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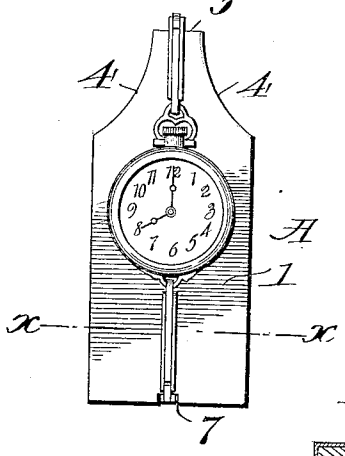


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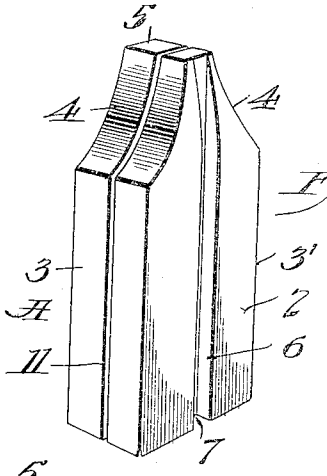


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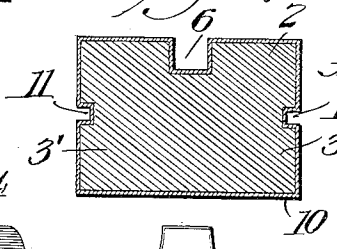
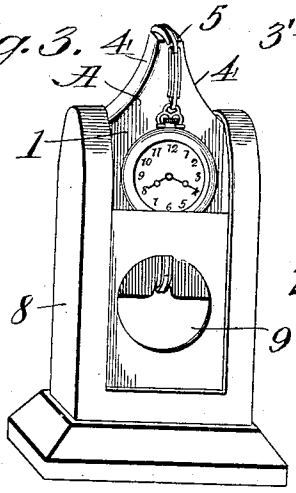


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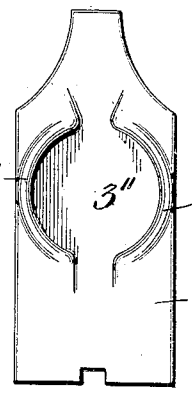


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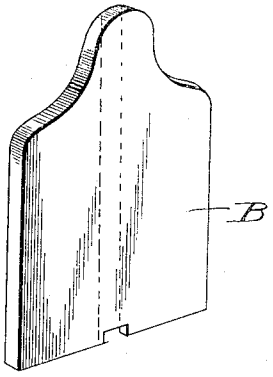


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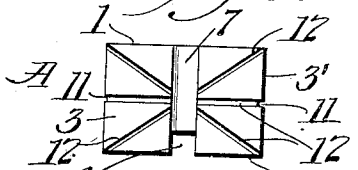


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES L. DEPOLLIER, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York city, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display Devices for Watch-Bracelets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a display block for watch bracelets, or wrist watches, and is especially designed and constructed so that it may be used in connection with any suitable display box or case, whereby the watch is adapted to serve as a miniature clock for desk or bureau purposes, and also as a clock for use when traveling.

The main object of my invention is to provide a display block adapted to carry and support a watch bracelet thereon, so that when the bracelet is not worn, the block with the watch bracelet attached thereto may be inserted in any suitable display box provided with an opening and the watch adjusted so that the dial will be exposed to view through the said opening and thereby serve as a miniature clock for all the purposes to which such a clock may be utilized.

A further object of this invention is to provide a display block adapted to removably receive and support a watch bracelet, which blocks may be made of varying sizes to conform with the sizes of wrist bracelets and be placed in a show case, window or other desirable place for exhibiting the bracelet thereon.

Another object of this invention is to provide a display block for removably supporting a watch bracelet thereon, which block may be made to fit any display box or case now in use, said block having a groove or recess in the central rear portion thereof and the central bottom portion of such a width and depth as to receive any size of expansion, strap, elastic or other similar style or type of bracelet.

A still further object of this invention is to cover my improved display block with any suitable or desirable ornamental fabric, and to provide the block with a vertical groove on either of its side edges, and with grooves in the bottom thereof, if desired, whereby the fullness or excess of material may be taken up and suitably cemented or otherwise secured within the grooves in order to impart a smooth finish, thereby adding to the ornamental appearance of the finished block.

The foregoing and such other objects as may occur from the ensuing description are accomplished by the construction and arrangement hereinafter more fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, and particularly pointed out in the claim appended hereto.

With reference to the drawings:—

Figure 1, is a front elevation of my improved display block showing a watch bracelet attached thereto.

Fig. 2, is a perspective view of the display block, the watch bracelet being removed therefrom.

Fig. 3, is a perspective view showing my improved display block and watch bracelet secured thereto partly inserted in a display box or case.

Fig. 4, is a plan view of the bottom portion of the display block.

Fig. 5, is an enlarged horizontal sectional view taken on the line x—x, Fig. 1, the watch bracelet being removed.

Fig. 6, is a perspective view showing a slightly modified form of display block, and

Fig. 7, is a front view of another slightly modified form of display block.

Similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts throughout the several figures of the drawings.

The reference letter A, indicates my improved display block having a vertical front portion 1, and rear portion 2, and provided with vertical sides 3, 3′, each side terminating at its upper end with an inwardly and upwardly extending shouldered portion 4 forming an extended upright top portion 5. The rear wall of the block is provided with a groove or recess 6 at the central portion thereof, extending vertically throughout the length of said block, said groove or recess being made of a sufficient depth and width to receive any of the ordinary types of watch bracelets now in use, and the bottom of the block is formed with a central groove or recess 7 extending from the front to the rear thereof which is of the same width as the vertical groove or recess 6 and in alinement therewith and adapted to receive the bracelet.

By reference to Fig. 3 of the drawings it

will be seen that I have shown a display block with a watch bracelet mounted thereon, said block being partly inserted into a display box or case 8, and so arranged that when the block is pushed entirely within the said box or case 8, the dial of the watch will be caused to register with the opening 9, and thereby expose the dial of the watch to public view thus making the watch serve the purpose of a miniature clock, since the case or box may be placed on a table, bureau, desk or other desirable place to serve the purpose intended, when the bracelet is not worn on the wrist.

It will be seen that the rear wall 2 of the block slopes or curves slightly inward at the upper portion thereof, and that the vertical recess or groove 6 terminates substantially flush with the upper end of said rear wall, hence when it is desired to remove the bracelet from the block it is simply necessary to push the upper end of the bracelet sidewise over the top portion 5 when it will immediately pass down over the sloping shoulders and the lower portion of the bracelet will drop out of the bottom recess 7 and may be readily removed from the block. When the bracelet is placed in position on the block, such as shown in Fig. 1, it will be retained thereon the recesses or grooves 6 and 7 serving to prevent any lateral movement of the bracelet, but the bracelet may be adjusted longitudinally within the recesses or grooves in order that the watch dial may be caused to properly register with the opening in the display box.

As shown in Fig. 5 of the drawings it will be seen that the block A is covered with a suitable ornamental fabric 10, and the said block is provided on either side, at its central portion with a longitudinal groove 11 extending throughout its length and with grooves 12 in the bottom surface of the block, the said fabric being cemented or otherwise suitably secured to the block within the said grooves 11 and 12 and should there be a slight fullness, looseness or excess of the covering material it may be pressed within the said grooves and suitably secured, thereby giving the surface of the block a smooth, neat and finished appearance.

Fig. 6 of the drawings represents a slight modified form of block B which is adapted to fit into a different construction or style of display box from that shown in Fig. 3.

Fig. 7, of the drawings illustrates another slightly modified form of block C provided with two semi-circular arranged ribs 2′, adapted to form a recess 3″ in the front wall of the block to receive, retain and center the watch in its proper position on the face of the said block.

It will be understood that the watch bracelet, when not worn, may be readily placed on my improved display block for exhibiting or displaying the bracelet in a show case, window or other suitable location, and when desired may be inserted into a display box or case to serve the purpose of a miniature clock either at home or abroad.

It will be perceived that the upper portion of the block is so constructed as to furnish a hand hold for handling or manipulating the block, and if desired the block may be provided with a metallic handle (not shown) secured to the upper portion thereof to facilitate its manipulation.

Slight changes in the precise details of construction herein referred to may be made without departing from the spirit of my invention.

Having thus described my invention what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

A display device for watch bracelets comprising a single solid block having a longitudinal recess in its rear wall, said recess terminating flush with the upper surface of said wall, and a transverse recess in the bottom thereof in alinement with said longitudinal recess, a supporting plain vertical face for the watch and portions of the bracelet, each side wall of the block being curved inwardly and upwardly and terminating in extended shouldered portions and forming a narrow transverse upright top portion, and the said rear wall being curved inwardly at its upper end portion in order to form the block so that the bracelet and watch may be easily removed therefrom, in combination with a display box, said block being adjusted into the box in such position that the watch may readily serve as a miniature clock.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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