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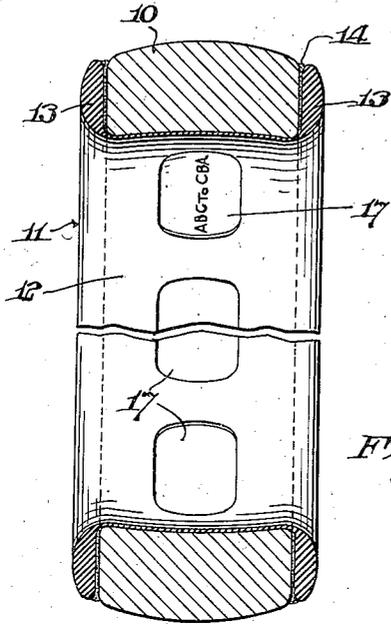


Fig. 1.

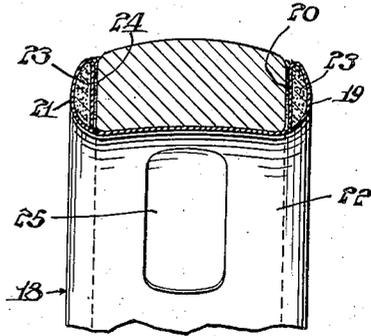


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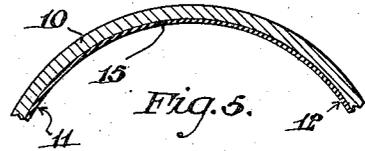


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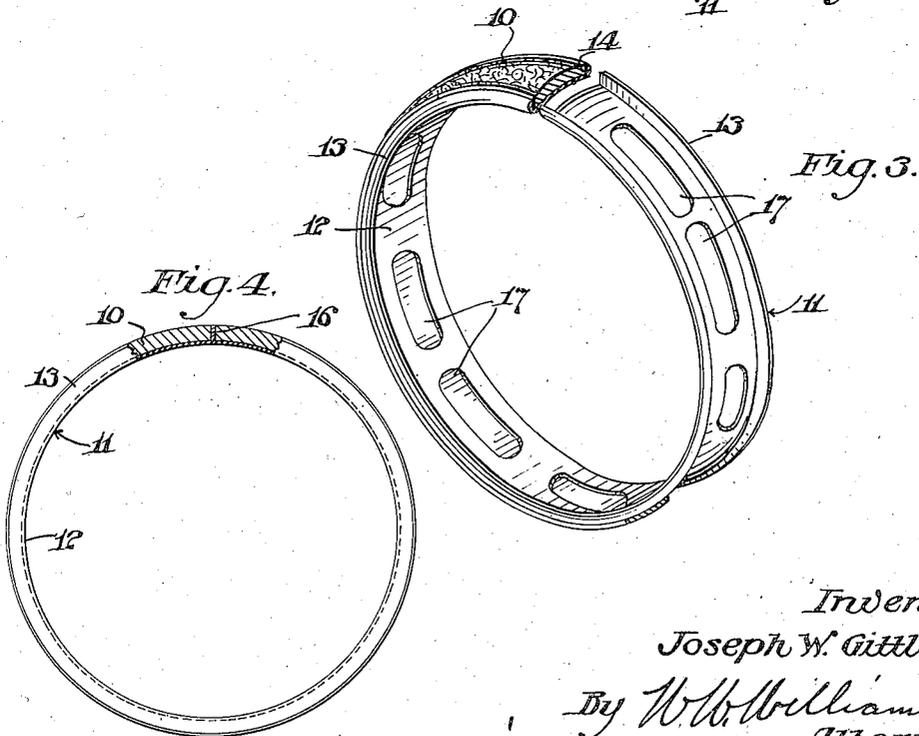


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My invention relates to a new and useful mourning band attachment for wedding rings and has for one of its objects the provision of a means to be attached to a wedding ring so that the entire assembly may be worn as a symbol of mourning.

Another object of the invention is to provide a unique structure of this character which may be readily attached to a person's wedding ring, the latter being enlarged where necessary to provide for the space to be occupied by the connecting web of the two flange bands.

A further object of the invention is to provide a mourning band attachment in the form of a split ring constituting the two flange bands and the connecting web whereby the mourning band as a whole may be contracted and fitted into a wedding ring and thereafter fixed to the wedding ring and the ends of the mourning band joined if found desirable.

Another object of the invention is to construct a mourning band attachment in the form of an endless ring including the web and the two flange bands on which the wedding ring will be mounted by first splitting the latter, assembling it on the mourning band attachment and then adding the necessary additional metal to fill the space between the ends of the split wedding ring.

A further object of the invention is to provide a mourning band attachment in which the web and flange bands are fashioned from a sheet of suitable material and provide a filler between adjacent portions of the sheet material forming the flange bands or making said flange bands solid and integral with the web.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a mourning band attachment of the character described having apertures in the web thereof so that any matter delineated, depicted or engraved on the inside of the wedding ring will remain visible.

With the above and other objects in view, this invention consists of the details of construction and combination of elements hereinafter set forth and then designated by the claims.

In order that those skilled in the art to which this invention appertains may understand how to make and use the same, I will describe a number of forms of construction, referring by numerals to the accompanying drawing, in which:

Fig. 1 is a broken sectional view of a mourning band attachment for wedding rings, illustrated as assembled with a wedding ring.

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary sectional view of an

assembled ring and mourning band attachment, illustrating a modified form of the invention.

Fig. 3 is a broken perspective view of the assembled mourning band attachment and wedding ring, a portion of the latter being broken away to more clearly illustrate details of construction.

Fig. 4 is an edge view thereof having parts broken away and shown in section to illustrate the finished article.

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary sectional view showing another form of the invention.

In carrying out my invention as herein embodied, (particular reference being first had to Figs. 1, 3 and 5,) represents a wedding ring of material such as gold, silver, platinum or similar material and of any ordinary, well known or conventional configuration, since the style of the wedding ring does not in itself enter into the invention.

As there is considerable sentiment attached to a person's wedding ring, it is often desirable in some way to symbolize on the wedding ring that the wearer is in mourning for the donor of the ring. To this end, I have found that placing two relatively narrow black bands at the sides of the wedding ring will accomplish the desired purpose.

In one form of the invention I provide a mourning band attachment comprising a web imposed on the inside of the wedding ring and form two flange bands with the web which are to be against the sides of the wedding ring, the whole attachment being secured in place by a suitable adhesive or equivalent, so that the wedding ring and the mourning band attachment become a unitary structure. Said mourning band attachment may be in the form of a split ring so that said attachment can be contracted and assembled on the wedding ring as will be obvious. After the attachment has been assembled on the ring the ends of said attachment may be joined as indicated at in Fig. 5. If the wearer's finger has become thinner it will be unnecessary to change the size of the wedding ring, as the web of the attachment is relatively thin, but where the ring with the attachment thereon cannot be worn by the original wearer, then it will be necessary to enlarge the wedding ring by first splitting the same transversely and adding the necessary amount of metal to again complete the wedding ring as shown in Fig. 4.

The wedding band attachment is to be produced from any suitable black material such as black metal, black enamel, black onyx or the

like. In the web of the mourning band attachment may be formed any desirable number of apertures 17 in order to leave portions of the inner surface of the ring visible whereby any matter depicted or engraved thereon can be viewed at all times when the ring is removed from the finger.

In Fig. 4 the idea to be conveyed is that the mourning band attachment is of solid or endless ring construction and the wedding ring is split and assembled thereon and the spaces between the ends then filled up the same as previously mentioned.

In the modification shown in Fig. 2 the mourning band attachment 18 is made from suitable black sheet material and the sides fashioned into a return bend to provide outer walls 19 and inner walls 20 of the flange bands 21 which are connected with the web 22. In order to prevent the flange bands from being dented or otherwise damaged, the spaces between the walls 19 and 20 have a filler 23 therein.

After the mourning band attachment is assembled on the ring in any of the several ways previously described, said mourning band attachment and wedding ring are fixed together by a suitable adhesive 24. This form of mourning band attachment may also have apertures 25 formed in the web 22 for the same purpose as the apertures previously described.

In actual practice, the adhesive for connecting the mourning band attachment to the wedding ring should also be black and should fill up any spaces between the attachment and the wedding ring in order to form an unbroken surface which would be caused by any engravings or irregularities along the edges of the wedding ring.

From the foregoing it will be obvious that I have provided an exceedingly simple and effective attachment for wedding rings which will symbolize that the wearer is in mourning for the donor of the ring and the wedding ring will be practically unmarred.

Of course I do not wish to be limited to the exact details of construction herein shown and described as these may be varied within the scope of the appended claims without departing from the spirit of my invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and useful is:

1. The combination with a wedding ring of a mourning band attachment comprising a transversely split circlet of black material and including a web and flange bands, said circlet being assembled on the wedding ring by contracting the circlet and fitting it into the ring, and an adhesive between the sides of the ring and the flange bands.

2. A wedding ring mourning band attachment of black sheet material fashioned to provide a split circlet and including a web and outwardly projecting flange bands, each flange band having laterally spaced walls, and a filler between said laterally spaced walls of each flange band.

3. A mourning band attachment for wedding rings comprising a black transversely split circlet and including a web and outwardly projecting flange bands, said circlet being contractable so the web may be fitted to the interior of a ring with the flange bands lying along the sides of the ring.

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