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SAFETY WATCH POCKET.

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Fig. 1.

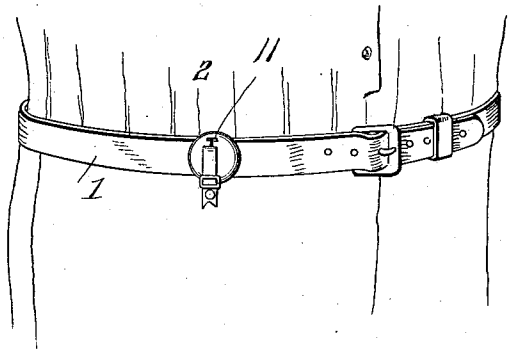


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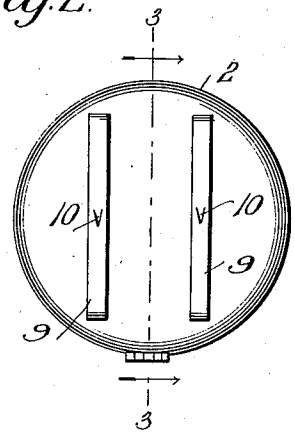


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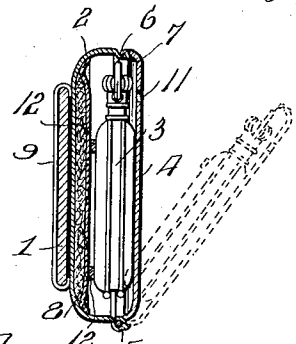
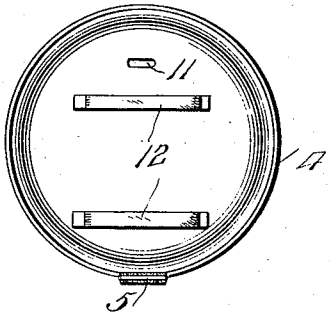


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES E. REDFERN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Providence, in the county of Providence and State of Rhode Island, have invented new and useful Improvements in Safety Watch-Pockets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to safety watch pockets and involves a metallic box or casing formed to receive the watch and to be attached to the belt of the wearer, and has for its objects to provide a comparatively simple, inexpensive device of this character which will insure absolute safety in carrying the watch, one which provides for ready inspection of the time without removing the watch from the receptacle, and one wherein the watch will be securely fastened and cushioned within the receptacle, thus obviating undue movement of and injury to the watch.

With these and other objects in view, the invention comprises the novel features of construction and combination of parts more fully hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of a device embodying the invention and showing the same applied to a belt. Fig. 2 is a rear face view of the receptacle. Fig. 3 is a section taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2 and showing a watch arranged in the receptacle and the latter positioned on the belt. Fig. 4 is an inner face view of the receptacle cover.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates a belt on which is arranged a receptacle 2 designed to receive a watch or other timepiece 3, these parts, with the exception of the receptacle, being of the usual or any preferred construction and material and adapted to perform their ordinary functions.

The receptacle 2 forming the subject matter of the invention is composed of metal or other suitable material and provided with a front lid or cover 4 pivoted at its lower edge, as at 5, to the receptacle and is provided at its upper edge with a spring catch 6 adapted for engagement with the corresponding catch 7 to secure the cover in closed condition.

The casing, which contains a pad 8, composed of soft, yieldable material toward which the face of the watch is disposed, is provided on its rear face with a pair of retaining members or straps 9 through which the belt 1 is passed, there being struck from the retaining straps sharpened spurs or teeth 10 constituting engaging members which bite into the material of the belt for holding the casing against sliding movement thereon, while secured to the inner face of the cover 4, which is provided with a fob receiving slot or opening 11, and a pair of elastic straps or bands 12 adapted for engagement with the watch and constituting retaining members for securing the watch in place on the cover.

In practice, the casing 2 is positioned and secured on the belt by passing the latter through the straps 9, as seen in Fig. 1, and the watch seated beneath the elastic retaining straps 12 for movement with the cover 4, the chain or fob being entered through the opening 11 and engaged with the watch, as usual. In the use of the device, when it is desired to inspect the timepiece, the cover 4 of the receptacle is swung downward carrying the watch with it to the dotted line position seen in Fig. 3, thus exposing the face of the watch to view, the watch being, however, under normal conditions wholly inclosed within the receptacle and the cover of the latter locked through engagement of the spring catches 6 and 7. It is to be particularly observed that owing to the face of the watch being disposed toward the pad 8, the watch will be protected against injury resulting from an accidental blow on the casing, and further, that the bands 12 will securely hold the watch for movement with the cover to permit of the watch being readily removed when desired for winding or other purposes.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

1. In a device of the class described, the combination of a casing provided with a cover hingedly connected with the bottom thereof to swing upwardly and downwardly and provided with an opening adjacent the top, elastic bands attached to the inner face of the cover for yieldingly holding a watch against the cover and in fixed position as the latter swings open, a yieldable cushioning pad arranged in the casing to coöperate with the bands for holding the watch in fixed position when the cover is closed, means for attaching the casing to a garment, and a watch chain or fob extending through the opening of the cover.

2. In a device of the class described, the combination of a casing having a hinged cover, horizontally extending elastic retaining bands attached to the inner face of the cover for supporting a watch on the latter to move therewith, means limiting the opening movement of the cover with a watch supported thereon, a yielding cushioning pad arranged in the casing to coöperate with the bands to hold the watch in fixed position, and vertically extending belt receiving straps secured to the back of the casing.

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

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