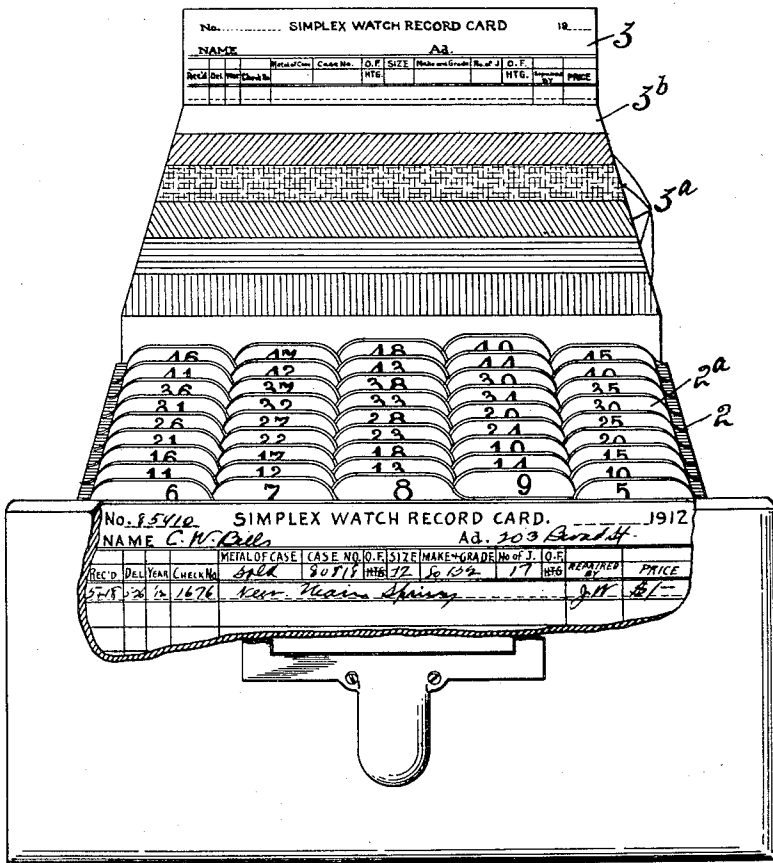


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, ROY E. ALLEN and LEO G. BOLLMAN, citizens of the United States, and residents of Adrian, in the county of Lenawee and State of Michigan, have invented a certain new and useful Record Means for Watches; 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the characters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Our invention relates to card record means, intended more particularly for use by jewelers in keeping a record of the sales and repairing of watches.

It has heretofore been customary so far as we are aware, to enter in chronological order in books kept for such purpose, records of sales and repairs of watches, so that by running back through such records the date of sale or repair of a watch together with the data pertaining thereto can be found. With such record means, it is a difficult and slow process to find the date of sale or repair of a watch, especially if the records for several months need to be examined.

The object of our invention is to provide simple and efficient means for keeping a record of this nature, which will enable the record of any prior sale or repair of a particular watch to be easily and quickly found.

The invention is fully described in the following specification, and while, in its broader aspect, it is capable of embodiment in numerous forms, a preferred embodiment thereof is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, which is a view in perspective of a drawer containing the means comprising our invention, with one card partly raised above the others and with a portion of the drawer front broken away.

In the drawing, 1 designates a drawer suitable for retaining record cards therein, 2 designates a plurality of division cards having tongues 2<sup>a</sup> projecting from the top edges thereof in various positions, as is customary with the division members of card records, and 3 designates one of a plurality of record

cards suitable for the entry of the records of watch sales or repairs thereon.

Watches are known to the trade as comprising five standard sizes, and in order to facilitate a distinct classification of each, a number of sets of cards 3 are provided with the sets preferably of different colors. The blank cards are preferably placed at one end of the drawer with a plurality of each color disposed together as indicated by the conventional color designations 3<sup>a</sup>. There are also preferably provided a plurality of cards for watches other than those of standard size, which cards, in the present instance, are white and indicated at 3<sup>b</sup>. The cards are printed for the entry of the number of a watch, the name of the owner, dates of receipt and delivery, check number, etc. suitable for the entry of watch repair or sales records thereon. The tongues 2<sup>a</sup> of the division cards are preferably consecutively numbered from 5 to 49, as shown, to facilitate the distributing of the record cards of watches of different numbers therebetween, as hereinafter more fully described.

In the use of our improved card record means for watches, a jeweler, upon receiving a watch, notes the size of the same and takes a blank card 3 of the proper color for such size and enters thereon the number of the watch, name of the person leaving same and any other data desired. He then takes the last two figures of the watch number, if such figures amount to 10 or more, and divides the same by 2, the quotient indicating the number of the division card in advance of which the record card is to be placed. For instance, should the number of the watch be "149,613", the last two figures of the number, "13", divided by "2" would be "6½", or less than "7", so that the record card would be filed in advance of number 6 partition. If the next to the last figure of a number is a cipher, such cipher is dropped and the third from the last and the last figures are read together, and upon dividing this number by 2, the division in which the card should be filed is ascertained. For instance, should the number of the watch be "610,806" the cipher is dropped between the last and the third from the last figures giving "86" and this number is then divided by 2 giving "43" as the number indicating

the division card in advance of which the record card is to be filed. Should several of the last characters of a watch number each be ciphers then the first preceding figure would be taken with the adjoining cipher to indicate the number to be divided by 2 to find the division card. For instance, should the number of the watch be "14,350,000", "50" would be the number to be divided by 2, giving "25" as the number of the division card. While any of the divisions may contain quite a number of record cards, such cards would be divided into a number of different colors so that a person knowing the number of the watch and its size would easily and quickly locate the desired record card, as he need only examine the cards of the color indicating the size of the watch, to find the number desired, it being understood that the division in which the card desired is filed is that bearing the number which is one-half of a predetermined portion of the watch number. The numbering of the division cards from 5 to 49 and dividing the last two figures or other predetermined ones of the figures of the watch number by 2, necessitates the use of only half the number of division cards that would be required if the cards were numbered from 1 to 100 and the last two or three characters of the number as the case might be not divided by 2 to find the division card desired.

It is apparent that this watch-record means very materially simplifies the watch recording means now commonly employed, and enables a record card of any particular watch to be easily and quickly found without running back through the records for a number of months, and possibly years, to find the desired record.

We wish it understood that our invention is not limited to any specific construction or arrangement of the parts except in so far as such limitations are specified in the claims.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is,—

1. A watch record means, comprising a plurality of division cards having different number designations thereon, and record cards of different colors, with each color designating a particular size of watch, filed between the division cards and bearing watch numbers, predetermined portions of which numbers are capable of being identified with the numbers of the division cards next to which they are placed.

2. A watch record means, comprising a plurality of division cards bearing number designations 5 to 49; and a plurality of record cards which are differently colored to indicate different watch sizes and having watch numbers and other desired record data thereon, the record cards being filed next to division cards which have numbers bearing a predetermined relation to the watch numbers on the cards.

3. A watch record means, comprising a plurality of division cards bearing different number designations, with such numbers ranging from 5 to 49, and a plurality of record cards, which are differently colored to indicate different watch sizes, with each bearing a watch number and other desired record data and filed next to a division card bearing a number that is a quotient of a predetermined portion of the watch number, the divisor being the same for the watch numbers on all record cards.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto signed our names to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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