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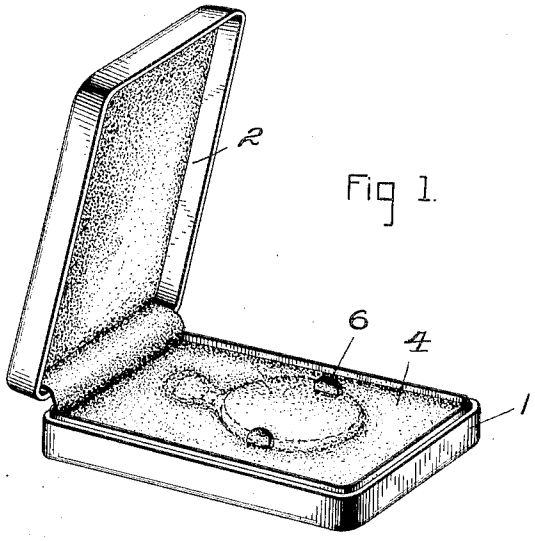


Fig. 1.

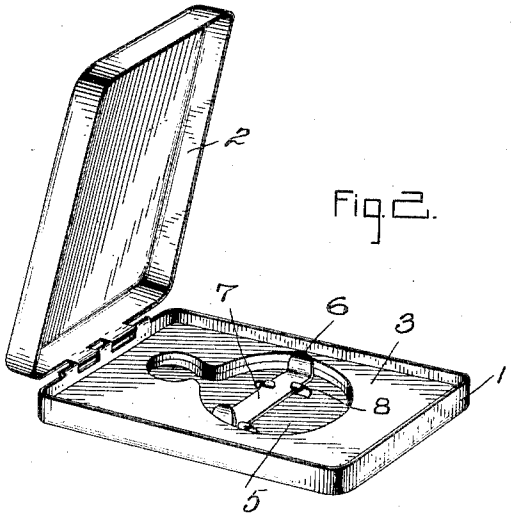


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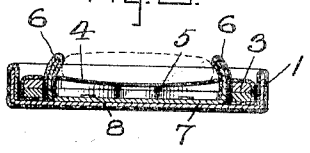


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN R. SUNDEE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Buffalo, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Jewelry-Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates more particularly to the class of boxes used for containing and displaying watches.

In ordinary boxes of this kind, the pad has a well or cavity in which the watch lies loosely, rendering it liable to fall out of the box and to become damaged or broken.

One of the objects of my invention is to provide the box with simple, neat and inexpensive holding means which while reliably retaining the watch in place, will permit its easy removal when desired.

A further object is to so construct and arrange the holding devices that they engage a minimum area or portion of the watch, thus displaying practically the entire face of the watch.

In the accompanying drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of a complete jewelry box containing the invention. Fig. 2 is a similar view, with the pad-covering removed. Fig. 3 is a cross section of the body of the box taken through the watch-holding devices.

Similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several views.

1 indicates the body and 2 the lid of the box which may be of ordinary construction.

3 indicates the body of the pad arranged in the box-body and having the customary covering 4 of velvet or other suitable material. The pad-body may be constructed of one or more layers of paper board or other appropriate material and is cut out to form the usual well or cavity 5 conforming to the watch-case and its stem.

Passing upwardly through slits in the pad-covering 4 and projecting a suitable distance above the latter are yieldable holders, springs or fingers 6; preferably two in number, arranged to grasp the rim or margin of the watch-case at opposite points, as shown by dotted lines in Figs. 1 and 3, so as to hold the watch in the well with sufficient security to prevent its falling out accidentally in opening or otherwise manipulating the box, while at the same time permitting the watch to be withdrawn from the spring-holders by using a little force.

In the preferred construction shown in the drawings, the watch-holders are formed in one piece by bending up the end portions of a strip 7 of spring-brass or other suitable material having the required elasticity. These end portions are preferably curved inwardly to conform approximately to the rim of the watch-case, as shown, and are covered with material of the same kind and color as the pad to render them as inconspicuous as possible and avoid marring of the watch.

The strip or bar 7 with the watch holders 6 is seated upon the bottom of the box-body with the well 5, and in the construction shown, the bar is secured in place by lips 8 stamped out of said bottom and embracing opposite edges of the bar. The bar may however be fastened by any other suitable means, if desired.

In the use of the box, the watch or other object to be displayed is simply pressed or wedged between the holders 6 which spring farther apart to receive it and securely hold it from accidental dislodgment. The watch can be as easily removed from the box by simply pushing or tilting it out of engagement with the holders.

It will be seen from Fig. 1, that when the watch is in place in the box, practically its entire face is exposed or displayed, no part of its rim being covered except the two small spots embraced by the holders 6.

When the improvement is embodied in the simple form illustrated in the drawings, it can be produced and applied to the box at exceedingly small cost.

The invention has the further advantage that owing to the resiliency of the watch-holders, they will accommodate at least two different-sized watches, say for example, the sizes commonly known as numbers 12 and 14, rendering it unnecessary to manufacture separate boxes for every size.

I claim as my invention:

1. A box having a covered pad containing a watch-well, and a bar of resilient material secured within the well, said bar hav-

ing integral upturned end portions extending through the pad-covering and arranged to grasp the rim of a watch.

2. A box having a covered pad containing a watch-well, and a bar of resilient material arranged in the well and secured to the bottom of the box, said bar having integral upturned end-portions extending through the pad-covering and curved to conform to the rim of a watch.

Witness my hand this 27th day of March, 1913.

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