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FIG. 1

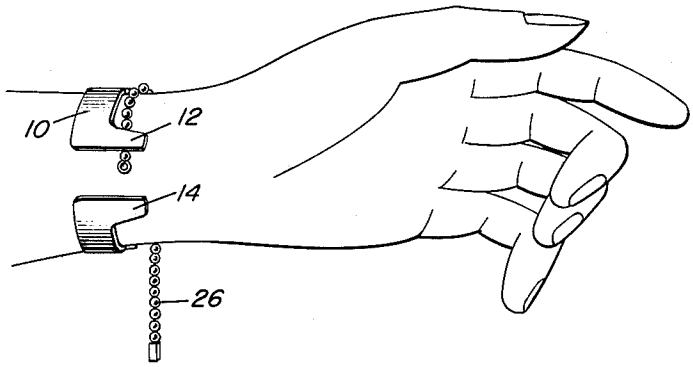


FIG. 2

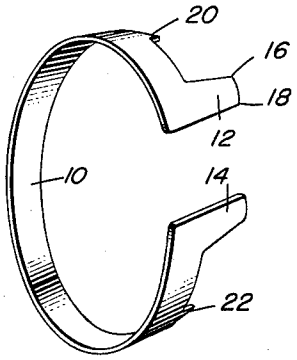


FIG. 3

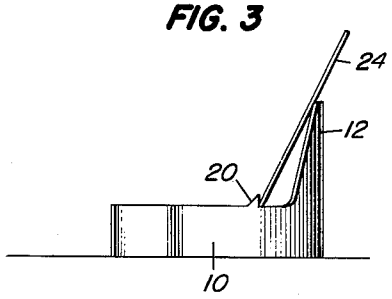
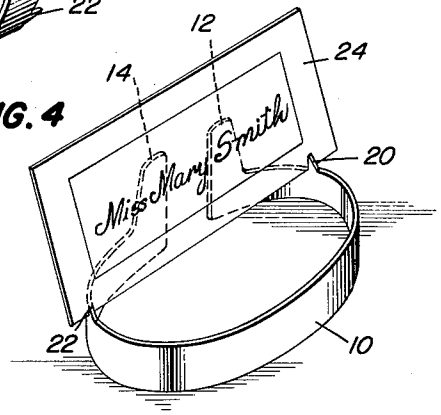


FIG. 4



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The present invention relates to an improved combination bracelet holder and card support.

As is well known, difficulty is often experienced by a woman desiring to place a bracelet about her wrist because of the problem of holding one end of the bracelet while fastening the other end thereto with her free hand. Often the aid of another person is needed to complete this simple operation.

One object of the present invention, therefore, is to provide a simple device which may be easily placed on the wrist for temporarily securing one end of a bracelet while the other end is brought about the wrist by the free hand and attached to the secured end.

Another object of the invention is to provide a combination bracelet holder and card support which may also be used as a novelty holder for small cards, such as those used at dining table place settings.

A further object of the invention resides in the provision of a device of the character above stated which is extremely simple in construction, and which may be manufactured cheaply in large quantities.

And still another object of the invention is to provide a combination bracelet holder and card support which lends itself particularly well for use as a party favor or as an advertising novelty.

Other objects of the invention not specifically mentioned hereinabove will become evident as the description proceeds.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the invention in use as a bracelet holder.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged perspective view of the invention.

Fig. 3 is a side elevation showing the invention used as a place card holder.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the invention in use as a card holder.

Referring to the drawings in more detail, and first to Figs. 1 and 2 thereof, the combination bracelet holder and card support constituting the present invention includes a body **10** which is constituted by a band of semi-resilient, light weight sheet metal or of plastic. The body **10** is generally elliptical in shape open at one end, the opposed end portions at said open end being provided with tabs **12** and **14**. The tabs **12** and **14** extend in the same direction and at right angles to the body and are disposed in parallel spaced relation to each other. Each said tab is tapered in width toward its free end and is, at its base, of a width substantially equal to the width of the body itself. To permit easy engagement with a portion of bracelet and to prevent skin abrasions, the ends of the tabs are rounded, as shown at **16** and **18**.

Formed on the upper edge of the body **10**, as seen in Figs. 3 and 4, are projections **20** and **22**. As will be noted, one of the projections is located in spaced relation to each of the tabs **12**, **14**, and is formed with a straight front edge confronting said tab. If desired, however, the edge confronting the tab may be slightly undercut, and the upper end of said tab may be rounded. The rear edge of each projection is inclined, as shown. By referring to Fig. 3 it will be seen that the projections are so spaced from the tabs that a card, shown at **24**, will be held in an inclined position leaning on the upper ends of the tabs, so that any printed matter thereon may easily be read. The lower edge of the body, as seen in Figs. 3 and 4, is completely unobstructed so that said body will rest flat on a table or other surface when the device is used as a card support.

When it is desired to use the device of the instant invention as a bracelet holder, it is only necessary to slip it over the hand and about the wrist, as shown in Fig. 1. The body **10**, being of semi-resilient material, will easily flex, permitting this operation to be accomplished with the utmost ease. When in position, the tabs will be directed forwardly and with their lower surfaces in contact with the skin. One end portion of a bracelet **26** may then be temporarily secured under one of the tabs and the free hand used to bring the remainder of the bracelet about the wrist, and to attach the free end of said bracelet to the temporarily secured end thereof. The bracelet holder and card support may then be easily slipped from the wrist. Since a tab is provided at each end of the body **10**, the invention may be used on either left or right wrist with equal facility.

When the device is to be used as a card holder, either before or after it is used as a bracelet holder, the body **10** is placed on a table or other flat surface with the tabs **12** and **14** projecting upwardly. As shown in Figs. 3 and 4, a card may then be placed with its lower edge engaged with the straight front edges of the projections **20** and **22** and its back resting against the upper ends of the tabs.

As will be obvious, the body **10** may carry advertising matter or other indicia thereon. Thus, the device of the instant invention constitutes a useful novelty which may be manufactured in large quantities at low cost for distribution as advertising media.

I claim:

A device of the character described, comprising, a smooth, resilient band-like body of generally elliptical contour terminating in spaced end portions, tabs on the end portions and extending therefrom in parallel spaced relation, said body being engageable about the wrist with the tabs in contact with the skin, one of said tabs clamping one end of a bracelet against the skin for holding said end on the wrist while the remainder of the bracelet is passed about the wrist and the other end of said bracelet is attached to said clamped end, and a projection formed on the edge of the body in close spaced relation to each of the tabs, said projections cooperating with the tabs to provide a card support when the device is resting on a surface with said tabs in upstanding positions.

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