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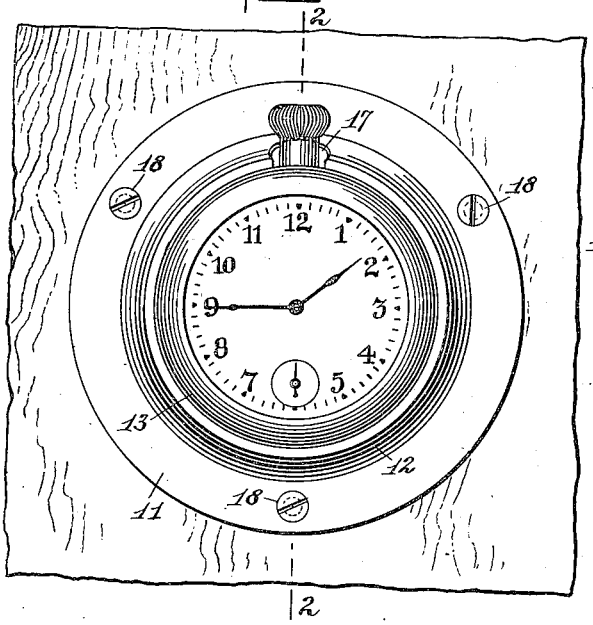

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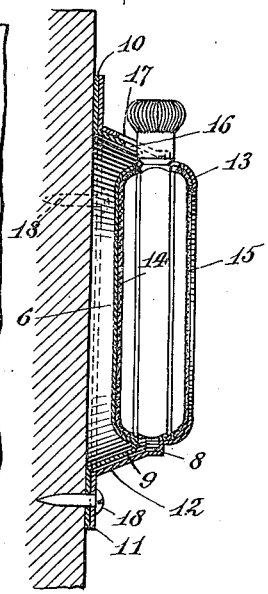

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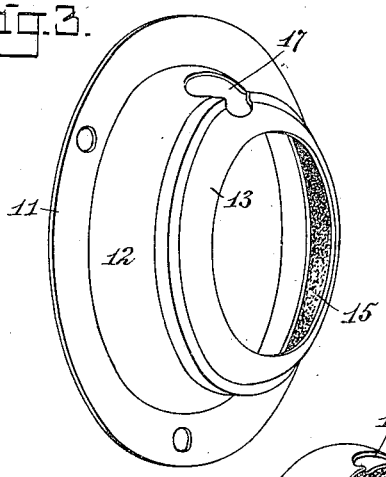

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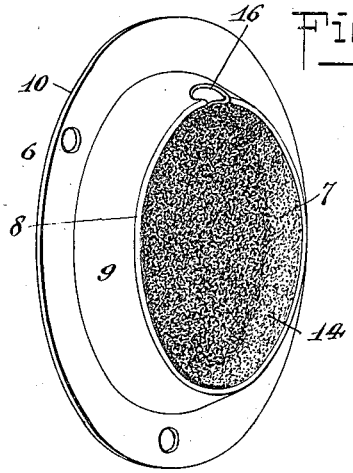

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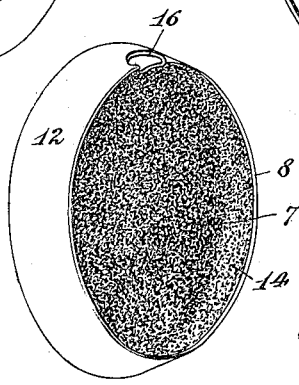

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALEXANDER MILNE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have made and invented certain new and useful Improvements in Watch-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to watch holding or supporting devices designed especially for use with an automobile or similar vehicle, for the purpose of supporting a watch in a position such that it may be readily seen by the operator, although my improved supporting device may be used to support a watch in any place where it is desirable to accomplish that end.

The object of my invention is to provide an improved watch supporting device in which the watch will be supported in such a way that it cannot be removed therefrom, whereby security against theft is secured, as the watch cannot be removed from the holder except after what would amount to a complete disassembling of the parts of the device whereby the watch is supported, which is an operation difficult to perform and one which would not ordinarily be attempted.

A further object of my invention is to provide a watch holding device made up of two parts, each formed from a single piece of sheet metal by suitable die-shaping or equivalent operations; the holder being formed entirely from the two casing sections referred to, and the same having no auxiliary parts or elements separate therefrom but secured to and forming a part thereof.

A further object of my invention is to provide a watch holding device made from two pieces of sheet metal properly shaped as above referred to and in which the watch when in place in the holder will be held in front of the dash board of the vehicle, or other structure whereby the watch is supported, a distance such that the watch may be readily wound or set in the manner in which those ends are ordinarily accomplished in an ordinary stem-winding watch.

With the above and other objects in view, my invention consists in the improved watch holding device illustrated in the accompanying drawing and hereinafter described and claimed, and in such variations and modifications thereof as will be obvious to those skilled in the art to which my invention relates.

In the drawing accompanying and forming a part of this specification and wherein the preferred embodiment of my invention is illustrated:

Figure 1 is a view showing my improved watch-holding device in elevation, and secured to a suitable support;

Fig. 2 is a view showing a section upon a plane indicated by the line 2—2, Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a view showing the cover portion of my improved watch holding device in perspective;

Fig. 4 is a view showing the base portion thereof also in perspective; and

Fig. 5 is a view showing a slightly modified form of base.

Referring now to the drawing, the base portion or section of my improved watch holding device is shown in Fig. 4, the same being formed from a single piece of sheet metal by suitable die shaping, spinning, or other well known processes in common use in shaping sheet metal articles.

The base portion or section above referred to comprises a front end wall 6 of dished or cup-shape form, whereby a watch-receiving cavity indicated by the reference numeral 7, Fig. 4. is provided; the form of such cavity being substantially the same as the form of the rear half of a watch case, although it will be appreciated that the shape of the cavity does not have to be in exact conformity with that of the watch case, the holder being of course capable of use with any kind of a watch the size of which is such that it may be held in place therein, the outline of the watch not necessarily being such that contact occurs between the entire area thereof and the cavity or recess in which it is held.

Extending rearwardly from the front end or rim 8 of the base is a conical portion designated by the reference numeral 9 the depth or height of which is such that a watch supported within the cavity 7 will be held out and in front of the support to which the watch is secured a distance such that the watch may be readily wound and set, as will be understood from Fig. 2. As will also be understood from this figure the conical portion extends to the surface of the support to which the holder is secured, and is there preferably provided with a periph-

erally extending flange indicated by the reference numeral 10, Fig. 4.

Fig. 3 shows the cover portion or section of my improved watch holding device, the same being also made from a single piece of sheet metal by suitable shaping operations performed thereupon. This cover portion is provided with a peripherally extending flange 11 which overlies and rests upon the flange 10 of the base when the parts are assembled and secured to a suitable support, as indicated in Fig. 2. Said cover is also provided with a forwardly extending conical portion 12 which incloses and is of substantially the same size and form as the conical portion 9 of the base above referred to, so that the two conical portions are in contact, or substantial contact, when the holder is assembled and secured to a suitable support; although it will be appreciated that there may be a slight space between the two in order to make sure that the parts will go together properly. The operation of the holder, however, is in no way dependent upon a space between the conical portions of the casing sections thereof above referred to.

The outer or forward end of the cover portion or section is provided with an inwardly turned bezel engaging ring 13, of a form corresponding approximately with the bezel of a watch, and which ring is adapted to engage the watch and thereby hold it in place within the holder.

The watch receiving cavity 7 and the interior of the bezel engaging ring 13 are preferably lined with cloth or other material to thereby provide a slight cushioning effect, and to hold the watch in place without a metal to metal contact between the interior of the holder and the casing of the watch, as indicated by the reference numerals 14, 15; and the conical portions of the base and of the cover are cut away, as indicated at 16, 17, to thereby provide an opening through which the stem of the watch extends.

In view of the premises it will be appreciated that when the base and cover portions of the holder are assembled in the manner shown in Figs. 1 and 2, with their peripheral base flanges in contact, the holder as a whole may be secured to a suitable support by means of screws 18; and it will be appreciated that while the watch may be wound and set while it remains in position within the holder, it is impossible to remove the same from the holder without removing the fastening screws. This provides a holder which is practically secure against theft of the watch, as the same may be removed only by disassembling the holder by removing the holding screws.

It will be appreciated that the peripherally extending base flange 11 of the cover portion of the holder lies in substantially the same plane as the rear end of the base portion and overlies a similar peripherally extending flange of the base, in the form of my invention illustrated in Figs. 2, 3 and 4. The flange of the base, however, may be omitted should it be deemed desirable to do so, and Fig. 5 shows a form of base section in which the flange is in fact not present. This form of base may obviously be used and assembled with the same cover as the form of base shown in Fig. 4; the meeting conical portions of the two sections serving to hold the base in proper relation with the cover and the watch in place notwithstanding the absence of a flange at the rear end of the base.

This last-mentioned form of my invention will be equally secure against surreptitious removal of the watch as the form first described, as the base will be entirely inclosed in the cover section, and the cover section will be held to a dash board or other support by screws in precisely the same manner as indicated in Figs. 1 and 2; there being in this last-mentioned case, however, no flange of the base lying between the flange of the cover and the support to which the holder is secured. It will be appreciated that while in the above description I have referred to screws for holding the watch holder to a dash or instrument supporting board of the vehicle, bolts, and in fact any suitable type of fastening members, may be used; the particular fastening members employed being chosen with a view to providing securing means which will offer as great security against removal as possible, in order to more effectively guard against theft of the watch.

Having thus described and explained my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. A watch holder composed of a base and a cover, the base being formed with a front wall curved to conform to the back of a watch, a rearwardly extending rim connected to said front wall and adapted to hold a watch spaced away from a supporting surface, the said cover being formed with a front wall curved to conform to the front of a watch and provided with an opening therein to render the watch visible, a rearwardly extending rim connected to the front wall, and an annular flange connected to the rear of said rim, the rim of the cover being provided with an opening for the passage of a watch stem therethrough, the front walls of the said cover and base forming a watch-receiving receptacle with the said rims spacing said watch-receiving receptacle away from the supporting surface, the annular flange of said cover being arranged for securement to a supporting surface.

2. A watch holder composed of a base

and a cover, the base being formed with a front wall curved to conform to the back of a watch, a rearwardly extending conical portion connected to said front wall, an annular flange connected to said conical portion, said cover being formed with a front wall curved to conform to the front of a watch and provided with an opening therein to render the watch which is therebehind visible, a rearwardly extending conical portion connected to the said front wall provided with an opening therein for the passage of a watch stem therethrough, and an annular flange connected to said conical portion adapted to overlie the annular flange of the base, the front walls of said cover and base forming a watch-receiving receptacle, the said conical portions spacing the said watch-receiving receptacle beyond the plane of the said annular flange, the said annular flanges being arranged for securement to a supporting surface.

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