

Feb. 6, 1951

W. H. ADAMS

2,540,501

WATCH HOLDER

Filed Aug. 8, 1949

Fig. 1.

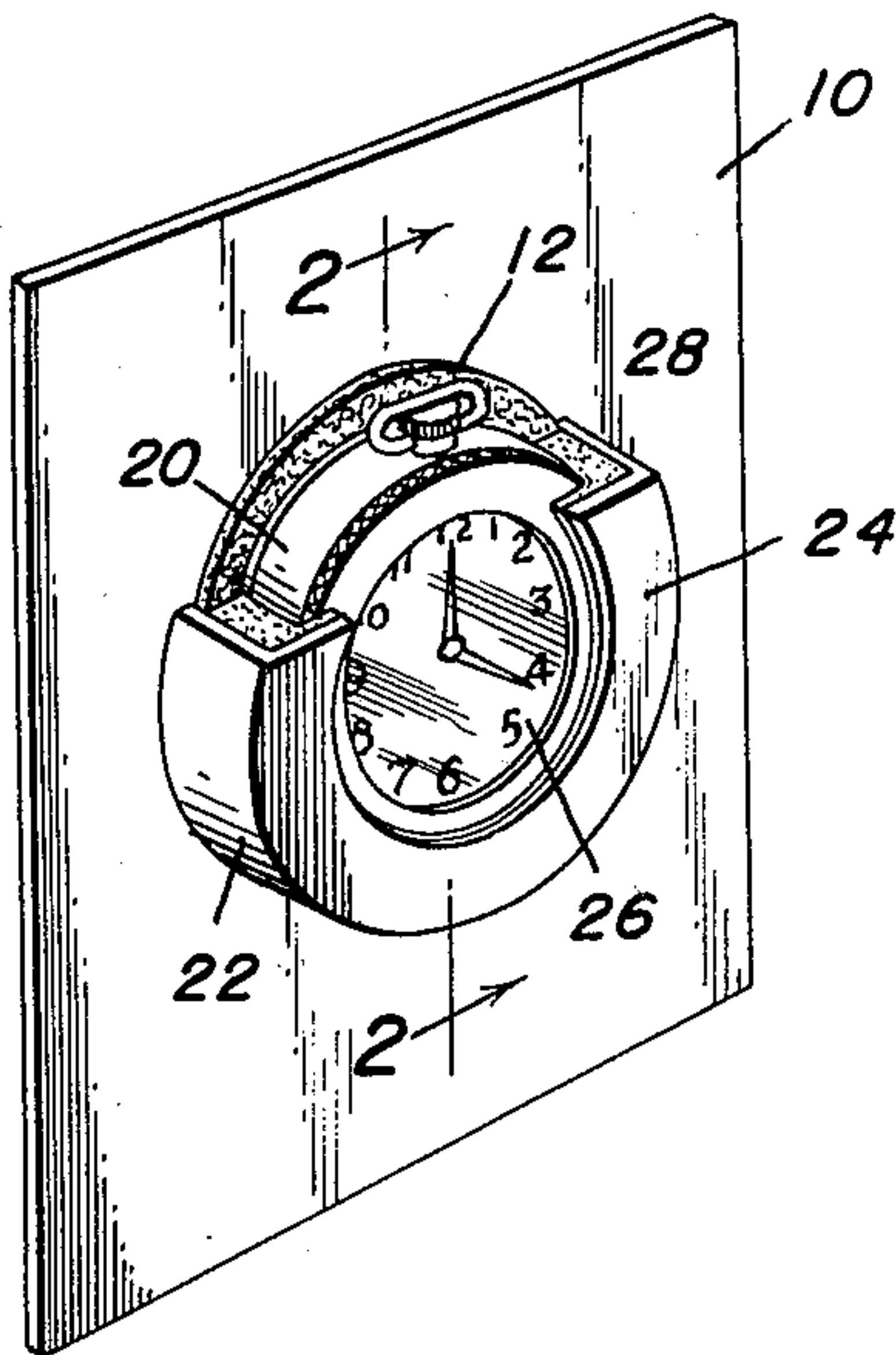


Fig. 2.

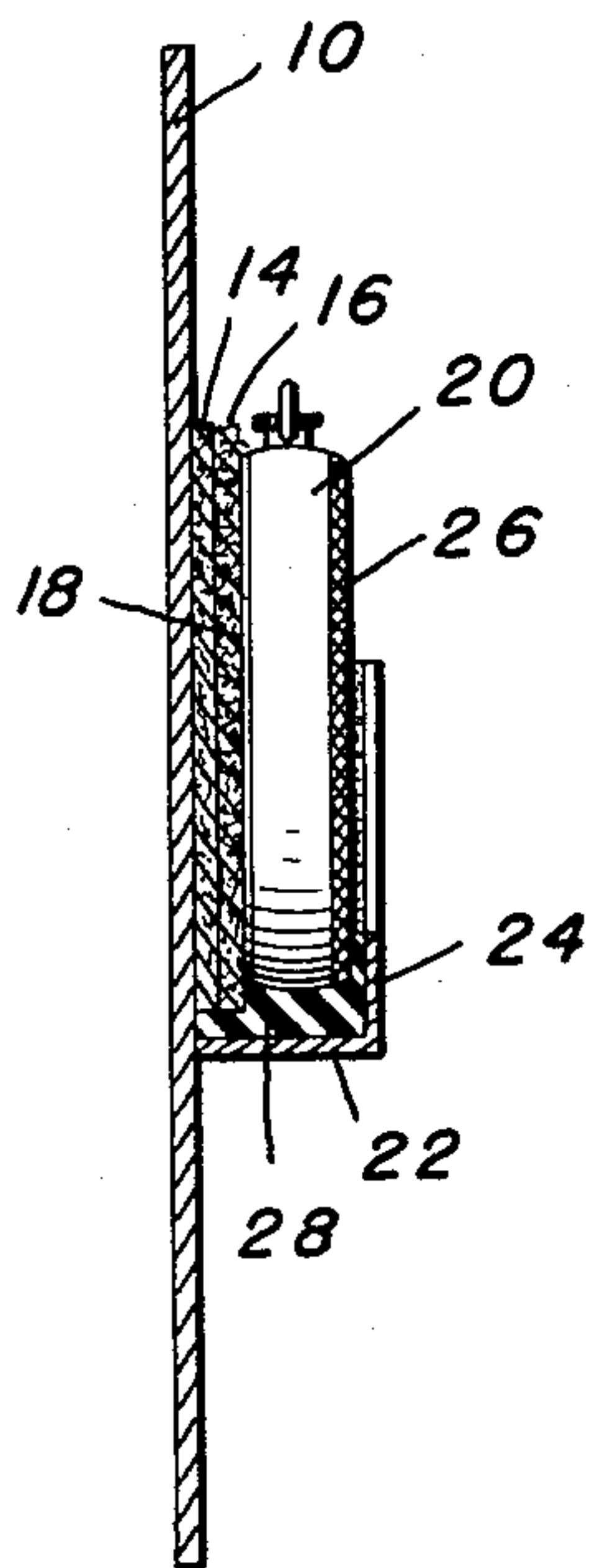
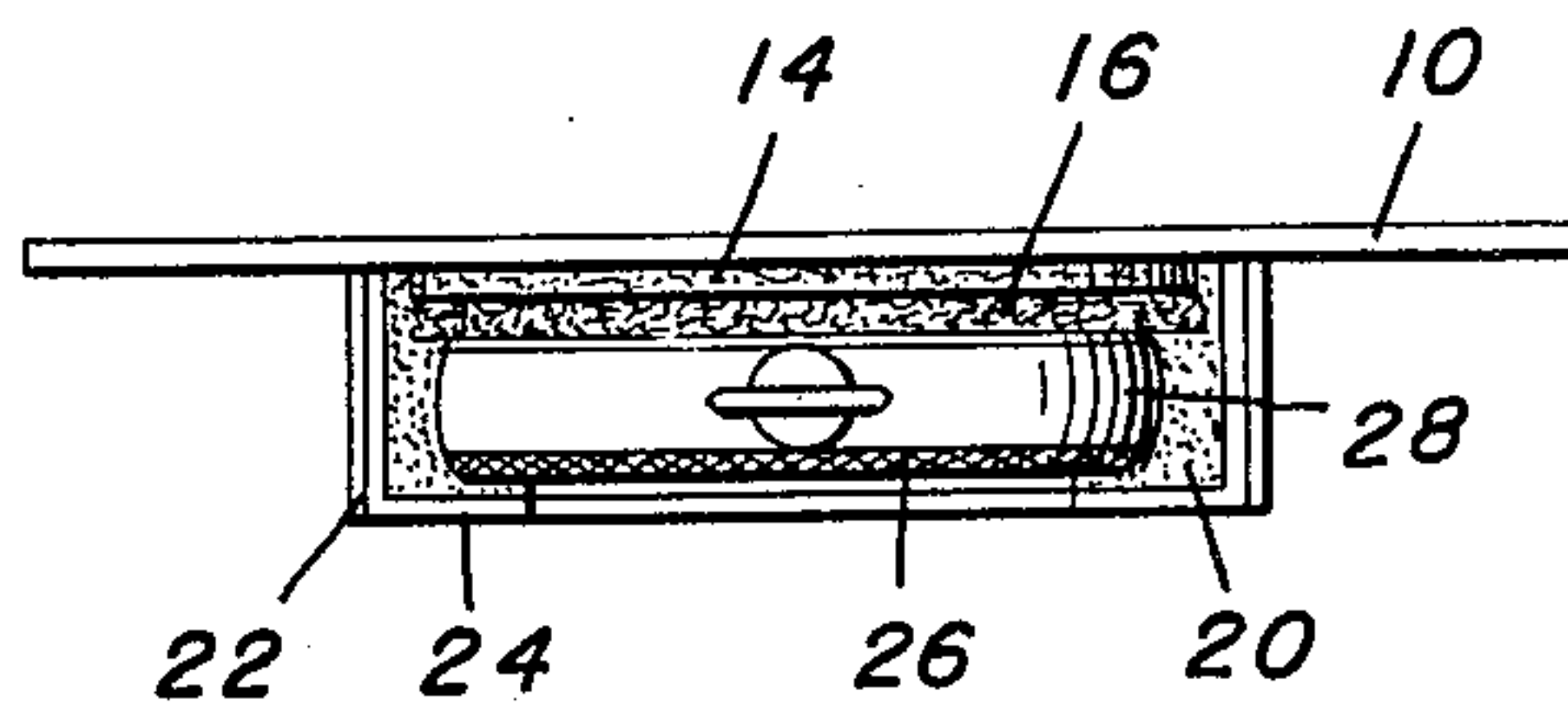


Fig. 3.



Walton H. Adams
INVENTOR.

BY *Alma A. O'Brien*
and Harvey E. Jacobson
Attorneys

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

2,540,501

WATCH HOLDER

Walton H. Adams, Raton, N. Mex.

Application August 8, 1949, Serial No. 109,156

1 Claim. (Cl. 248—115)

1

This invention relates to a watch holder of novel construction the primary object of which is to protect fine watches from damage when not being worn on the person.

An important object of this invention is to provide a safety watch holder which is relatively simple in design and construction, cheap to assemble and manufacture in large quantities and very efficient for carrying out its intended function.

Another object of this invention is to provide a watch holder for removably retaining a safety watch so that the dial and handles remain exposed to allow one to read the watch, and which is provided at the same time with means for cushioning both the back of the watch and the sides of the watch.

A further object of this invention is to provide a watch holder comprising a backing, an arcuate channel carried by said backing for removably retaining a watch, means for cushioning the back of the watch, and means for cushioning the sides of the watch.

These, together with various ancillary objects and features of the invention which will later become apparent as the following description proceeds, are attained by the device, a preferred embodiment of which has been illustrated by way of example only in the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the watch holder;

Figure 2 is a sectional view taken substantially on the plane of section line 2—2 of Figure 1; and

Figure 3 is a horizontal sectional view of the watch holder shown in Figure 1.

Specific reference is now made to the drawings. In the several views in the accompanying drawings and in the following specification similar reference characters indicate corresponding elements throughout.

Indicated generally at 10 is a backing or base which may be fabricated of any suitable material, such as a light weight metal, plastics and the like. Secured by means of a suitable adhesive or cement centrally to the backing is a cushioning means in the form of a piece of sheepskin 12, the skin portion 14 of which is secured to the backing while the front portion 16 is free to receive the back 18 of the safety watch 20. While the sheepskin may take any desired shape, it is preferred that it be circular to conform to the contour of the conventional safety watch.

Secured to the backing 10 and partially embracing the outer edge of the sheepskin 12 is a channel member 22 which, as shown clearly in the drawings, is arcuate and generally L-shaped in cross-section. The horizontal leg portion 24 of the channel lies parallel to the backing 10 and is

2

adapted to only partially embrace the front portion of the safety watch 20 so that the dial 26 remains exposed to allow one to read the watch while it is removably retained in the channel. The channel member 22 may be fabricated of any suitable material but it is preferred that the same be made of a light weight material such as aluminum.

To properly cushion and protect the sides of the watch 20 as well as the back, a pad or lining 28 of a resilient material, such as sponge rubber, is retained in the channel 22. The sponge rubber lining 28 is also channel shaped and is secured to the interior walls of the channel member 22 by means of a suitable adhesive as will be readily understood by those skilled in the art.

Thus it will be seen that a safety watch 20 can be removably retained in the holder with a maximum of protection to the back and sides of the watch, the holder being adapted to be placed in a drawer or to be suspended from a wall if desired. It will be understood that the holder may be constructed of such dimensions as to accommodate watches of different sizes.

In view of the foregoing description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings it is believed that a clear understanding of the device will be quite apparent to those skilled in this art. A more detailed description is accordingly deemed unnecessary.

It is to be understood, however, that even though there is herein shown and described a preferred embodiment of the invention the same is susceptible to certain changes fully comprehended by the spirit of the invention as herein described and the scope of the appended claim.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

A watch holder comprising a backing, an arcuate channel having a substantially L-shaped cross-section secured to said backing and adapted to retain and partially embrace a watch, sheepskin secured to said backing for cushioning the back of the watch, and a channel pad of sponge rubber retained in said arcuate channel for cushioning the sides of the watch.

WALTON H. ADAMS.

REFERENCES CITED

The following references are of record in the file of this patent:

UNITED STATES PATENTS

| Number | Name | Date |
|-----------|----------------|----------------|
| 753,363 | Church | Mar. 1, 1904 |
| 1,154,382 | Counter | Sept. 21, 1915 |
| 1,202,561 | Milne | Oct. 24, 1916 |
| 1,471,797 | Merrill et al. | Oct. 23, 1923 |
| 2,227,626 | Blila | Jan. 7, 1941 |