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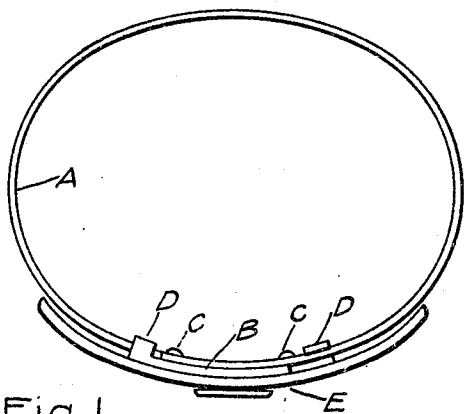


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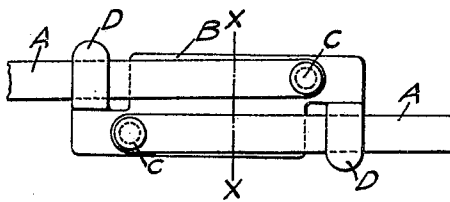


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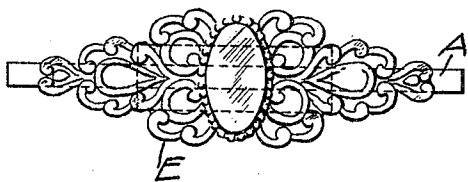


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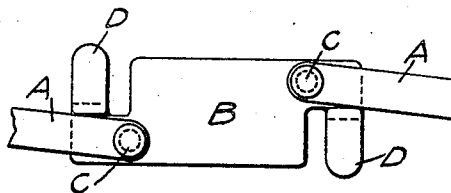


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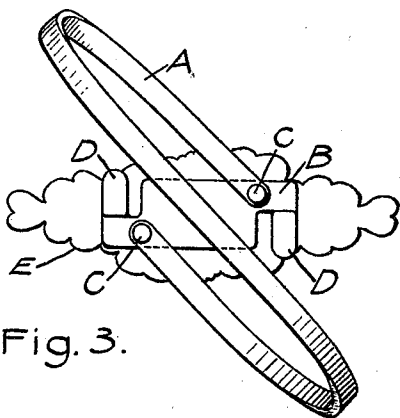


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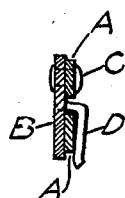


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROY W. INMAN, of Attleboro, county of Bristol, State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bracelets; and I do hereby declare the following specification, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, forming a part of the same, to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to that class of bracelets having overlapping ends connected by a link hinged or joined thereto which allows the bracelet to be extended for the reception of the hand and to contract to fit the wrist.

The object of my invention is to provide a bracelet of this class with means for locking the bracelet in its contracted position and for limiting the movement of the bracelet in its extended position.

To these ends my invention consists in the novel construction and arrangement of the parts hereinafter set forth and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation of my improved bracelet in closed position. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same. Fig. 3 is a bottom view of the same, partly open. Fig. 4 is a plan view of the link, showing the ends of the bracelet in closed position. Fig. 5 is a plan view of the same, showing the ends of the bracelet in open or extended position; and Fig. 6 is a section on the line *x x*, Fig. 4.

A represents the band or wrist-encircling portion of the bracelet, and B a link which connects the ends of the band A, each end of said band being secured to the link by means of the pins or studs C, which are preferably located on each side of the longitudinal axis of said link, so that said link will lie parallel with the ends of band A when the bracelet is in closed position.

The link B is provided at or near each end thereof with the tongues D, which are raised from the body portion of said link, as shown in Fig. 6, so as to allow the band A to pass under them. The tongues D are preferably constructed so that the space between their free ends and the body portion of the link B is less than the thickness of the band A, so that when said band passes beneath the tongues D a spring action will be set up in said tongues, causing them to act as catches

to hold the bracelet in closed position. The tongues D being raised from the body portion of the link B, the end portions of the band A will engage the backs of said tongues when the bracelet is in open position, as shown in Fig. 5. Thus the tongues D act as stops for limiting the movement of the band A to open position and preventing the movement of said band in the wrong direction in closing. It will be seen that the tongues D not only hold or lock the bracelet in closed position, but they also hold each of the overlapping end portions of the band A in engagement with the link B at both ends thereof and in proper relation to each other to produce a symmetrical and uniform contour at this point. While I have shown the tongues D at each end of the link B, it is perfectly apparent that said tongues may be adjacent the ends or more than one tongue may be employed for each end portion without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention. Any desired ornamental mounting E may be secured to the link B, or the link itself may be in the form of an ornamental design.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A bracelet having overlapping ends connected by a link hinged thereto, and means for holding each overlapping end portion in engagement with both ends of said link, substantially as described.

2. A bracelet having overlapping ends connected by a link hinged thereto, said link being provided with means for holding each overlapping end portion in engagement with the link at the end opposite to the hinge, substantially as described.

3. A bracelet having overlapping ends connected by a link hinged thereto, said link being provided with spring-tongues adapted to be engaged by the overlapping end portions and to hold the same in closed position, substantially as described.

4. A bracelet having overlapping ends connected by a link hinged thereto, said link being provided with a stop for limiting the movement of said bracelet to extended position, substantially as described.

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