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Fig. 1.

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TRANSFER.			15					
INQUIRIES.			14					
DESCRIPTION	HAIR.				13			
	COMPLEXION				12			
	HEIGHT				11			
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NAME OF WORKS			9					
NO. OF CASE.			8					
NAME OF CASE.			7					
STYLE.			6					
P.O. ADDRESS.			5					
RESIDENCE.			4					
NAME.			3					
REG. NO.			2					
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Fig. 2.

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Fig. 3.

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Fig. 6.

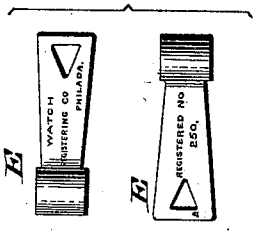


Fig. 5.

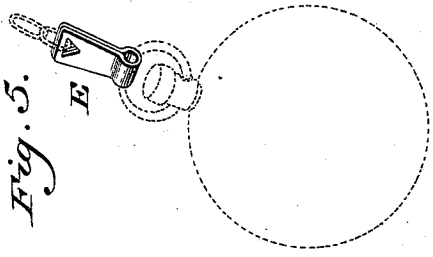


Fig. 4.

REMARKS.	WORKS NUMBER	NAME OF WORKS.	REG. NO.			REMARKS.	CASE NO.	NAME OF CASE.	REG. NO.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN W. SCHELL, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Means for Recovering Lost or Stolen Watches, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to a means for recovering lost or stolen watches.

The invention consists in the employment of a series of books comprising a confidential general register and indices in the form of books containing the watch-works and case numbers, together with the registered number and date of registry, description of watches, owners, and information as to transfer.

The invention further consists in the employment of a supplemental book containing the name and number of the case, the name and number of the works, and the registered number, and adapted to be located at different stations, places of information, or agencies.

The invention further consists in the provision of a tag or analogous device bearing the imprint of the name of the company and location thereof, and the registered number on one or both faces, and adapted to be attached to a watch in any suitable manner.

Figure 1 represents a top plan view of a page of a general register-book embodying my invention. Figs. 2 and 3 represent similar views of pages of my improved indices. Fig. 4 represents a similar view of a page of the supplemental book. Fig. 5 represents a detail perspective view of a tag or analogous device embodying my invention, shown applied to a watch in dotted lines. Fig. 6 represents a top plan view of the obverse and reverse sides of the tag.

Similar letters and numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

Referring to the drawings, A designates a page of my improved confidential general register, which is divided into columns 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16, respectively representing date of entry, registered number, name of owner, residence, post-office address, style of watch, name of case, number of case, name of works, number of works, description of owner, inquiries, transfer, and date of transfer. Said columns are intersected by horizontal ruled lines, and the lines of the residence, post-office address, and descriptive columns are double in order to provide means of locating and describing a person to whom a legal transfer of the watch may be made.

B and C designate pages of the indices shown in Figs. 2 and 3. The page B is divided into columns 17 and 18, and alternately represent the watch registered number and number of the works thereof, and a column 19 for remarks of a circumstantial or other nature. The page C is similarly divided into columns to represent the watch, registered number, and the case number, and a column for remarks. These pages B and C will each contain the same number of columns and lines, and be bound in book form to provide a means of reference, and used in connection with the general register formed of pages A, which contain a detailed record. The numbers of the cases and works of a watch being different it is necessary to keep them separated to avoid confusion. Therefore the pages B and C are arranged as set forth.

If two works or case numbers of different makes should be the same, they are placed together and distinguished by dissimilar registry-numbers.

Without confining myself to any precise number of lines and columns in a book, it is preferable for many purposes that the general register contain two hundred and fifty pages having fifty lines, and that the indices have five hundred pages, with five hundred lines to a page. In the general register the registered numbers will be arranged in regular order of fifty to a page, and in the indices the numbers of the cases and works will be in regular order and the registered numbers indiscriminately arranged. For example, if information is required concerning registered watch-works No. 2,500, the fifth page of the index composed of pages B would contain said number, with the registered number adjoining the same. If the registered number should be 650, the thirteenth page of the general register would contain the full information, as heretofore set forth.

Information required as to case-numbers would be acquired on the same basis by reference to the index composed of pages C.

As a further means of reference to be used in connection with the general register and indices heretofore described a supplemental book is employed and composed of the double pages D. This book is adapted to be distributed at various places of information—such as pawn-shops, police-stations, and detection agencies—and is divided into columns representing the watch, registered number, name of case, case number, and remarks on one side, and the registered number, name of works, works number, and remarks on the other side.

As the number of registries increase in the general register and indices, pages D, embodying the additional registries, will be supplied from time to time to the said places of information. By this means a watch offered for sale or recovered can be readily identified and the name and description of the owner acquired.

A tag E is used to mark the watches registered, and consists, preferably, of a metal plate having the name and location of the company on the obverse side and the registered number on the reverse side, as shown in Fig. 6. This tag may be of any preferred form and metal, and is bent around the watch ring or head and attached to the chain or guard.

By my improved registry a watch entire, the case, or works are protected and indentified and recovery thereof made practicable.

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

1. A means for recovering lost or stolen watches, consisting of a general register provided with a series of columns with printed headings designating watch registered numbers, case and works numbers, location, and description of owner, and indices for said register embodying a series of columns with printed headings designating watch registered numbers and case and works numbers, substantially as described.

2. A means for recovering lost or stolen watches, consisting of a general register provided with a series of columns with printed headings designating watch registered numbers, case and works numbers, location and description of owner, indices embodying a series of columns with printed headings designating watch registered and case and works numbers, and a supplemental book adapted to be supplied to various stations and places of information, substantially as described.

3. A means for recovering lost or stolen watches, consisting of a confidential general register provided with a series of columns with printed headings designating watch-registered numbers and case and works numbers, together with location and description of owner, and indices embodying a series of columns with printed headings designating watch registered and case or works numbers, a public supplemental book, and a marking-tag adapted to be attached to each watch containing an imprint of a company's name and location and registered number thereon, substantially as described.

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