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WATCH HOLDER.
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Fig. 1.

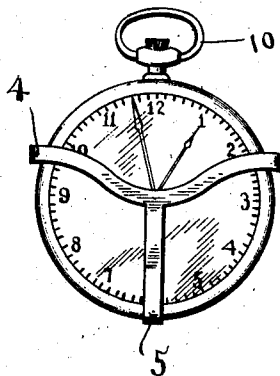


Fig. 3.

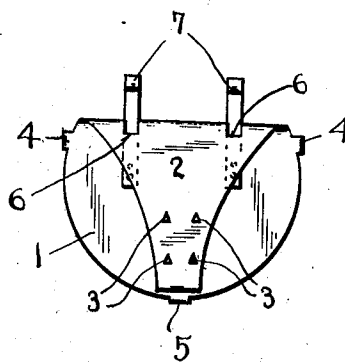


Fig. 2.

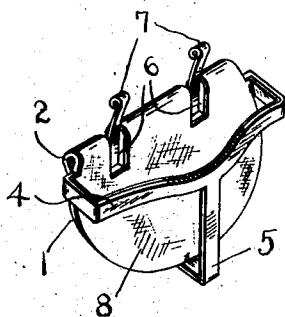


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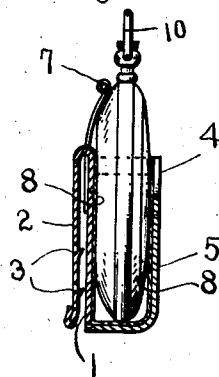
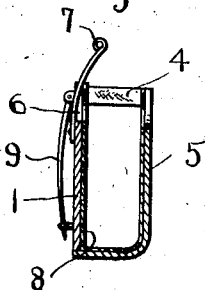


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALVIN H. SUBLETT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Roanoke, in the county of Roanoke and State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Watch-Holders; and I do 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.

This invention relates to improvements in safety watch holders.

One object of the invention is to provide a watch holder of this character having an improved means for preventing the casual removal, the rattling, or the tipping over of the watch, and which is provided with means whereby the same may be attached to a belt or to a garment.

Another object is to provide a safety watch holder which will be simple, strong, durable and inexpensive in construction, efficient and reliable in operation and well adapted to the purpose for which it is designed.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain features of construction, and the combination and arrangement of parts as will be more fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings: Figure 1 is a front view of my improved holder showing a watch arranged therein; Fig. 2 is a front perspective view of the holder with the watch removed; Fig. 3 is a rear view of the holder; Fig. 4 is a central vertical sectional view of the holder with a watch arranged therein; Fig. 5 is a similar view of the holder with the watch removed showing a modified form of attaching mechanism.

My improved holder comprises a back plate 1, which conforms to the size and shape of the watch to be carried in the holder. The back plate is here shown as of segmental or nearly circular form and as having its upper edge bent or rolled over to the rear and extending down in an integral spring attaching tongue 2, which is adapted to be hooked into a belt or other support. The tongue 2 has its lower end turned outwardly to a slight extent and bent back upon itself as shown to facilitate

the engagement thereof with the belt or support. In the tongue are formed a series of inwardly projecting teeth or barbs 3 which grip the belt and prevent the accidental removal of the holder therefrom.

Secured to the back plate 1 is the upper bar 4 of a front T-shaped watch supporting frame, said bar having its ends bent rearwardly at substantially right angles and firmly fastened to the opposite edges of the plate 1 near its upper end as shown. The central portion of the bar is preferably curved downwardly as shown and to the downwardly curved portion is connected the upper end of a centrally disposed bar 5 which has its lower end bent rearwardly and secured to the lower edge of the plate 1. The bar 5 when thus arranged forms the watch supporting member of the frame, and the latter stands parallel with the plate and spaced from the same a sufficient distance to permit the watch to pass between them.

In the bend between the plate 1 and tongue are formed slots 6 through which project watch engaging springs 7 said springs having their lower ends riveted or otherwise firmly secured to the rear side of the plate 1 and their upper ends extending upwardly above the plate and curved forwardly into gripping fingers to fit over or engage the upper edge of the watch. The upper ends of the springs are bent back upon themselves as shown, to facilitate the engagement of the watch therewith.

The gripping fingers are spaced apart a suitable distance to permit the bow or ordinary ring 10 of a watch to be turned down against the watch and between the fingers, and therefore the watch is prevented from shifting its position within the holder, the said fingers yieldingly pressing against the watch below the bow thereof and holding the said watch in contact with the frame, as seen in Fig. 4, whereby the rattling and movement of the watch is prevented when properly positioned within the holder.

If desired the back plate and frame members may be provided with a lining 8 of suitable material to prevent any possibility of the holder scratching the watch. This lining 8 however, is not essential, and may be dispensed with if desired.

In Fig. 5 of the drawing, the holder is

shown as being provided with a pin 9 to take the place of the tongue 2 for fastening the holder to a garment.

5 The holder may be formed of any suitable metal and constructed plain or ornamental as desired.

10 From the foregoing description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction and operation of the invention will be readily understood without requiring a more extended explanation.

15 Various changes in the form, proportion and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention defined and claimed.

Having thus described and ascertained the nature of my invention, what I claim as new is:

20 The herein described watch holder comprising an upright back plate bent over at its upper edge into a depending tongue of

less width than the plate and having slots through its bend, barbs on the tongue projecting toward the back plate and upward toward the bend, curved parallel disposed leaf springs secured to the rear surface of the back plate with their bodies projecting freely through said slots and their upper ends deflected forward into gripping fingers spaced apart from each other for freely receiving the ring of the watch when the same is turned in contact with the watch and a T-shaped frame spaced from the front of said plate and standing parallel therewith, its three extremities being bent backward and secured to the plate.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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