

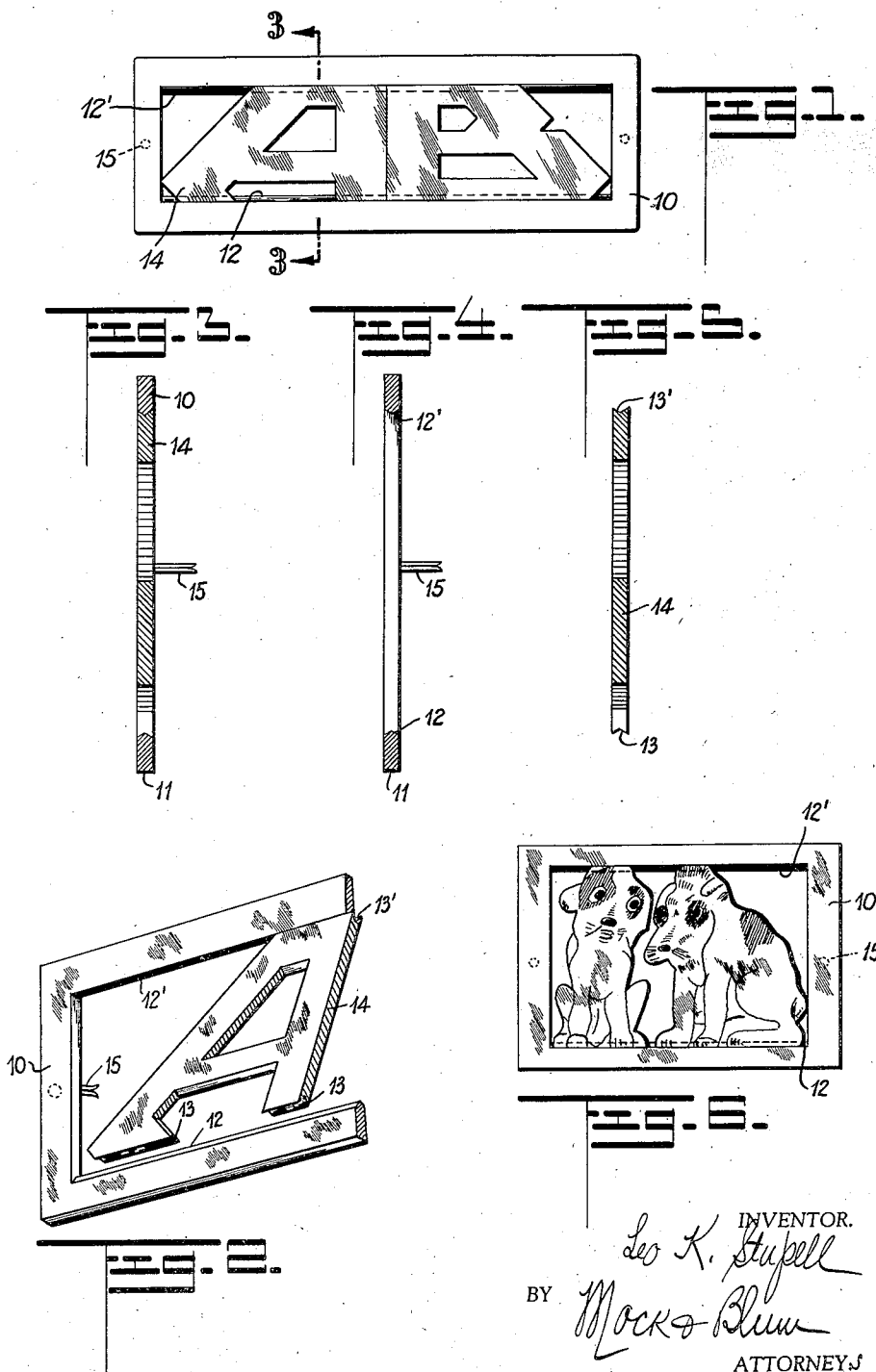
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This invention relates to improvements in initials or monograms made of metal, synthetic plastic, such as bakelite or similar material, and more especially relates to the manufacture of initials, monograms or other ornaments used on handbags, pocketbooks, luggage, brief cases, and articles of personal wear.

A particular object of the invention is the provision of an ornament or initial which is sold separately from the article to which it is to be applied but which may be applied to such article without the use of any tool or mechanism and which may be applied without the use of any prongs or similar attaching device.

Further objects of my invention will be apparent from the specification and drawing in which Fig. 1 is a plan view showing two separable initials applied in a frame which is a part of my invention.

Fig. 2 is a partial perspective view showing an initial in the act of being applied to a frame.

Fig. 3 is a sectional view along the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a sectional view of the frame only shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 5 is a sectional view of an initial or ornament which is to be inserted into the frame shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 6 is a view similar to Fig. 1 but showing the use of an ornament instead of an initial.

10 indicates a frame having the outer edge or surface 11 and the inner edge 12 which is sharply beveled as shown in Fig. 4.

Complementary to the bevelling of the inner edge of the frame 10 is the concave bevel 13 of the initial or monogram 14 which fits exactly into the corresponding bevel 12 of the frame. In the drawing the bevelling is shown in an exaggerated form, but it should be understood that I am not limited to the exact form of bevel shown in the drawing herewith, but this can be altered in shape with reference to the angle of the bevel or can be rounded without departing from the spirit of my invention.

The bevelling of the inner edges of the frame 10 is in the example shown on the horizontal or long edges of the frame, and the outer edge of the initial 14 is continuously beveled on that portion of its periphery where it may contact with the edges 12 and 12'.

In Fig. 6 is shown the same system of fastening a figure or ornament to the frame 10 which in Fig. 1 is employed for an initial, and it is obvious that the same principle may be employed

not only for initials but for ornaments and figures of all kinds.

The manner of attaching the initial to the frame is as follows and is best illustrated by reference to Fig. 2 of the drawing:

The insert 14 has its upper edge 13' inserted into the bevel 12' of the frame by tilting the initial. It is to be understood that the frame 10 is a closed frame, so that the initials or ornaments are not slid into position. The frame 10 is somewhat resilient or yieldable.

Pressure is exerted upon the lower portion of the insert 14 and owing to the convex form of the bevel 12, this pressure tends to force the lower edge 13 of the insert 14 over and onto the bevel 12. If desired, the bottom edge of the figure or initial can be caused to engage with the inner bottom edge of the frame, and the upper part of the initial or figure is then snapped into position. The pressure is sufficient to force the lower or upper edge of the frame 10 to yield, as the frame is sufficiently springy to allow enough give, to permit the free edge of the insert 14 to spring into its place on the beveled surface 12 of the frame. If desired, the frame can be provided with depressions in its inner edges and the initials or figures could have the tongues.

In ordinary practice, the frame 10 is fastened to the object on which it is to be placed as, for instance, a pocketbook, by means of prongs or pins 15, and these are fastened to the leather of which the pocketbook is composed. These pins or prongs could be connected to the metal frame, and such pins could be formed integral with the frame by a stamping process.

It will be evident that if the inserts are once in place, they will remain in place as they cannot be easily released unless by pressure underneath such inserts.

In the example given it will be evident that the bevelling on the frame and on the initial is necessary only on the horizontal portions of the frame and the portions of the initial which would naturally contact with such portions of the frame, but it is apparent that any other variations of the principle used in this invention and the necessary bevelling may be supplied on other portions of the initial or ornament or other insert and the frame. It is also evident that different forms of bevelling or forming the outer surface of the insert and the inner surface of the frame may be used without departing from the spirit of this invention. The frames can be applied to any object, such as an

automobile or any rigid or flexible surface, by any suitable means. The frame is preferably made of tempered metal, so that its holding legs are springy, and such legs clamp the insertions into position.

When the inserts are in position within the frame, the inserts are frictionally engaged by the legs of the frame. The inserts can be slid within the frame, after said inserts have been mounted into the frame.

Further changes may be made in the form of this separable initial or ornament and in the frame supporting same without departing from the spirit of my invention.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim is:

1. An initial or the like and a holder therefor comprising in combination a frame, the inner edge of said frame having a bevel and an initial fitting said frame, the outer edge of said initial having a groove complementary to the bevel on the inner edge of said frame, said frame being elastic whereby said initial is insertable and firmly held in said frame without any exterior holding means by snapping same into position in said frame, said initial being entirely within the boundary of said frame.

2. An initial or the like and a holder therefor comprising in combination a frame, the upper and lower inner edges of said frame having a bevel, and an initial fitting said frame, the upper and lower outer edges of said initial being provided with a groove complementary to the bevels on the inner edges of said frame, said frame being elastic whereby said initial is insertable and firmly held in said frame by snapping same in position, said initial being entirely within the boundary of said frame.

3. An initial or the like and a holder therefor comprising in combination a frame, the inner edge of said frame having a bevel and an initial fitting said frame, the outer edge of said initial having a groove complementary to the bevel on the inner edge of said frame, the entire body of said initial being enclosed entirely within the inner edge of said frame when the initial is in place.

4. An ornament and a holder therefor comprising in combination a resilient frame having an opening therein, the inner edge of said frame having a bevel thereon and an ornament fitting into said frame and its outer edge having a groove complementary to the bevel on the inner edge of the frame, said ornament being insertable and firmly held in said frame without any exterior holding means in the limits of said frame by snapping same into position in said frame, said ornament being held in said frame by the tension of the body of said frame on said ornament.

5. An ornament and a holder therefor comprising in combination a resilient frame having an opening therein, the upper and lower inner edges of said frame having a bevel thereon, and an ornament fitting into said frame, the upper and lower outer edges of said ornament having a groove complementary to the bevels on the inner edges of said frame, the entire body of said ornament being enclosed within the boundary of the edges of said frame.

6. An initial or the like and a holder therefor comprising in combination a resilient frame having an opening therein, and an initial fitting said frame, the inner edge of the frame and the outer edge of the initial being formed so as

to frictionally engage each other, the body of said initial being enclosed within the inner edge of said resilient frame, and said initial being held in said frame between the opposed edges of said frame by the frictional engagement of the meeting edges of the inside of the frame and of the outside edges of said initial, said initial being entirely within the boundary of the frame.

7. An ornament and a holder therefor comprising in combination a resilient frame having an opening therein, and an ornament fitting said frame, the inner edge of the frame and the outer edge of the ornament being formed so as to frictionally engage each other, the entire body of said ornament being enclosed within the boundary of said frame, and said ornament being held in said frame by the frictional engagement of the meeting edges of the inside of the frame and of the outside edges of said ornament.

8. An ornament and a holder therefor comprising a frame of elastic metal having its top and bottom edges bevelled, and an ornament fitting said frame having its top and bottom edges grooved to fit said bevel, said ornament being held within said frame entirely by the tension between the bevelled edges of said frame and the grooved edges of said ornament, said frame and ornament being of the same thickness, the front and rear of said frame and ornament being in the same plane.

9. An ornament and a holder therefor comprising a frame of elastic material with an opening therein, an ornament fitting in said opening and enclosed therein, the inner edge of said frame and the outer edge of said ornament being shaped so that said ornament will be firmly held in said frame without any external holding means on said frame by the tension between the elastic edges of said frame and said ornament, said ornament and frame being of the same thickness, the front and rear of said ornament and frame being in the same planes.

10. A metal ornament and a holder therefor comprising a frame of elastic material with an opening therein, an ornament fitting in said opening and enclosed therein, the inner edge of said frame and the outer edge of said ornament being shaped so that said ornament will be firmly held in said frame without any external holding means on said frame or ornament and solely by the tension between said frame and said ornament, said ornament and frame being of the same thickness, the front and rear of said ornament and frame being in the same plane.

11. A metal ornament and a holder therefor comprising a frame of elastic material with an opening therein, and an ornament fitting in said opening, the inner edge of said frame and the outer edge of said ornament being shaped so that said ornament shall be entirely enclosed within the inside edges of said frame, and shall be firmly held in said frame without external holding means on said frame or ornament by the tension between said frame and said ornament, the outer surfaces of said frame and ornament being in the same planes.

12. An ornament and a holder therefor comprising a frame with an opening therein, an ornament fitting in said opening, the inner edge of said frame and the outer edge of said ornament being shaped complementary to each other so that said ornament will be firmly held

in said frame by the tension of the frame upon the initial without external holding means when initial and frame are pressed together, said frame being made of elastic material, and the
5 outer surfaces of said frame and ornament being in the same planes.

13. An initial and a holder therefor comprising a frame of elastic material having its top and bottom edges bevelled, and an initial fitting
10 said frame having its top and bottom edges grooved to fit said bevel, the entire body of said initial being held within the boundary of the inner edges of said frame.

14. An ornament and a holder therefor comprising a frame of elastic material with an opening therein, an ornament fitting said opening, the inner edges of said frame and the outer
edges of said ornament being shaped complementary to each other so that said ornament
80 will be held in said frame, said ornament being held entirely in said frame by the tension between the frame and said ornament, said ornament and frame being of the same thickness,
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