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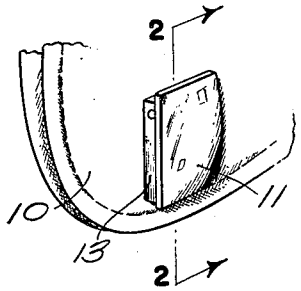


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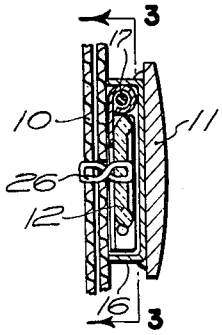


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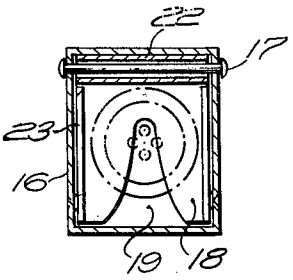


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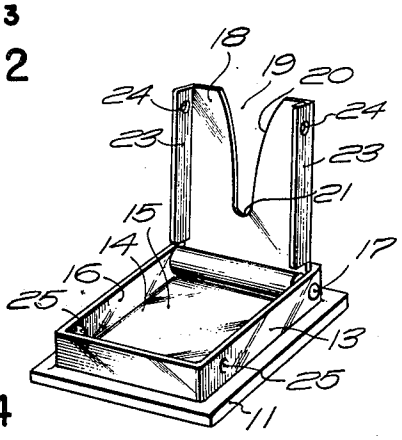


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FIG. 5

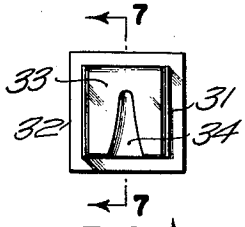


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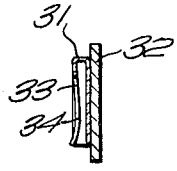


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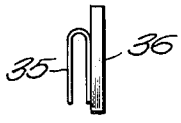


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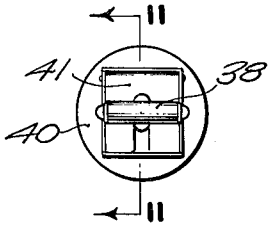


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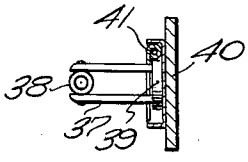


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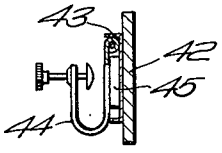


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My present invention relates to the jewelry art and more particularly to a novel button ornament mounting.

The principal object of the present invention is to provide a device for mounting an ornament on a garment button.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a button ornament mounting which is particularly adaptable for mounting an ornament on a shirt cuff button.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a button mounting for an ornament which is simple in construction and easily adaptable to many types of ornaments.

A further object of the present invention is to provide a button ornament mounting which is easy and economical to manufacture and assemble.

With the above and other objects and advantageous features in view my invention consists of a novel arrangement of parts, more fully disclosed in the detailed description following, in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, and more particularly defined in the appended claim.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the device of the present invention mounted on a shirt cuff button.

Fig. 2 is a section taken on line 2—2 on Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a section taken on line 3—3 on Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged perspective view of the device in open position.

One of the basic problems of a jewelry ornament is the method or means by which it is attached to the clothing. For example, cuff links are mounted in a French cuff by pushing the enlarged ends through the buttonholes. However, the great majority of men do not wear French cuffs but rather shirts with a button and one buttonhole. Cuff links have been devised which use a pin which can be forced through the material on this type of cuff. Pins are also used for mounting ornaments on ladies dresses and blouses. The use of pins produces holes in the material and on fine material the full weight will cause a sag or drag. Pins also require locking means and some means of covering the point.

The present invention is designed to provide an ornament mounting which permits the ornament to be mounted on a conventional button either on the cuff of a shirt or on any other part of a garment without piercing the garment or injuring it in any way. The device of the present invention can be used as a cuff button, brooch, or any other item of costume jewelry.

For purposes of illustration I have shown the device as used on a cuff button. Referring more in detail to the drawings, Fig. 1 illustrates a standard shirt cuff 10 having an ornament 11 mounted on the cuff button 12 by means of the mounting device 13. The device 13 is shown in detail in Fig. 4. It comprises a housing 14 which is illustrated as being rectangular in shape. The housing 14 may be round, oval, hexagonal or any other convenient shape. It comprises a flat portion 15

having integral upstanding edge walls 16. A pivot pin 17 extends across a pair of walls 16 adjacent one end.

The gripping portion of the device comprises a plate 18 having a generally V-shaped cut out 19 extending slightly more than halfway through the plate. The cut out 19 is wide at the edge and the sides 20 curve slightly inwardly terminating in a narrow rounded portion 21 at the bottom of the cut out. One end of the plate 18 is bent to form a tubular pivot portion 22 which surrounds the pivot pin 17. The sides of the plate 18 are provided with integral walls 23 which nest within the housing 14 when the plate 18 is pivoted inwardly in the position shown in Fig. 2. For this purpose the plate 18 is slightly narrower or smaller than the housing 14.

To releasably retain the plate 18 in nested position, the plate walls 23 are provided with side openings 24 adjacent their outer end. The housing walls 16 are provided with inwardly extending detents 25 adjacent the end opposite the pivot pin 17. As the plate 18 is pivoted into nesting position, a little pressure will force the wall portions 23 past the detents 25 until the detents snap into the openings 24 to hold the parts in closed position.

The operation of the mounting is shown in Figs. 2 and 3. With the parts in open position the plate 18 is slipped behind the button 12 so that the threads 26 are guided into the cut out 19 and reach the bottom 21 of the cut out. The button 12 is now positioned between the walls 23 of the plate with the plate extending between the button and the shirt 10. The housing 14 is now pivoted downwardly toward the button until the detents 25 snap into the openings 24. In this position the front wall 16 closes the cut out 19 and the button 12 is completely locked within the housing 14 which is also locked to the button. To remove the device the housing 14 is forced open into the position shown in Fig. 4 and the plate 18 slipped out from behind the button thus leaving the garment completely unmarked and untouched. The mounting 13 thus comprises two simple parts, a housing 14 and a plate 18. With the above as a base any type of article can be mounted on the outside of the housing 14.

In the illustration given I have provided a means of applying a cuff button ornament to a shirt cuff not designed to take an ornament without piercing the material. The device can be mounted and removed easily and rapidly. If a ladies pin or brooch is mounted on the housing 14 it can readily be clamped to a blouse button and thus avoid piercing a fine material. Furthermore, the material will not sag at the button. The device can also be used to mount initials or ornamental insignia on the button on the pocket of a sports shirt or jacket. It can be used to hold a key chain by attaching the device to the suspender button at the waist of the trousers. In fact the device can be used to mount many types of ornamentation on the button of any garment. It is merely necessary that the mounting be large enough to encompass the button upon which it is being locked. The device of the present invention can be used to mount other items besides jewelry. For example, a bow tie may be equipped with such a device and mounted on the collar button. This will also serve to center the tie.

The device basically provides a means for mounting an article on a button, whether the button is attached to a shirt, a cuff link, an earring or any other article. The device is simple in construction and easy and economical to manufacture and assemble. The parts can readily be stamped from sheet stock. Other advantages of the present invention will be readily apparent to a person skilled in the art.

I claim:

A button ornament mounting comprising a housing having a flat portion and an integral wall portion ex-

tending at right angles from the periphery of said flat portion, said housing being of sufficient size to house a garment button, an ornament mounted on the outside of said housing, and means pivotally mounted in said housing and adapted to extend between a garment button and its attached garment for locking the garment button in said housing, said means being adapted to nest in said housing in closed position, said means including a plate, said plate having an integral tubular portion adjacent one end, a pivot pin mounted in said housing and extending through said tubular portion, said plate having integral side walls adapted to nest within the walls of said housing, said plate having a V-shaped cut out extending from the free edge to a point beyond the center of said plate, the sides of said cut out being curved, and means for releasably retaining said plate in nested position in said housing.

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