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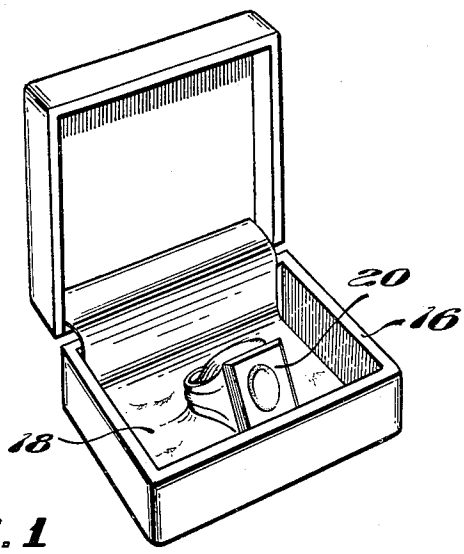


Fig. 1

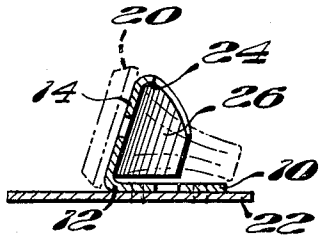


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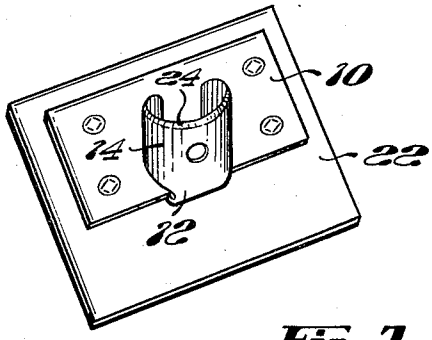


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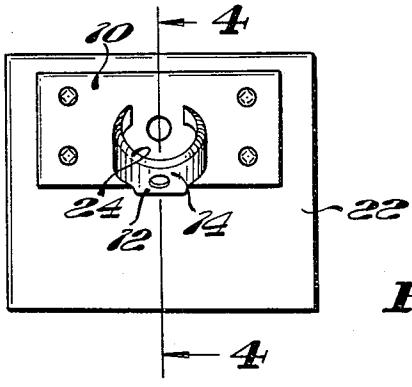


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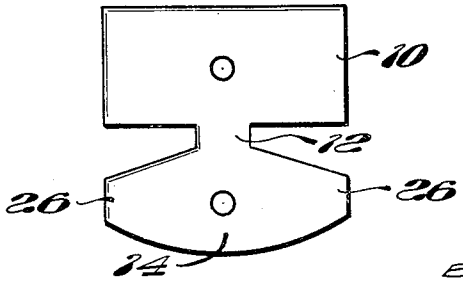


Fig. 5

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This invention relates to a jewelry display device, and more particularly to an adjustable ring holder.

It is common in jewelry displays to see ring holders which can hold upright and display rings for various finger sizes. The common fault with all such holders, however, is that they are not usable for rings of various shank widths. That is to say, narrow rings, such as wedding bands, cannot be placed in holders designed for wide rings, such as men's class rings, and vice versa. An additional fault with conventional ring holders is that they do not show the entire ring. Particularly in the case of men's rings, parts of the shank may contain engraving and relief work which is hidden by an ordinary ring holder.

It is an object of my invention to provide a ring holder which can be used for a ring of any finger size and any shank size. It is a further object of my invention to provide a ring holder which will display the entire ring.

An additional object of my invention is to provide a ring holder which will keep a ring securely in place under the most adverse shipping and handling conditions. Since conventional ring holders all have considerable amounts of padding, etc., which take up more space than is necessary for simply enclosing a ring, another object is to provide a ring holder which will occupy a smaller volume than conventional types, with resultant savings in storage and shipping costs.

A still further object of my invention is to provide a ring holder which will display a ring at some angle other than straight up and down, which ordinary ring holders are limited to. Another object is to provide for an adjustable angle of display, so that the angle will be suited to the particular characteristics of the ring.

Other objects of my invention are to provide artistic backgrounds for ring display and to provide a basic holder suited for use with any type of cloth desired as a background.

In the accomplishment of these and other objects of my invention, I employ a flat plate as a base element, a narrow strip of a resiliently flexible material rising from said base as a support element, and a channel-shaped strip of a resiliently flexible material, supported by the support element, as a holder for a ring. Viewed from above, the channel shaped strip presents, in cross section, the shape of a letter C turned on its back.

It is a feature of my invention that a ring of any finger size and any shank size may be placed around the channel shaped holder. The resiliency of the strip will then hold it securely in place, since the diameter of the channel is initially made as large as the largest finger size for which the holder will be used. Another feature is that the entire ring will be visible when placed on my holder. Ordinarily, the holder will be covered with a suitable decorative cloth and placed in a box. It is an additional feature of my invention that the entire holder, cloth and ring can be placed in a substantially smaller box than any conventional ring holder. This results from the absence of padding and from the fact that the ring will ordinarily be held in a nearly horizontal position, which permits the use of a smaller but still pleasingly proportioned box.

A further feature of my invention is that the nearly horizontal angle at which the ring is held permits a more striking display than the conventional vertical position. Still another feature is that the angle of display may be varied simply by bending the support element.

Additional features are that any type or thickness of cloth may be draped around the holder, since it is adjustable to any finger size and automatically compensates for added cloth thickness. Also, the fact that cloth is draped adds to the pleasing background appearance of the holder.

These and other objects and features of my invention will best be understood and appreciated from a detailed description of a preferred embodiment thereof, selected for purposes of illustration and shown in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a jewelry box in which a ring holder is mounted. The ring holder is shown with a cloth and a ring in place;

Figure 2 is a perspective view of a ring holder;

Figure 3 is a view of a ring holder from above;

Figure 4 is a view of a ring holder in side elevation shown in cross section along line 4—4 of Figure 3; and

Figure 5 is a view of a stamping from a flat piece of material from which a ring holder will be formed.

The preferred embodiment of my invention herein shown, comprises a base element **10**, a support element **12**, and a channel shaped strip **14**. In Figure 1, the ring holder is shown mounted in a box **16** and covered with a cloth **18**. A ring **20** is indicated in position on the holder. In Figures 2, 3 and 4 the base element **10** is shown mounted on a larger base element **22**, which is suitable for positioning the holder within a box **16**. An inwardly curled lip **24** extends around the upper edge of the strip **14** and serves as a stiffening flange which helps the strip **14** maintain a given position of adjustment, which protects the cloth **18** from being cut by sharp edges, and which also aids in guiding a ring **20** into the holder.

Figure 5 shows a ring holder in the process of manufacture. The base **10**, support element **12**, and channel shaped strip **14** can all be conveniently stamped in one operation from a single flat sheet of a suitable resiliently flexible material. In a preferred embodiment of my invention, I have employed a relatively soft but resilient metal, which permits the diameter of the channel shaped strip **14** to be enlarged or diminished at will, although still retaining its resilient properties.

In Figures 4 and 5, it will be noted that the side portions **26** of the channel shaped strip **14** are narrower than the central portion of the strip **14**. As is shown in Figure 4, this permits the strip **14** to be bent back at a sharper angle than would be possible if the strip **14** were rectangular in shape. A ring **20** is shown in shadow form in Figure 4, demonstrating the minimum volume taken up by the ring **20** and holder when the side portions **26** of the strip **14** are pressed downward to the base **10**.

Certain minor variations of this preferred embodiment will be apparent to those skilled in the art. For instance, metal is not the only material which can be used. Many plastics of suitable resiliency could be used for the entire holder or for parts of it. Also, the base could be made from plastic and the rest of the holder from metal, or vice versa. Therefore, it is not my intention to confine the invention to the precise form herein shown, but rather to limit it in terms of the appended claim.

Having thus described and disclosed a preferred embodiment of my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:

A display holder for a ring comprising: a base, means integral with said base for holding a ring including a strip of relatively soft but yet resilient metal bent to form an open sided cylinder connected at its lower end to said base, a flange on said open cylinder extending around the upper edge of said open cylinder and disposed inwardly thereof, and a fabric covering over said ring holding means and flange, whereby said flange serves the dual purpose of yieldingly buttressing said cylinder against

ready deformation and providing a curved rather than a sharp under support for said fabric.

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