the hands constantly into water or into a developer and where a wrist watch is not practical. There are other occupations where a wrist watch may easily be damaged while at work by striking a wall or other hard object, as in the building trades. For men working in such industries, the ordinary watch and chain for the vest is not satisfactory either.

The primary object of the present invention is to provide a watch holder which will be convenient to use regardless of the occupation of the user and which will fully protect the watch at all times.

Another object of the invention is to provide a novel form of watch holder different from any now used, which may be made in ornamental form and which will be suitable for use on any occasion or under any circumstances.

Other objects of the invention will be apparent hereinafter from the specification and from the recital of the appended claims.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a front elevational view of a watch holder made according to one embodiment of this invention;

Fig. 2 is a side elevation of this holder looking in the direction of the arrow A of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a view showing in section a pocket of vest or other garment with the watch holder secured thereto and the watch in the pocket, out of the way; and

Fig. 4 is a corresponding sectional view showing how the watch holder may be pulled out of the vest to see the time from the watch.

In the drawings, the watch holder is designated as a whole at 10. It comprises three leather or fabric straps 11, 12 and 13. These straps are sewed or otherwise fastened together at their ends, rows of stitches 15 and 16 being used for this purpose in the embodiment of the invention shown. The row of stitches 15 is sufficiently removed from the adjacent ends of straps 11, 12 and 13 so as to leave a tab 19 for a purpose hereinafter to appear.

The watch itself, which may be of standard wrist watch design, is designated at W. This type of watch has conventionally two pairs of arms 17 projecting from opposite sides thereof. Each pair of arms supports a removable pin 18. Leather or fabric tabs 20 surround each pin and

are sewed to the strap 12 of the holder 10 thereby to fasten the watch to the holder. By removing the pins 18 the watch can be taken out of the holder.

The holder is adapted to be secured to the back of a pocket P of a vest, overalls, or other garment V by a safety pin 25 or other suitable fastening means. The bar 26 of the pin is placed between the two straps 12 and 13 so that it may slide freely in the space between these two straps; and the point of the pin is passed through the back of the pocket P and fastened in the sheath portion of the pin.

The two straps 12 and 13 are provided with circular openings or holes 30 which register with the crystal of the watch so that the hands and numerals of the watch may be viewed through these holes. The watch is fastened in the holder so that the dial is in registry with the apertures 30; and the holder is fastened in the vest or other garment so that these apertures and the crystal face toward the back of the pocket when the watch is in the pocket P. To look at the watch, the user grasps the tab 19 of the holder by his fingers and pulls the holder out of his pocket. The two strap members 12 and 13 of the holder slide in this movement over the bar 26 of the safety pin. When the user has viewed the watch, he simply allows it to drop back into the pocket, the bar of the safety pin sliding back in the space between the straps 12 and 13 to the upper end of the holder.

With the holder shown, since the crystal portion of the watch is to the back of the pocket, it is well protected. The strap 11 serves to protect the back of the watch itself. The leather straps may be tooled and ornamented in various ways for general use, or the straps may be made plain.

While a particular embodiment of the invention has been shown, it will be understood that the invention is capable of further modification, and this application is intended to cover any variations, uses, or adaptations of the invention following, in general, the principles of the invention and including such departures from the present disclosure as come within known or customary practice in the art to which the invention pertains and as may be applied to the essential features hereinbefore set forth and as fall within the scope of the invention or the limits of the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention what I claim is:

1. A watch holder comprising a pair of parallel

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flexible straps which are secured together at their ends, said straps having registering holes therein, means for securing a watch to one of said straps with the crystal registering with said holes, and means for fastening the watch holder to a garment, said means being mounted to extend between the straps and to be slidable in the space between the ends of the straps from one end to the other.

2. A watch holder comprising a pair of parallel flexible straps which are secured together at their ends, said straps having registering holes therein, means for securing a watch to one of said straps with the crystal registering with said holes, and a safety pin for removably fastening the watch holder to the back of a garment pocket with the crystal of the watch facing the rear of the pocket when the watch holder is in the pocket, said safety pin having its point engaging in the garment and its bar portion extending between the two straps and slidable in the space between the ends of the straps from one end to the other.

3. A watch holder comprising three generally parallel flexible straps which are secured together at their ends, the middle strap and one other strap having registering holes therein, means for securing a watch to the middle strap with its crystal registering with said holes, and means for fastening the watch holder to a garment with the crystal facing the garment, said means being mounted to extend between

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said middle strap and said one other strap and to be slidable in the space therebetween, and said straps being formed at one of their ends with tab portions whereby the watch holder may be grasped to slide it on said securing means to expose the crystal and the dial therebeneath to view.

4. A watch holder comprising two generally parallel straps which are secured together adjacent their ends, one of which has a hole therein, means for securing a watch to said one strap with its crystal registering with said hole, and means for securing the watch holder to a garment, said last-named means extending between said straps and being slidable in the space between the ends of the straps, and said straps being formed at one of their ends with a tab whereby the watch holder may be grasped to slide it on said securing means.

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