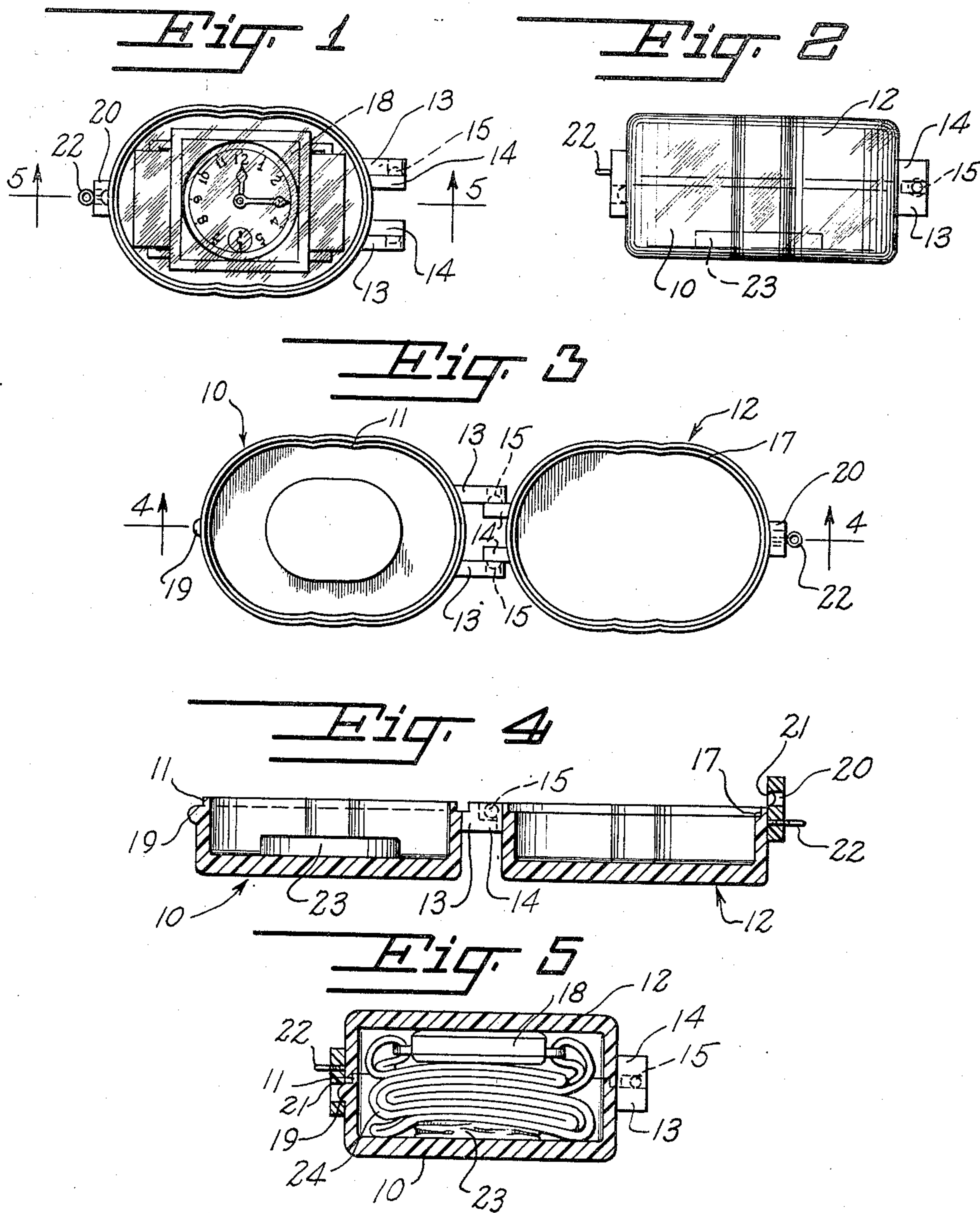


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This invention relates to a case for holding and protecting wrist watches, pocket watches, indicators, and the like.

The object of the invention is to provide a case for holding wrist watches, pocket watches, indicators and the like in such a manner that they will be protected against shock, dampness, magnetism and foreign matter.

Another object of the invention is to provide a watch-holding case which made of transparent material, such as plastic, so that the dial of the instrument is clearly displayed at all times.

A further object of the invention is to provide a watch protector which is extremely simple and inexpensive to manufacture.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent during the course of the following description.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this application, and in which like numerals have been employed to designate like parts throughout the same:

Figure 1 is a top plan view of the case in closed position, with a watch therein, according to the present invention;

Figure 2 is a side elevational view of the watch-holding and protecting case;

Figure 3 is a top plan view showing the case in open position;

Figure 4 is a sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Figure 3;

Figure 5 is an enlarged sectional view taken on the line 5—5 of Figure 1.

Referring in detail to the drawings, the numeral 10 designates a first open-topped housing made of a transparent material. A second open-topped housing 12 fabricated of transparent material is hingedly connected to the first housing 10. The hinge means may vary in different models of the invention, but in the model shown, the hinge means comprises a pair of spaced, parallel arms 13 which project from one end of the housing 10, and each arm 13 is provided with a hole 15. A second pair of spaced, parallel arms 14 project from the second housing 12. Each of the arms 14 is provided with an extrusion which is shown in the model to be semi-cylindrical, but the shape may vary. The extrusions seat in the holes 15 so that a hinged connection or ball-and-socket joint is provided. The second housing 12 is provided with a circumferentially-extending cutout 17 for receiving an upstanding rim 11 which extends around the housing 10 when the housings are in closed position to thereby provide a fluid-tight connection between the housings for protecting a watch 18 therein. However,

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in place of the rim 11 and cutout 17 shown, other closure means may be used. Thus, the housing 12 may be shaped so that it overlaps a portion of the housing 10 when the device is closed. Further, the pair of housings may be constructed so that their meeting edges are flush when the case is closed to form a fluid-tight connection.

For releasably locking the housings 10 and 12 in their closed position, a suitable lock is provided. In the drawings, the model illustrated shows the lock as including a projection or nose 19 fixed on the exterior of the first housing 10. A lug 20 is secured to the other housing 12, and the lug is provided with a socket or hole 21 for receiving the projection 19 when the housings are in closed position. A hook 22 provided with an eye may be threaded into the lug 20 and a suitable chain or cord (not shown) may be attached to the hook for carrying the device.

Positioned within the first housing 10 is a pad 23 fabricated of rubber or other suitable resilient material. The pad 23 may be arranged in engagement with the folded watch strap 24, Figure 5, so that the watch 18, when held in the case, cannot shift or move in any direction, and cannot be damaged or injured by jars or jolts while being carried.

From the foregoing, it will be apparent that a transparent case has been provided for holding a wrist watch, pocket watch, indicator or the like therein to protect the article against shock, foreign matter, heat, rust, dampness, and rough handling. Further, watches or other similar instruments of various sizes can be held within the case. The watch, or other article, when held in the case, is protected, and the dial thereof can be read through the transparent housing.

As many embodiments may be made of this inventive concept, and as many modifications may be made in the embodiment hereinbefore shown and described, it is to be understood that all matter herein is to be interpreted merely as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

I claim:

In a case for protecting an instrument, a first open-topped housing fabricated of transparent material adapted to hold said instrument, a second open-topped housing hingedly connected to said first housing fabricated of transparent material and adapted to be moved into and out of closing relation with the open top of the latter, means for releasably locking said first and second housings together, said last-named means comprising a projection on said first housing, a lug secured to said second housing, said lug be-

ing provided with a socket for receiving said projection when said second housing is in closed position on said first housing, and a pad positioned within said first housing for maintaining said instrument immobile in said case.

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