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FIG. 1.

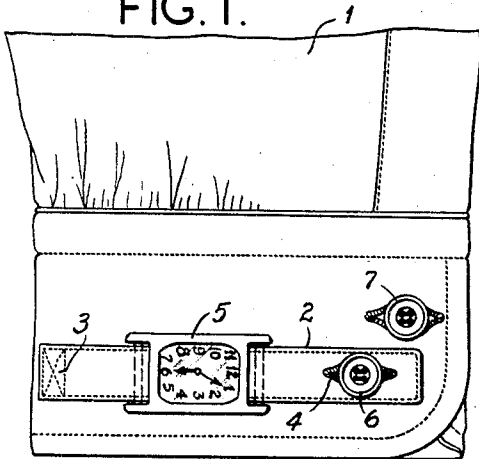


FIG. 2.

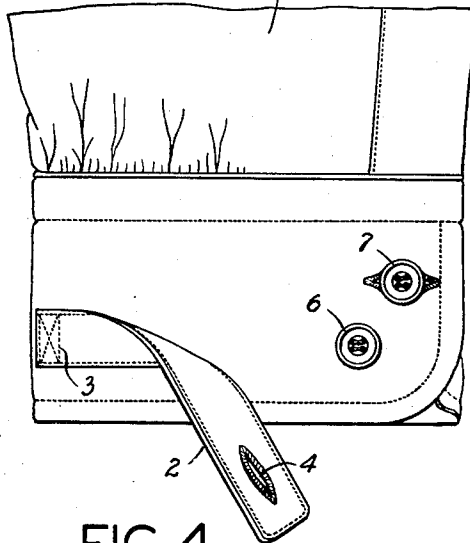


FIG. 3.

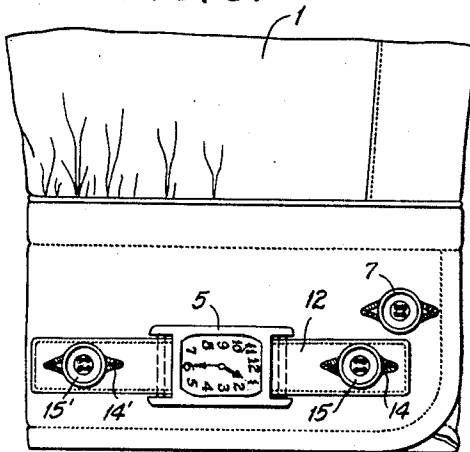
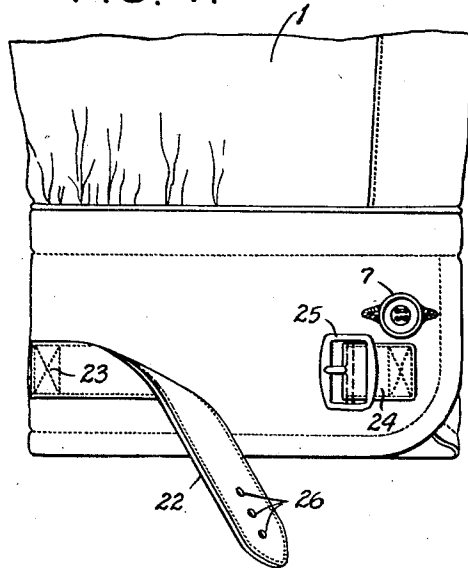


FIG. 4.



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This invention relates generally to wearing apparel, and particularly to a garment accessory adapted to retain timepieces of the wrist watch type.

Timepieces of the wrist watch type are ordinarily provided with loops at opposite extremities thereof for the accommodation of a strap adapted to pass around the wrist, and be fastened in position. In some cases, however, the strap is formed in two parts rather than continuous, and permanently or semi-permanently affixed to bars at opposite extremities of the wrist watch. Heretofore such watches have been carried only by straps passing around the wrist, or by pins or clasps affixing them to garments, or in pockets.

The object of the present invention, generally stated, is to provide a strap-like garment accessory constructed and arranged to retain a timepiece of the wrist watch type.

Other objects will become apparent to those skilled in the art when the following description is read in connection with the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a view in front elevation of a garment sleeve, provided with the accessory according to the present invention, and showing the wrist watch in position thereon.

Figure 2 is a view of the device illustrated in Figure 1, with the wrist watch removed.

Figure 3 is a view similar to Figure 1, showing a different embodiment.

Figure 4 is a view similar to Figure 2, but showing a different connecting means.

According to the present invention, generally stated, a garment having a sleeve, either short or long, may be provided with means for retaining a timepiece of the wrist watch type in position where it may be readily observed, but nevertheless safe to carry. Such means may consist of a strap formed, if desired, of the same textile material of which the garment is made, or otherwise which may be permanently, semi-permanently attached to, or wholly detachable from, the garment sleeve. Such a strap may be connected to the garment sleeve at points sufficiently spaced from each other to admit of reception and retention of the timepiece between the points of connection. In the ordinary case, where the timepiece is adapted to receive a continuous strap, one end or both may be releasably connected to the garment. Any suitable type of releasable connection, such as a button-buttonhole arrangement, a snap fastener, buckle, or other suitable device being provided. In some instances, where

the timepiece itself is provided with permanently or semi-permanently attached separate straps extending from opposite sides thereof, each such strap may be provided with detachable connecting means, having companion parts arranged in appropriate position upon the garment sleeve.

For an illustrative embodiment of the invention, reference may now be had to the drawing, particularly Figures 1 and 2, a garment sleeve 1 may be provided with a strap 2 stitched or otherwise secured as shown at 3 to the cuff thereof. The strap 2 has a buttonhole 4 in the end thereof, opposite the stitching 3. Sufficient distance is allowed between the buttonhole 4 and the stitching 3 for the reception of a wrist watch 5, upon the strap in the usual manner of assembling such watches upon their carrying straps. A button 6 is applied to sleeve 1 in a position such that when buttonhole 4 is engaged therewith, the strap 2 is relatively taut. In lieu of employing a separate button 6 as shown in Figures 1 and 2, the strap 2 may be elongated, and the point of attachment 3 may be moved into alignment, so that the usual cuff button 7 may be employed for the dual purpose of retaining the end of strap 2 and closing the cuff.

In the embodiment shown in Figure 3, a strap 12, corresponding to strap 2 in the previous embodiment, is entirely removable from the garment. In order to accomplish this, a suitable detachable fastener is employed at each end of the strap 12. For example, buttonholes 14, 14', may be formed in opposite ends of the strap 12, for cooperation with and retention by buttons 15 and 15 respectively. Obviously, other suitable and well-known types of detachable fasteners may be employed in lieu of the button-buttonhole arrangement.

In Figure 4, a strap 22 is permanently connected to the sleeve, as shown at 23, and a strap part 24 is provided in spaced relation thereto upon the sleeve, being aligned with strap 23 and provided with a buckle 25 for cooperation with holes 26 in the end of strap 22.

Obviously, if desired, two buckles, oppositely disposed, may be provided in lieu of the arrangement shown in Figure 4; and an intermediate strap, both ends of which are detachable from the garment, provided in lieu of the permanent attachment shown at 23 in Figure 4.

While in the embodiments shown in the drawing the strap is attached to the cuff of a garment, it will be readily understood that the garment sleeve need not be provided with a cuff. While in cases where the strap is of such length that

it extends substantially beyond the extremities of the watch, it is advantageous to connect it to a cuff which, due to its additional stiffness, will tend to maintain the strap taut, it will be understood that by shortening the strap so that it terminates immediately adjacent the extremities of the watch, it may be mounted upon a cuffless sleeve without sagging. As shown in each of the figures of the drawing, however, the points of connection between the watch strap and the sleeve are located on the same side of the sleeve so that the length of the strap is less than half the perimeter of the sleeve.

From the foregoing description, it should be apparent that the present invention accomplishes its object, and that an accessory for carrying timepieces of the wrist watch type in a convenient yet accessible and safe place is provided; that the watch may be readily removed from the garment, and that the accessory may be applied at various positions upon the sleeve, and not necessarily upon the cuff, as shown in the various figures of the drawing.

While in the foregoing description, and in the accompanying drawing, a full disclosure of several embodiments of the invention has been made, it is to be distinctly understood that the invention is not limited to the forms thus disclosed, but that it is contemplated that many and varying changes in the structure and arrangement of the parts will occur to those skilled in the art, without departing from the spirit of this invention. It is therefore to be distinctly understood that such modifications, adaptations, and re-arrangements as do not depart from the spirit of this invention are, although not specifi-

cally described herein, contemplated by and within the scope of the appended claims.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:

5 1. In combination with a garment having a sleeve, a strap having releasable connecting means on one end thereof, cooperating connecting means permanently connected to the sleeve to engage the connecting means on the strap, means for connecting the other end of the strap to the sleeve in spaced relation to said first mentioned connecting means, said spaced relation being less than half the perimeter of the sleeve but sufficient to receive a watch between the points of connection, with a short length of strap between the watch and the said points of connection whereby to maintain the watch in position upon the sleeve without sagging.

15 2. In combination with a garment having a sleeve, a strap having releasable connecting means on both ends thereof, cooperating connecting means permanently connected to the sleeve to engage the connecting means on the strap, the spacing between the connecting means on the strap being the same as the spacing between the co-operating connecting means on the sleeve, and said spacing being less than half the perimeter of the sleeve but sufficient to receive a watch between the points of connection, with a short length of strap between the watch and the said points of connection whereby to maintain the watch in position upon the sleeve without sagging.

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