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WATCH CASE.

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Fig. 1.

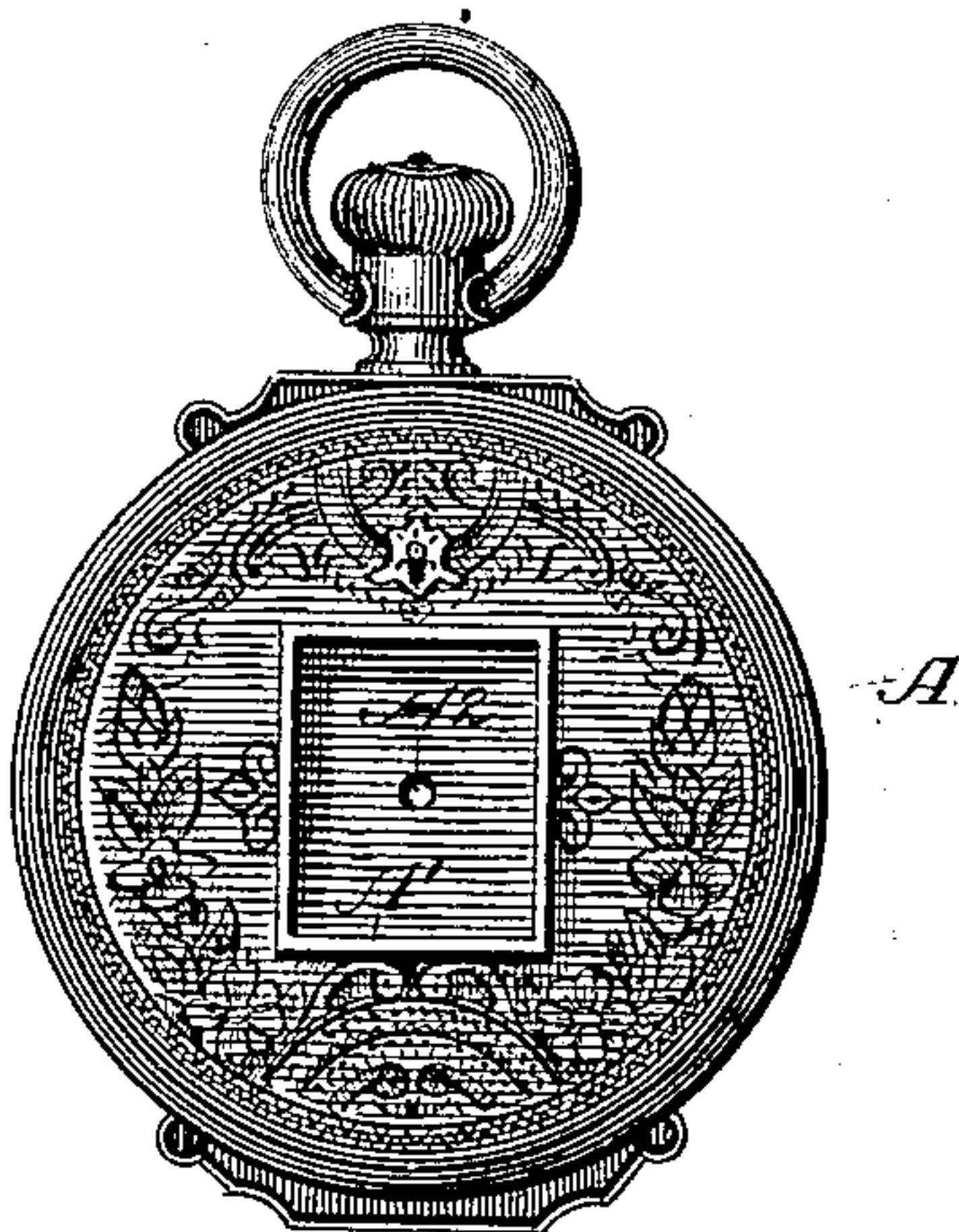


Fig. 2.

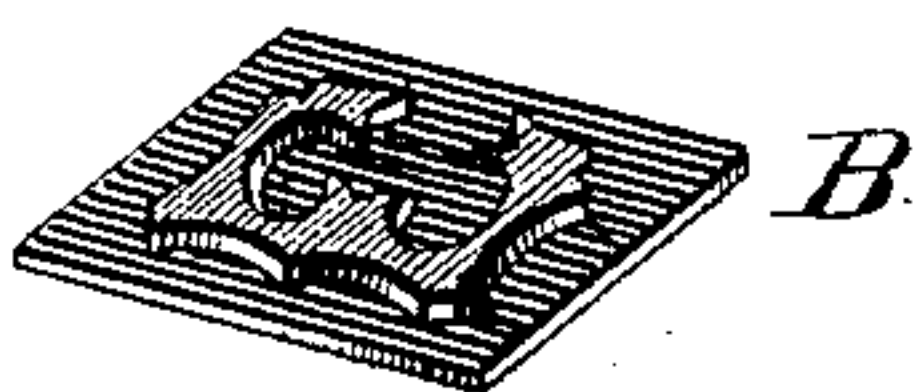
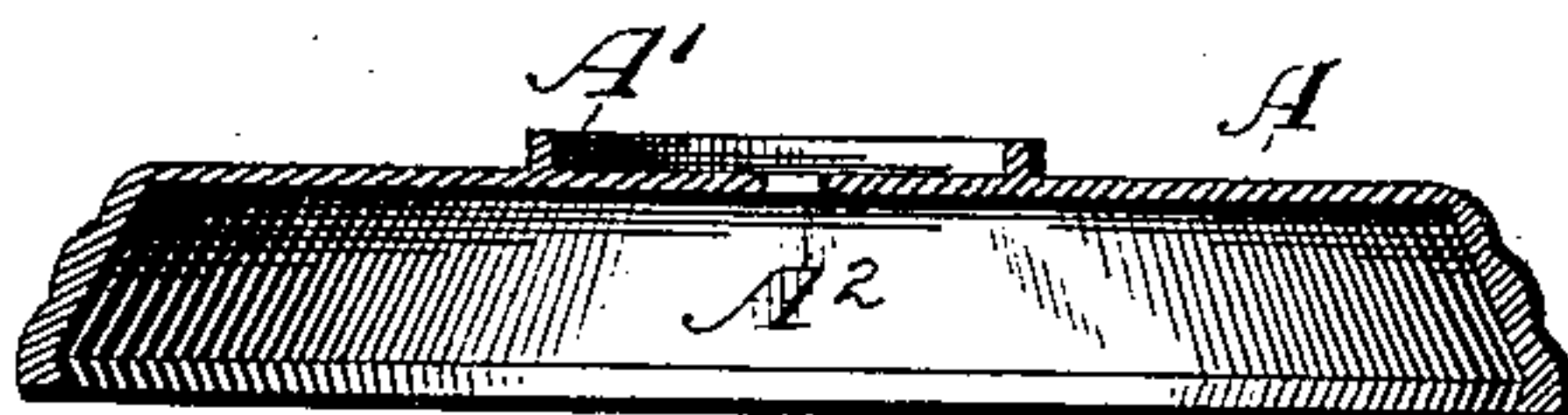


Fig. 3.



Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWIN HAAS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Watch-Cases, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

This invention has relation to watch and 10
locket cases; and it consists in the construction of such articles as hereinafter described, whereby they are adapted to receive, retain, and permit the interchange of removable monogram, initial, design, and other ornamental 15
plates.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a plan of a watch-case constructed in accordance with my invention; Fig. 2, a perspective of an initial-plate; Fig. 3, a plan of the interchangeable design-plate, or of the reverse side of an initial-plate; and Fig. 4 is a vertical section of the outer cap of the case.

Like letters indicate like parts in all the figures.

25 A represents a watch-case, one of the outer caps of which is provided with an inner bezel or recess, A', which bezel or recess may be of any desired configuration, and at any point on the cap, as is desired—that is, either eccentric or central—to accord with the general design of the ornamentation of the cap.

30 B represents a plate of the same configuration as the recess A', which plate has engraved thereon any desired design, initial letter, monogram, &c., and which may be either flush with the surface of the case or cap, and provided with raised designs, or, said plate may be of sufficient thickness to project above the surface of the case, and the designs cut in the same as 40
desired. The removable plate B may bear any initial, monogram, coat of arms, or other design, either in relief or intaglio, and either ornamented or set with precious stones, or plain, and a companion-plate bearing another design conforming to that of the general ornamentation of the cap is preferably furnished with the case, for a purpose hereinafter mentioned. The removable plate may be secured 45
within the bezel or recess by screws, or by burring the edge of the bezel thereon, or in any other desired or well-known manner which will permit of its easy removal.

I am aware that removable plates have been used in campaign-badges, buttons, &c., and do not, therefore, claim such, broadly, as of my 55
invention; but in such cases the purpose has been to permanently retain the removable plate when once in place, whereas in my invention the interchangeable plates accompany the cases, and my construction of the case or 60
cap thereof for the purposes in view is novel.

I am also aware that the central portion of an inside cap of a watch-case has been entirely removed for the purpose of saving material and to receive portraits or pictures, and 65
do not claim such construction as of my invention.

The advantages arising from my invention will be seen and appreciated in that jewelers instead of being forced to carry a large stock 70
of initial-cases need only one, and any number of plates desired, so that any initial may be placed in the bezel or recess A', and should the owner wish to dispose of a watch it would reduce the commercial value 75
of the article should his name or initial be engraved thereon; but with my invention it would rather enhance the value to remove the initial or monogram and substitute therefor the companion plate in proper design, as described. 80
It will also be seen that silver cases may be provided with gold designs or initial-plates, or the plate may be made of different materials, and, if desired, may have enameled initials thereon. A hole, A², is shown in the cap 85
which may be used or not, for the purpose of forcing the plate out of the bezel in order to substitute another plate or for a soldering-hole.

The removable plate B may have upon one face an initial, and upon the back of the same, 90
as shown in Fig. 3, a design conforming to the general design of the cap, so that a single plate serves as an initial and a design plate.

Having described my invention and its operation, what I claim is— 95

1. As a new article of manufacture, a watch-case, an outer cap of which is provided with an independent bezel or recess, of any desired configuration, adapted to receive interchangeable and removable design-plates, substantially 100
as specified.

2. The combination, in a watch-case, of an outer cap having an independent bezel of any desired configuration, as A', and a removable

plate, as B, bearing a design, initial, or monogram, substantially as specified.

3. The combination, with the outer cap of a watch-case, of a removable initial-plate having
5 a design upon its back conforming to the general design of the cap, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature
in presence of two witnesses.

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