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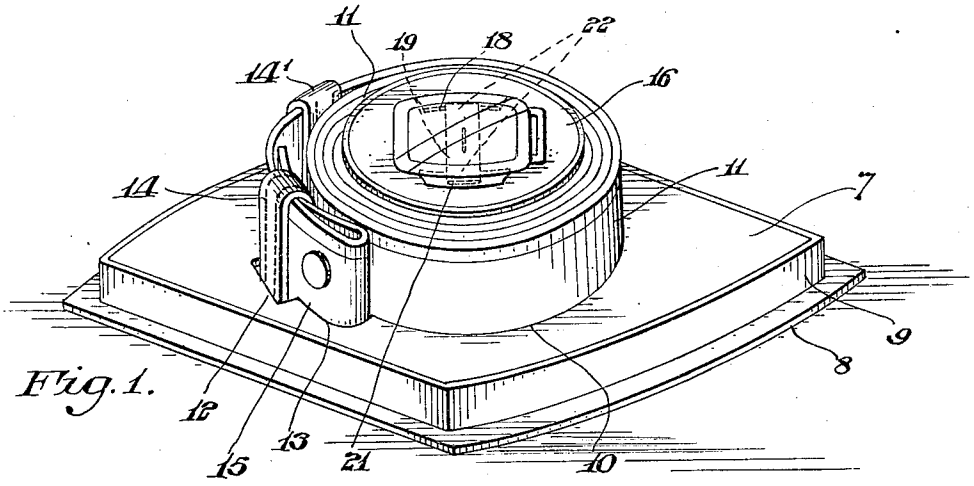


Fig. 1.

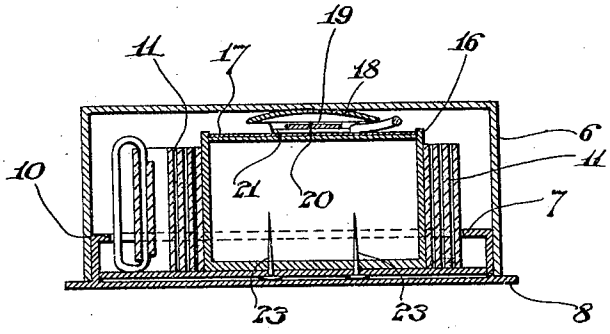


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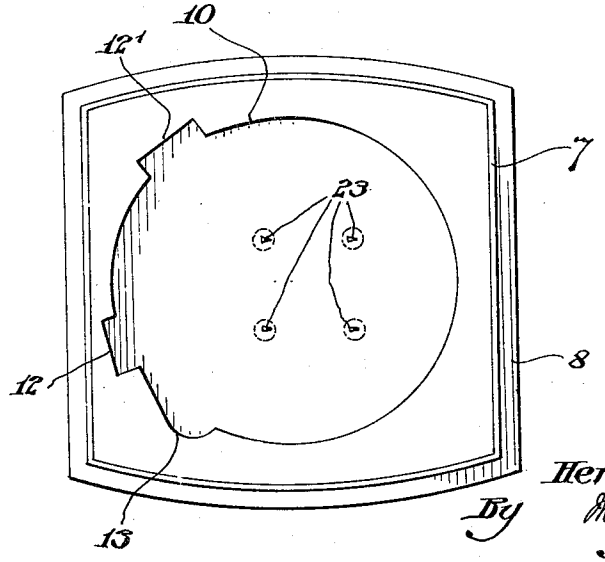


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The invention relates to belt boxes. The object is to provide improved means for securing the belt and the buckle in desired relative positions in a suitable box or container both for transportation and display. The invention is especially applicable to leather belts for men's wear having detachable buckles.

It has been found that the belt should be packed for transportation and display in a symmetrical coil and should not be sharply bent in any part of its extension as such sharp bending is likely to give the belt a crease or distortion which detracts from its appearance and thus interferes with its saleability. It is also desirable that the belt and buckle should be secured in relative position in the container for attractive display and so that they are not liable to displacement in transportation.

Referring to the drawings which illustrate merely by way of example a suitable embodiment of my invention:—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the lower box or container element with the belt and buckle in position.

Fig. 2 is a cross-section of same with the upper or covering element associated therewith.

Fig. 3 is a plan view of said lower element with the belt and buckle removed.

Similar numerals refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

The container comprises an upper element 6 and a lower element 7 adapted to have telescopic relationship. The element 7 is relatively shallow and is provided with flange 8 substantially flush with its upper or top margin 9. This flange extends inwardly from said margin, and surrounds a central substantially circular opening 10 for accommodating the lower part of the belt 11 in coil formation. In the margin of the flange 8, surrounding the central opening 10 are provided recesses 12 and 13 for receiving the loops 14 and 15 common in this type of belt. It will be understood that the loop and buckle end of the belt forms the outside layer of the coil, so that when the belt, in coil formation, is seated in the central opening 10 the outer layer of the coil will fit snugly against the circular margin of the central opening 10, with the loops 14 and 15 projecting into the recess 12 and 13. In such position the major portion of the outer layer of the coil is exposed to view.

A central preferably cylindrical formation 16 is provided to fit within the coil of the belt. The top 17 of which is preferably provided with a fabric surface, such as velvet or satin, to make a suitable backing for the buckle 18 which is usually of precious or semi-precious metal. Near the middle of the top surface 17 of formation 16 is provided means, such as the piece 19, of card board or other suitable and preferably flexible material. This piece 19 is fastened near the middle part as at 20, so that the under flanges 21 of the buckle will engage beneath the free ends 22 of said piece 19 when the buckle is slid into position upon the surface 17. This formation 16 is preferably secured to the bottom of element 7, by any suitable means such for instance as the pins 23. While the formation 16 is shown as cylindrical, it will be obvious that this formation need not necessarily be cylindrical.

By the means above described the belt and buckle are firmly secured in desired relative position, both for transportation and display.

The upper element or cover 6 is deep enough to receive the greater portion of the belt which projects well above the flange surface 8 for display. This cover element 6 has a telescopic fit with element 7.

These containers or boxes are made in various shapes and attractively covered.

What I claim is:—

1. A belt box for containing a belt and a buckle in fixed relative positions for display, including a relatively shallow element provided with a flange extending from near the top margin of its sides to a central circular opening for receiving the lower edge of the coiled belt, said flange having recesses in its margin for receiving the loops of the belt, a central formation positioned within the coil of the belt and extending to near the top thereof, and means for disengageably securing the buckle to the top of said formation.

2. A belt box for containing a belt and a buckle in fixed relative positions for display, including a relatively shallow element provided with a flange extending from near the top margin of its sides to a central circular opening for receiving the lower edge of the

coiled belt leaving the major portion of the outer layer of the coil exposed to view, said flange having recesses in its margin for receiving the loops of the belt, a central formation positioned within the coil of the belt and extending to near the top thereof, and means for disengageably securing the buckle to the top of said formation.

3. A belt box for containing a belt and a buckle in fixed relative positions for display, including a relatively shallow element provided with a flange extending from near the top margin of its sides to a central circular opening for receiving the lower edge of the coiled belt, said flange having recesses in its margin for securing the loops of the belt, a central formation positioned within the coil of the belt and secured to the bottom of said shallow element and extending to near the top thereof and means for disengageably securing the buckle to the top of said formation.

4. A belt box for containing a belt and a buckle in fixed relative positions for display, including a relatively shallow element provided with a flange extending from near the top margin of its sides to a central circular opening for receiving the lower edge of the coiled belt, said flange having recesses in its margin for receiving the loops of the belt, a central formation positioned within the coil of the belt and extending to near the top thereof, means for disengageably securing the buckle to the top of said formation, and a cover element having telescopic relationship with the said shallow element.

5. A belt box for containing a belt and a buckle in fixed relative positions for display, including a relatively shallow element provided with a flange extending from near the top margin of its sides to a central circular opening for receiving the lower edge of the coiled belt, a central formation positioned within the coil of the belt and extending to near the top thereof, and means for disengageably securing the buckle to the top of said formation.

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