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Fig. 1.

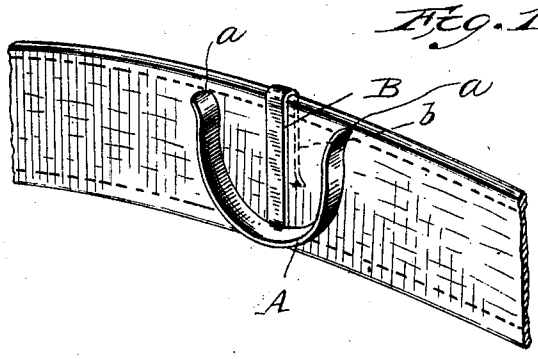


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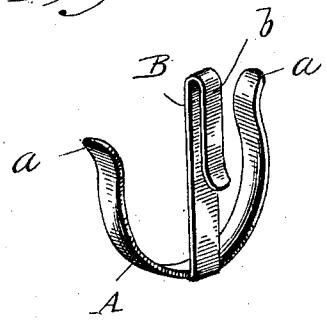


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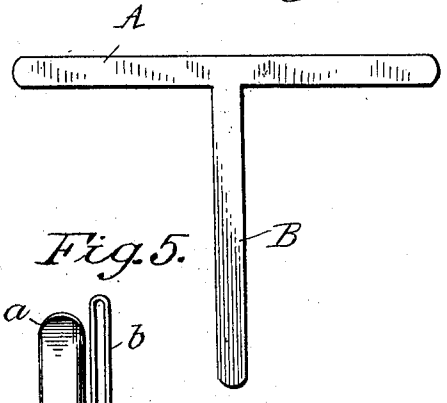


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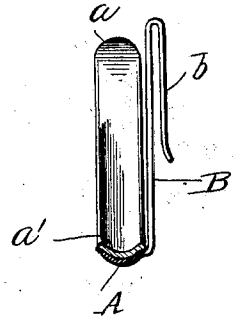
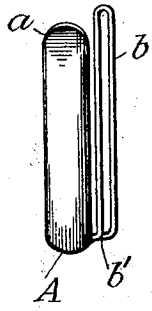


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN E. WALSH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Safety Watch-Supports, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact specification.

This invention relates to devices for attachment to the apparel for the purpose of securely supporting a watch.

It is quite a common custom for ladies to carry a watch by slipping it between a belt and the garment, and much annoyance has been caused by the watch slipping or working down, thus occasioning danger of loss.

One object of this invention is to provide a watch support or carrier that may be instantly attached to a belt or waistband and effectually prevent a watch supported thereby from slipping below the belt or waistband.

With this and other objects in view the invention consists of a skeleton carrier having a hook or its equivalent for ready attachment to a belt or the like and a half-circular flange or ledge, concaved transversely, in which a watch may rest.

In the accompanying drawings, wherein similar letters of reference are used to indicate corresponding parts in each of the several views, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a portion of a belt having my support in position thereon. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the support detached from the belt. Fig. 3 illustrates a blank of thin metal from which the carrier is formed. Fig. 4 is a vertical section showing the lining of the flange or ledge, and Fig. 5 is a side elevation of a modification.

In constructing this watch support or carrier I provide a T-shaped blank of some light resilient metal, the head or cross-bar A of which is slightly concaved cross-sectionally, as shown in Fig. 4, in any suitable press and the bar bent in semicircular form, as shown, to conform to the contour of the periphery of a watch. For the sake of greater security I prefer to make the bar A of such length that the supporting flange or ledge will extend somewhat beyond the horizontal diameter of the watch it is designed to hold in order that the free ends of said flange must be sprung slightly apart to insert or withdraw the watch, the extreme ends *a* of the flange being curved outward, as shown, to constitute a flaring guideway to facilitate the insertion of a watch.

The shank B of the blank is bent at its junction with the bar A at right angles thereto, the free end being bent upon itself to form a hook *b* for engagement with a belt or waistband, the extreme end being curved outward slightly to afford greater ease in slipping it over a belt or band. In practice the flange or ledge is to be surfaced with felt or chamois, as indicated at *a'*, Fig. 4, and I prefer also to line the inner surface of the shank B with the same material to prevent scratching the back of a watchcase inserted therein.

The support may of course be highly ornamented by embossing or otherwise and may be made of a precious metal or of a base metal and plated or enameled to give the desired ornamental appearance.

A support such as shown may be made at very small cost, where desired, is quickly attached to a belt or the like, and effectually fulfils the function for which it is intended.

As shown in Fig. 5, the shank B is somewhat longer than in the forms shown in the others figures, and instead of simply forming a hook *b* is bent inwardly at its lower end and soldered or otherwise secured, as at *b'*, thereby forming a loop which readily admits of the passage of a ribbon, belt, or other similar article of wearing-apparel.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

A watch-support comprising a long arm, and a plurality of short arms connected thereto, the long arm bent to form attaching means adapted to engage a belt and the short arms curved upwardly and inwardly to engage the periphery of a watch, and curved transversely throughout that portion that contacts with the watch, whereby the latter is supported against both vertical and lateral displacement.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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