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Fig. 1.

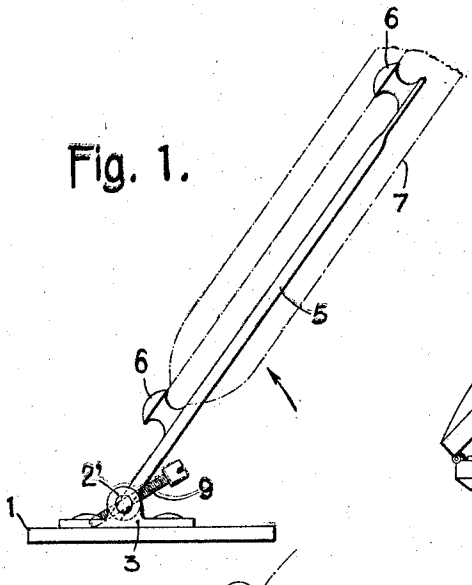


Fig. 5.

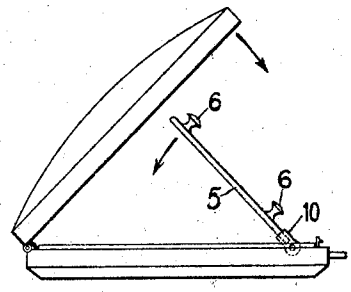


Fig. 2.

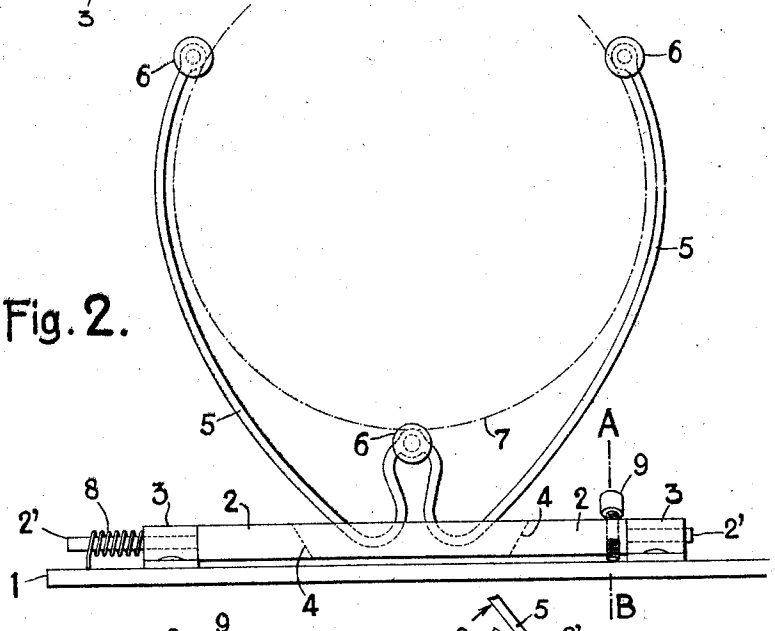


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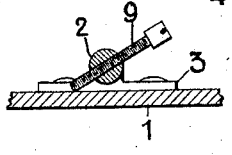
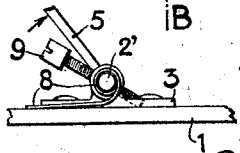


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, CHARLES GLAUSER, EMILE SCHWEIZER, and EDOUARD SCHOEPF, all citizens of the Swiss Republic, and residents of Le Locle, Switzerland, have invented new and useful Improvements in Holders for Ornamental Pieces, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact specification.

The present invention relates to improvements in holders for ornamental pieces such as watches, medals and the like, which are to be exhibited in shopfronts, on tables and so on. The improved holder is characterized by the fact that the carrier for the piece to be exhibited, which is pivotally mounted on a base frame, is constituted by a rocking spring fork with supporting members on its ends and its middle part to allow of introduction of pieces of different size, in combination with one or more motive springs arranged to elastically urge the said carrier to upright position, regulable means being provided to stop the carrier in any desired exposure position.

The accompanying drawings represent two embodiments of the present invention.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the preferred form;

Figure 2 is a corresponding front view;

Figure 3 is a section on line A—B of Figure 2;

Figure 4 is a partial side elevation as seen from the opposite side with respect to Figure 1;

Figure 5 shows by side elevation the second embodiment wherein the holder is enclosed within a cover closed box or case.

In the preferred construction of Figures 1 to 4, the holder comprises a frame or base 1 formed of a metallic plate and on which is mounted a rocking shaft 2 having its ends 2′ supported in bearings 3 fixed on said plate. Into the middle part of this shaft there is rigidly inserted a W-like curved carrying fork 5 of steel wire or the like, the branches of which constitute relatively long spring grippers tending to approach one another. The free ends of the grippers as well as the centre loop-like part of the fork are provided with supporting knobs 6. The said spring grippers hold the watch 7 between their knobs which is further supported by the knob of the loop like centre part of the fork.

At one end of the shaft 2 there is fastened one end of a torsionally acting helical spring 8 (Figure 2), the other end of which is connected with the base plate 1. This spring 8 has an initial tension so that it has the tendency of turning the shaft 2 in the direction of the arrow shown in Figure 1, in order to urge the watch carrier 5, 6 to an upright position, as shown in the drawing. The upright position of the watch carrier is determined by a stop screw 9 extending transversely through the shaft 2 so as to contact with the base plate and to thus limit the angular position of the watch carrier. Obviously, the screw 9 allows of regulating or varying this position; thus when the screw is turned backward, the carrier is allowed to take a steeper position under the action of the spring 8.

The invention can be performed in manifold ways. The spring 8 and the stop screw 9 could be replaced by equivalent means, such as one or more flat springs and a simple clamping screw. One and the same holder could be provided with a plurality of carriers mounted on a common rocking shaft and each of which would carry a watch or the like. The form of the carrier is advantageously adapted to that of the watch or other piece to be exhibited. For use with photographs, portraits, plates and the like, the carrier may have the form of a frame. When being used with watches, medals, bracelets and the like, the carrier can be rotatably arranged upon the shaft 2 so as to be able of being presented on all faces to the purchaser, a transverse pivot arrangement 10 (Fig. 5) being provided to this end.

In the form of Figure 5, the entire holder is located within a cover closed box or case and carries as before by the fork 5 the watch or other piece to be exhibited. When the box shall be closed, the carrier 5 with the piece it carries is laid down whilst the spring being tensioned. If the box is opened by pressing upon its closing button, the carrier 5 moves up to upright position under the tension of the spring and at the same time raises the cover of the box until it reaches the position determined by the stop screw.

What we claim is:—

1. A holder for ornamental pieces, comprising a movable carrying spring fork for the piece to be held, a rocking shaft carrying said fork, spring means to urge said

shaft to rotary movement so as to raise the fork to upright position and regulable means to stop the same in any desired exposure position.

2. A holder for ornamental pieces, comprising a carrying spring fork for the piece to be held, supporting members on the ends and the middle part of said fork to allow of introduction of pieces of different size, a rocking shaft carrying said fork, spring means to urge said shaft to rotary movement in order to raise said fork to upright position and means to stop the same in a determined exposure position.

In witness whereof we have hereunto signed our names this 25th day of September, 1923, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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