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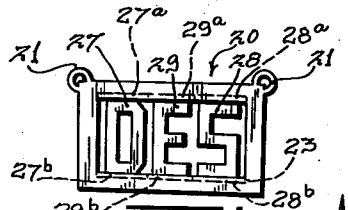


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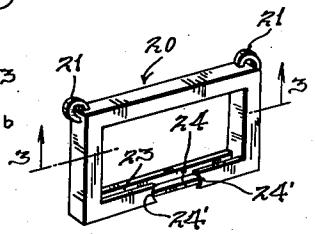


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FIG. 3.



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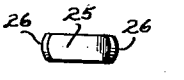


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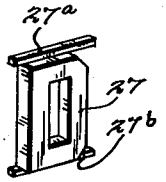


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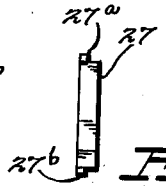


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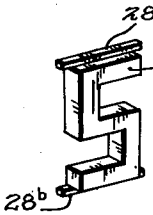


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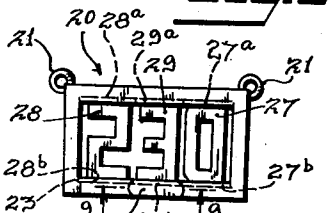


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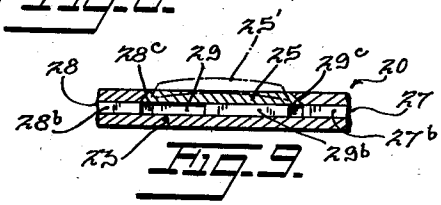


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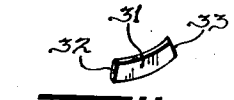


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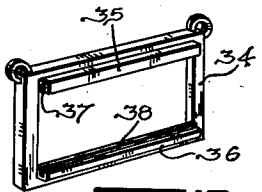


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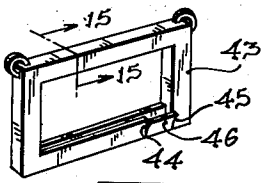


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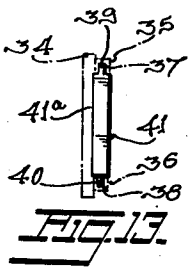


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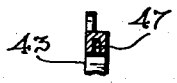


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FIG. 9B.

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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in monogram jewelry.

More particularly, the present invention proposes the construction of monogram jewelry having interchangeable letters, numerals, insignia and the like arranged in a manner to be securely mounted in a holder constituting or forming a part of an article of personal wear or use; such as a handbag, suitcase, a tie-clasp, a pendant for a tie-clasp, a wallet, a pin or brooch or the like.

An object of the invention is to provide a novel and valuable combination of such letters and the like, hereinafter called characters, and the holder in which said characters are to be mounted; wherein the holder is of simple, inexpensive and practicable construction, and wherein an improved means is provided, this partially carried by a character and partially carried by the holder, such that an ordinary clerk of a retailer from whom the article is purchased may mount in the holder the plurality of characters selected by the purchaser, as those which are the initials of the names of the purchaser.

According to the invention, this mounting of the selected characters in the holder, may be effected by said clerk easily and quickly, with the characters arranged in the proper order, and so as to be dependably retained in the holder, without shifting, and yet with the holder as finally supplemented with the selected characters having the appearance that the same was especially custom made throughout by a skilled jewelry artisan.

Still another object of the present invention proposes constructing the holder in several different ways with different means for securely holding the characters in position within the holder.

It is a further object of this invention to construct monogram jewelry which is simple and durable, easy to assemble and which may be manufactured and sold at a reasonable cost.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, and to the appended claims in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawings forming a material part of this disclosure:

Fig. 1 is a front elevational view of monogram jewelry constructed in accordance with the present invention.

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Fig. 2 shows the holder of Fig. 1 in rear perspective, with the locking element thereof omitted.

Fig. 3 is a horizontal section, taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the locking element per se.

Fig. 4A is a rear elevational view of the locking element.

Fig. 4B is an end elevational view of the locking element.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view, on a somewhat enlarged scale, showing one of the characters included in the group thereof illustrated in Fig. 1.

Fig. 6 is an end elevation of said character, looking toward the right in Fig. 5.

Fig. 7 is a view similar to Fig. 5, but showing another of the characters in the said group thereof.

Fig. 8 is a rear elevational view of Fig. 1.

Fig. 9 is an enlarged fragmentary horizontal section taken on the line 9—9 of Fig. 8.

Fig. 10 is a view similar to Fig. 4, but showing a modified locking element.

Fig. 11 is a similar view, showing a further modified locking element.

Fig. 12 is a rear perspective view, showing another embodiment of the present invention.

Fig. 13 is a view similar to Fig. 6 of a character like that shown in the latter view, but modified in conformity with the holder of Fig. 12, and with the cooperating parts of said holder indicated in dot and dash lines.

Fig. 14 shows in perspective the rear side of a holder constituting still another modification of the invention.

Fig. 15 is a fragmentary vertical sectional view taken on the line 15—15 of Fig. 14.

The monogram jewelry, according to the form of the invention shown in Figs. 1 to 9, includes a holder 20 which is, by way of illustration, in the form of a quadrilateral frame, and is provided with apertured ears 21 for suspension of the holder as from a chain or the like. The presence, or the placement if present, of said ears, as well also as the shape and dimensions of said frame, are immaterial to the invention. As will be understood, the frame may be embellished or finished in any way desired, so as to have decorative additions, such as are known as marcasite ornamentations, or otherwise. The present invention, of course, has to do with structural features.

The holder is here shown, for example, as being elongated horizontally, the two long sides thereof,

at their facing edges, are longitudinally grooved as at 22 and 23. Each of said grooves is of uniform width and depth from end to end thereof. The groove 23, however, at a suitable point along the same, here shown as at a point about midway along the length of said groove, is interrupted by a recess 24 having concavely rounded oppositely facing undercut ends 24'.

This recess 24 is for a locking element 25, which, as shown in Fig. 4, is normally longitudinally bowed or arched, and has convexly rounded beveled ends 26 matching the concavities of the ends 24' of the recess 24. To match the undercuttings at the ends 24' of the recess 24, said ends 26 of the element 25 are tapered laterally off the lines of curvature of said ends 26, as shown best in Fig. 9, for a compound dovetailing lock with the undercut ends 24' of the recess 24 when, following insertion of the selected characters, the locking element 25, having been first applied as indicated in dot and dash lines 25' in Fig. 9, is forced to flat condition by the use of pliers or a similar tool, to lie finally as shown in full lines in Fig. 9.

As shown in the case of the character 27 and in the case of the character 28, each character is provided with a top rib and a bottom rib; the top ribs of such characters, as shown best in Figs. 5–7, being respectively marked 27^a and 28^a, and the bottom ribs of such characters, as shown best in the views last mentioned, being respectively marked 27^b and 28^b. All the characters supplied will have ribs corresponding to said top and bottom ribs. The top rib of a character is to be entered into the groove 22, and the bottom rib of a character is to be entered into the groove 23. The bottom ribs 27^b and 28^b will be observed in Fig. 9 as in the groove 23; while what is seen in this view at 29^b is the bottom rib of the character "E" (this marked 29 in Figs. 1 and 8) corresponding to the bottom ribs 27^b and 28^b of the characters 27 and 28.

The top ribs 27^a and 28^a and the bottom ribs 27^b and 28^b are of equal length and have their ends projected beyond the sides of their respective characters 27 and 28. When the characters 27 and 28 are in position in the holder 20, the projected ends of the ribs are adapted to abut one another so as to hold the characters evenly spaced in the holder 20. It is appreciated that the recess 24 in the bottom portion of the holder 20 will have to be of a sufficient length to permit the bottom ribs 27^b and 28^b to be entered in the bottom groove 23 when the characters are being positioned in the holder 20.

Assuming three characters are to be used in the holder 20, they may, with the locking element 25 not yet applied, be quickly and easily inserted into the holder. The procedure is, first, to insert the top rib 27^a or 28^a of one of the terminal characters 27 or 28 into the top groove 22, then lay the bottom rib 27^b or 28^b of that character in the portion of the bottom groove 23 aligned with the recess 24, and then slide said character to its appointed end of the holder. Next the other of said terminal characters 27 or 28 is entered at its top rib 27^a or 28^a into the top groove, then the bottom rib 27^b or 28^b of that character is laid in the bottom groove 23 aligned with the recess, and that character is slid to its appointed end of the holder.

Following such insertion of both the terminal characters 27 and 28, the intermediate character 29 is similarly inserted, so that the last step in its insertion is the dropping of its bottom rib 29^b into the bottom groove 23 aligned with the recess 24. Then all that is required is to apply the locking element 25 which is preferably made of a metal which will retain shapes into which it is forced.

In Fig. 10 there is shown a modified locking element 30, like the element 25, except that the former has straight ends and ends which also are not tapered. This locking element 30 is for use with a holder having a recess corresponding to the recess 24 but with straight non-undercut ends. According to this arrangement, the locking element 30 will be of such a length that when flattened into said recess, as explained in connection with the flattening into the recess 24 of the locking element 25, the locking element 30 will become frictionally wedge-locked into its said recess when brought to flatness with the rear of the holder.

In Fig. 11 there is shown a further modified form of locking element 31, with straight ends as in the case of the locking element 30 but with these ends tapered as indicated at 32 and 33; this element for coaction with a recess corresponding to the recess 24 with straight ends, but with undercut ends as indicated in Figs. 2 and 9.

Referring to the form of the invention illustrated in Figs. 12 and 13, a holder 34 is shown which is like the holder 20 except that the latter's grooves 22 and 23 and recess 24 are omitted. Instead, two strips 35 and 36 of bendable metal, each here shown as U-shaped in cross-section, so as to present oppositely facing top and bottom grooves 37 and 38, are soldered or otherwise suitably attached to the holder 34. Characters having suitable top and bottom ribs, such as those indicated at 39 and 40 in Fig. 13 as on the character represented at 41, are strung between the strips 35 and 36 with the ribs of said characters corresponding to the ribs 39 and 40 in the grooves 37 and 38.

When all the several characters are thus in place between the strips 35 and 36, the extreme ends of the outer flanges of said strips are bent or crimped inwardly to close off the ends of the grooves 37 and 38. As in the previous form of the invention, the ends of the ribs 39 and 40 project slightly beyond the side edges of the characters to engage the projecting ends of the ribs of an adjacent character to hold the characters evenly spaced in the holder 34.

Also, as will be noted from Fig. 13, the character 41 there shown has its top and bottom ribs 39 and 40 set nearer one face of the character than the other, so that there will be provided an extra-thickness portion of the main body of the character, as at 41^a, for obtaining an extra top surface of the character to fit flatly against the bottom surface of the top side of the holder, and an extra bottom surface of the character to fit flatly against the top surface of the bottom side of the holder, all for assisting in maintaining the character squarely in place.

Referring to the form of the invention shown in Figs. 14 and 15, a holder 43 is shown which is like the holder 20 except that, instead of a recess corresponding to the recess 24, a portion, here shown as an end portion, of one of the side walls participating in the formation of a groove 44 like the groove 23, is slit at 44 and 45, to provide a bendable leaf or lip 46. The holder 43, opposite the groove 44, has a top groove 47, see Fig. 15,

corresponding to the groove **22**. With the lip **46** bent outward, as shown, a character having top and bottom ribs as in Figs. 5–7, may be set in the holder **43** by entering the top rib of said character into the groove **47**, and then entering the bottom rib of said character into the groove **44** at the lip **46**.

With the lip positioned as just stated, the first character entered into the holder **43** will be the character to be finally at the end of the holder remote from the lip **46**, and the last character thus entered into said holder will be the one to be finally at the end of the holder adjacent the lip **46**. As soon as the several characters are thus entered into the holder **43**, the lip **46** is pressed in, to bring it to flat condition with the remainder of the holder.

The lip **46**, and also the locking elements, such as the elements **25**, **30** and **31**, would preferably be at the back of the holder.

While the holders shown on the drawing are the type provided with ears for engagement with the chain of a man's tie-clasp, key chain or similar article, this is by way of illustration only, as the holders of the present invention are equally adapted for use on pocket books, suitcases, golf bags and other similar articles where it is desired to have a monogrammed identification means.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiment of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise constructions herein disclosed and the right is reserved to all changes and modifications coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent, is:

1. In a frame for enclosing separate characters having a longitudinal member formed with an inwardly facing groove bounded by spaced walls to receive ribs on the adjacent sides of the characters, one of the walls being formed with a recess of a length to permit the ribs to be passed into the groove, the material of the said one wall defining the ends of said recess being undercut, an elongated locking element for insertion into said recess, said locking element having its ends beveled matching the said undercutting and bowed lengthwise away from the longitudinal member, whereby said locking element after being fitted into said recess can be pressed flat engaging its beveled ends under the undercut end of the material of the said one wall.

2. In a frame for enclosing separate characters having a longitudinal member formed with an inwardly facing groove bounded by spaced walls to receive ribs on the adjacent sides of the characters, one of the walls being formed with a recess of a length to permit the ribs to be passed into the groove, the material of the said one wall defining the ends of said recess being undercut, an elongated locking element for insertion into said recess, said locking element having its ends beveled matching the said undercutting and bowed lengthwise away from the longitudinal member, whereby said locking element after being fitted into said recess can be pressed flat engaging its beveled ends under the undercut ends of the material of the said one wall, said recess being open to the longitudinal edges of the said one wall, the material of the said one wall being concavely rounded in the plane of the said one wall, said locking element having its ends convexly rounded in the plane of said locking element to fit in the concavely rounded ends of the said one wall to hold said locking element against lateral movement out of said recess.

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