

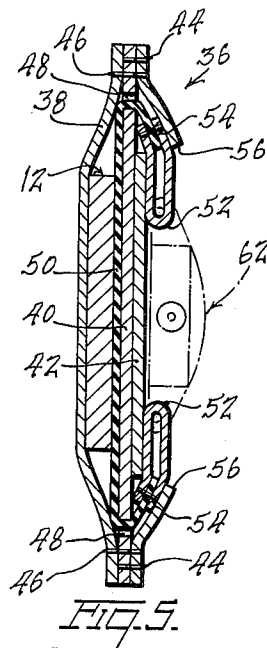
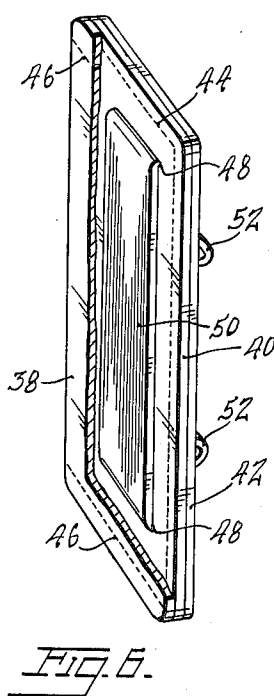
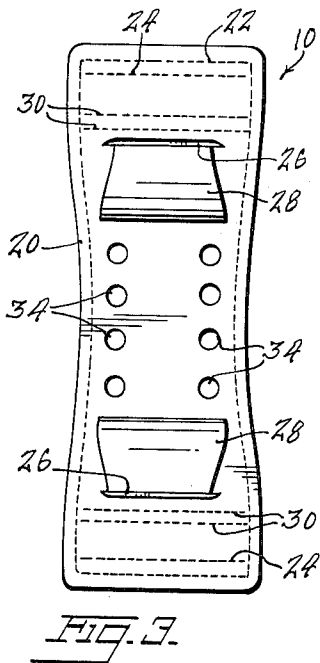
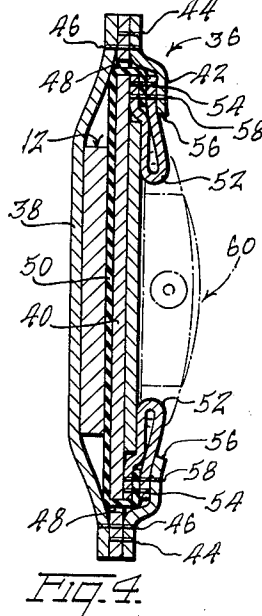
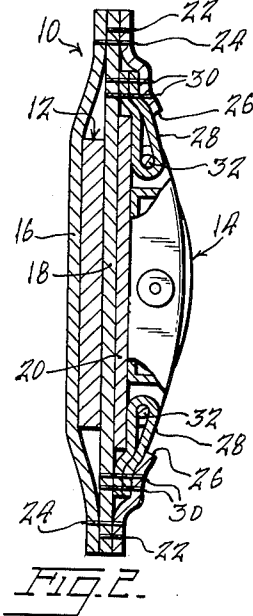
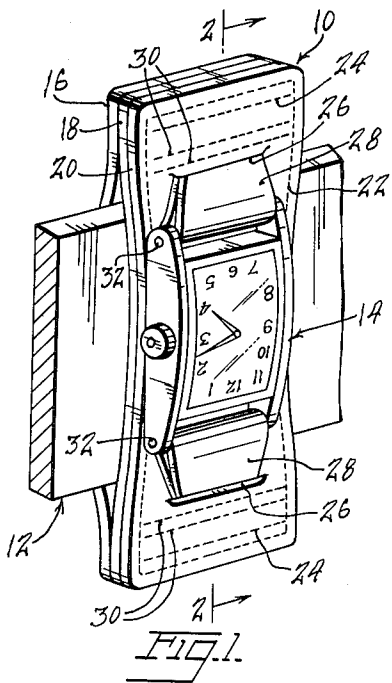
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This invention relates to a device for suspending a wrist-type watch from a trousers belt.

An important object of the invention is to improve generally on devices of this type, through the provision of a watch-supporting belt attachment that will be readily fabricated from simply and uniformly cut panels of leather, metal, or the like, superposed upon one another and securely connected in a manner effective to form a belt-receiving loop therefrom.

A further object is to facilitate the connection of a conventional wrist watch to said loop.

Another object is to provide a device as stated that will protect the watch while it is being worn, this characteristic being particularly important in light of the fact that a watch worn on the wrist is subject to damage from accidental blows, etc.

A further object is to so form the attachment as to permit its being attractively ornamented by manufacture of the same from semiprecious metals, tooled leather, etc.

Still another object is to form a device of this type in such a manner as to adapt it, in at least one form of the invention, for receiving any of various watches differing substantially from one another in regard to the distance between the watch strap retaining pins thereof.

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 claim in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

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

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the watch support device and of an attached watch, a belt on which the device is mounted being illustrated fragmentarily.

Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view substantially on line 2-2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a front elevational view of the device per se.

Fig. 4 is a longitudinal sectional view of a modified form.

Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 4 showing the modified device adjusted to receive a small size watch.

Fig. 6 is a rear perspective view of the modified device in which a portion has been broken away.

The watch support attachment constituting the invention has been designated generally at 10 and is shown applied to a belt 12, to support on the belt a conventional wrist watch 14.

In the drawing the invention has been shown as being formed from a flexible material such as leather. However, it will be apparent from the following description that it could be made as well from flat blanks of sheet metal material, or from other comparatively light, inexpensive, readily fabricated stock.

The attachment 10 includes a back panel 16, a middle panel 18, and a front panel 20, superposed one upon another with their edges in registration. In the illustrated embodiment, rectangular panels having rounded corners are shown by way of example, but the panels could have

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other shapes if desired, within the scope of the appended claim.

In manufacture of the device, the front and middle panels are first secured together by stitching 22 extending through the full peripheries thereof. Thereafter, the back panel is secured to the connected front and middle panels at its ends, by rows of stitching 24 extending transversely thereof adjacent the stitching 22.

In the front panel, adjacent the ends thereof, transverse slits 26 are formed. These terminate at their ends in closely spaced relation to the stitching 22, and extending through the slits into the space between the front and middle panels are the ends of short straps folded on themselves to form loops 28 that extend toward one another over the outer surface of the front panel. The belt 12, meanwhile, is extendable through the space between the back and middle panels.

The loops are secured to the front and middle panels by transverse, closely spaced, parallel rows of stitches 30 extending adjacent the slits so as to pass through the recessed ends of the loop-forming straps.

To attach the watch 14 to the device, one first removes the conventional wrist-encircling strap or chain, not shown, and extends the retaining pins 32 of the watch through the loops 28. The watch can be inverted as shown in Fig. 1, if desired, to permit its being flipped upwardly with the engaged portion of the belt 12 when one desires to ascertain the time. Or, it can be left in its normal, upright position.

As shown in Fig. 3, the front panel can be provided with longitudinal, parallel rows of apertures 34.

In Figs. 4-6, a modified form of the device has been generally designated 36, and includes a back panel 38, a middle panel 40, and a front panel 42, shaped and connected in the same manner as are the panels of the first form, with peripheral row of stitches 44 connecting the front and middle panels, and end rows 46 connecting the back panel to said front and middle panels.

In this form of the invention, the middle panel is formed with slits 48 extending transversely thereof near its ends. A length of elasticized fabric or of some other resiliently extensible material has been designated 50 and has its ends projecting through the slits 48 into the space between the front and middle panels. The main portion or body of the elastic strip is disposed longitudinally of the middle panel, in contact with the back surface thereof, the belt 12 being extended through the space between the strip and the back panel 38.

A pair of loops 52 is secured to the strip 50 at the ends of the strip, by stitching 54. The loops project through slits 56 formed in the front panel and bearing analogy to the loops 28 of the first form.

When the device is manufactured, the loops 52 can be fixedly attached to the front panel adjacent slits 56 by stitching 58. Thus, if a watch of normal length, designated at 60, is to be worn, the stitching 58 can be left in the device, to retain the loops 52 a substantial distance from one another, thereby to permit extension of the retaining pins of the watch 60 therethrough.

If, however, a smaller watch 62, having a short distance between its pins, is to be worn the stitching 58 can be readily cut and removed entirely. The loops 52 are now pulled toward one another, the elastic strip 50 being stretched to any extent necessary. When the loops are drawn toward one another to the desired extent, the retaining pins are extended through the adjustably positioned loops, and the elastic strip, tending to contract, will exert pull on the loops urging them apart. The watch 62 will thus be held tightly against the front panel, in proper position.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiments of my invention, it is to be understood that

I do not limit myself to the precise examples herein disclosed and the right is reserved to all changes and modifications coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claim.

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

A watch-supporting attachment for belts, comprising a plurality of superposed panels connected to define an opening through which a belt may be extended, and a pair of loops carried by said panels and adapted for extension therethrough of the retaining pins of a wrist-type watch, the panels including a back panel, a middle panel, and a front panel stitched together with the belt-receiving opening being defined between the back and middle panels, the middle panel having spaced slits, said loops being adjustably connected with the connection therebetween

extending through said slits, the adjustable connection between the loops being formed by an elastic strip resiliently extendible to space the loops a selected distance apart, said loops being normally connected fixedly to the front panel with the fixed connection being removable to permit extension of the strip, the removable connection of the loops to the front panel being formed by transverse rows of stitches extending through the front panel and loops.

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