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U.S. Patent No. 11,808,074 entitled "Fitting Arrangement" issued November 7, 2023 to Samet Kalip Ve Madeni Esya San Ve Tic. A.S. of Istanbul, Turkey. Invented by Artur Hirtsiefer of Neunkirchen-Seelscheid, Germany. Abstract: The invention relates to a fitting arrangement having a furniture connecting fitting, in particular a hatch holder, which can be used to attach a furniture hatch or a door can be to a cabinet body in a swiveling manner, wherein an interlock (200) and a bracket (300) are provided, which can be used to connect the furniture hatch in a form-fitting and/or form-locked manner to the furniture body in a closed position of a kinematic arrangement (30) of the furniture connecting fitting, wherein the kinematic arrangement (30) has levers and links, which can be used to move the furniture hatch or door from the closed position into an open position, wherein a spring element (38.2) is provided which, in the closed position of the kinematic arrangement (30), introduces a prestress into the kinematic arrangement (30) in the opening direction, and wherein the interlock (200) and the bracket (300) form a release mechanism, which can be used to release the connection between the interlock (200) and the bracket (300) in the closed position of the kinematic arrangement. Such a fitting arrangement can be used to effect a convenient opening of a door or hatch from the closed position.

<u>U.S. Patent No. 11,809,809</u> entitled "Clickable Emoji" issued November 7, 2023 to Klickafy, LLC of East Grand Forks, Minnesota. Invented by Brian Hullette of Kingsport, Tennessee and Mark Patrick Judovsky of East Grand Forks, Minnesota. Abstract: Hyperlinked icons, images, and emoji may be shared by users in a real-time messaging environment, such as text messaging. A user may send a message including a clickable emoji to a receiving user, where the received clickable emoji is displayed in the message. If the received clickable emoji is selected by the receiving user, web content linked to the emoji is retrieved and displayed. Messaging server(s) monitor messages, events, and social trends collecting contextual data. Content providers use collected contextual data to efficiently deliver targeted content.