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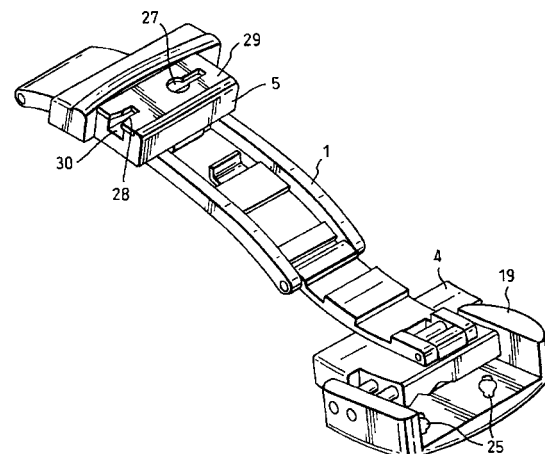
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(54) **Foldable fastener for a bracelet**

(57) Bracelet type watch bands generally comprise a first band portion connected to one side of a watch and a second band portion connected to the other side of the watch. The first and second band portions are joined by an extensible clasp. The clasp comprises a base member (1), an arm (2,3), one end of which is hinged to the base member (1) for pivotal movement with respect to the base member (1) between an extended position in which the arm (2,3) is away from the base member (1), and a closed position in which the arm (2,3) overlies the base member (1). A lock has a first locking member (4) attached to the free end of the arm (2,3), and a second locking member (5) connected to the base member (1). A portion (19) of the first or second locking member (4,5) is moveable with respect to the other in a plane substantially orthogonal to the direction of the initial opening movement of the clasp from its closed position to engage the two locking members (4,5) together. This clasp allows for an additional movement in a direction other than its direction of initial opening. The additional movement therefore is generally in a plane parallel to the base member (1). Accordingly it is difficult for the clasp to be opened accidentally since two distinct movements in two different directions are required.

Fig.6.





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