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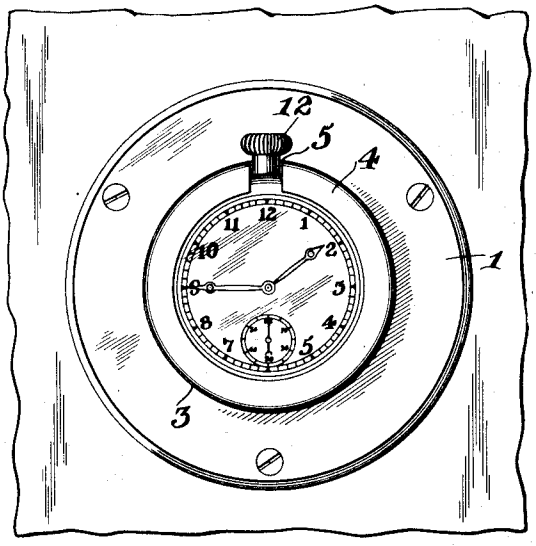


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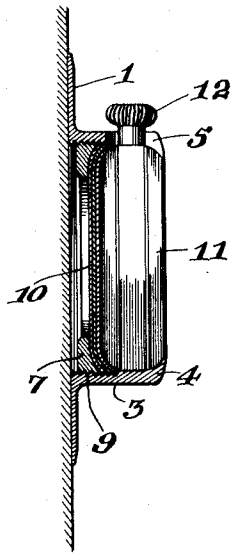


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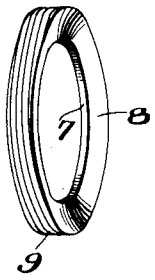


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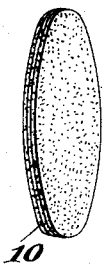
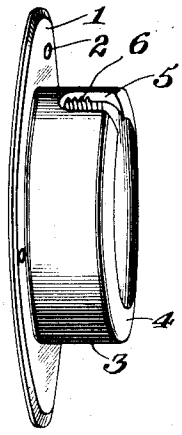


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, CORTEZ MERRILL and CHARLES M. WEGNER, citizens of the United States, residing at Oelwein, in the county of Fayette and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Automobile Clock Frames; and we do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to improvements in watch holding devices designed especially for use on the dashboards of automobiles or similar vehicles, so that the operator of the automobile may readily see the time.

An object of the invention is to provide a suitable watch holder which is adapted to be secured to the dashboard of an automobile in such a manner that when the watch is in position within said holder it will be impossible to take the same without completely disassembling the parts of the holder.

Another object of the invention is to provide a watch holder for the dashboard of the automobile which is composed of two main parts, said parts being so constructed as to enable watches of different sizes to be receive and held in said holder.

Other objects will appear as the description proceeds.

In the accompanying drawings which form a part of our application,—

Figure 1 is a plan view of our improved watch holder with a watch positioned therein, the same being attached to a portion of the dashboard of an automobile.

Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view of the watch holder with a watch in position therein.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the screw threaded back of the watch holder.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the cushion or shock absorbing pads, and

Fig. 5 is a perspective of the watch holder without a watch positioned in it.

Like characters of reference are used throughout the following specification and accompanying drawings to designate corresponding parts.

The frame 1 of the watch holder is formed preferably with a flattened surface, and is further provided with a plurality of openings 2 which are adapted to receive screws or bolts for attaching the same to a dashboard of an automobile. A body portion 3 is formed integrally with the frame 1 and extends out from the same and is provided with the inwardly turned flange 4 around its outer edge. A notch 5 is formed through the flange portion 4 and through a portion of the body 3, as is best shown in Fig. 5 of the drawings.

A portion of the body 3 is internally screw threaded as at 6 and is adapted to receive the ring shaped back 7, which is dished as at 8 and provided with its outer perimeter screw threaded as at 9 to cooperate with the screw threads 6 in the body 3.

A plurality of cushioning or shock absorbing pads 10 are placed in the disi ed surface 8 of the back 7, so that when the watch 11 is in position within the holder, it will be held securely in the same.

The stem 12 of the watch 11 is adapted to pass through the nuts 5 and extend out above the top of the body 3 for winding or setting the watch.

From the foregoing description it will be apparent that, since the back 7 is screw threaded and is adapted to be threaded into the interiorly threaded body 3, that watches of different sizes may readily be held securely in the holder by tightening up more or less on the said back portion. The cushioing pads 10 will serve to effectively take up all of the vibration from an automobile so that the delicate mechanism of the watch will not be disturbed.

Many minor changes in detail of construction may be resorted to without departure from the spirit of the invention.

Having thus fully described our invention, we claim:

A device of the character described comprising a frame adapted to be secured to a panel or other vertical surface and having a body projecting therefrom adapted to receive a time piece, said body part having an open face defined by an inwardly directed flange in a plane spaced from that of the frame and said body interiorly threaded, and an adjustable back comprising an annulus having its outer perimeter threaded to mate with the threads of the body whereby said back may be adjusted relative the flange of the body.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures.

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