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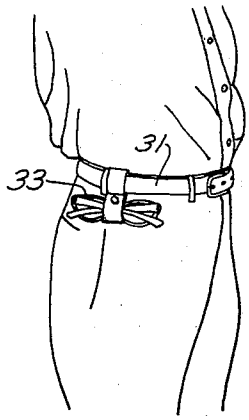


FIG. 1

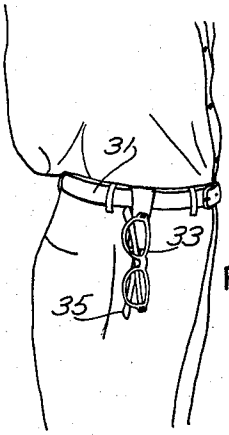


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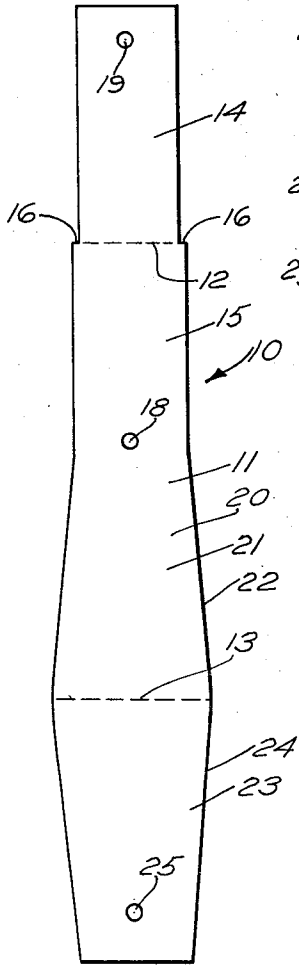


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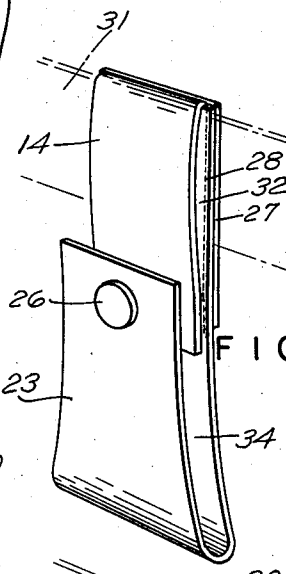


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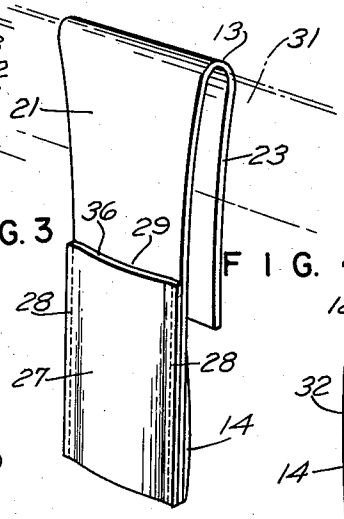


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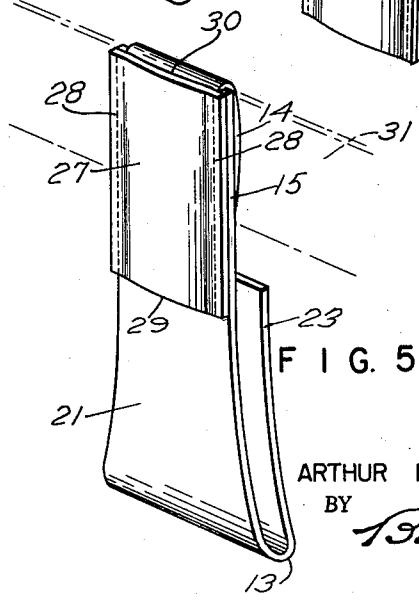


FIG. 5

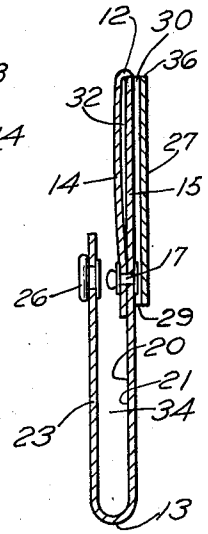


FIG. 6

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This invention relates to a belt holder for spectacles.

When spectacles, sun glasses or the like are not being worn, it is desired that they be carried on the person. In some cases people carry spectacles in the pocket from which they may accidentally fall out when the person bends over, while in other cases spectacles are equipped with clips or cases in which they are carried are equipped with clips for attaching the spectacles or the case to the pocket or to some other part of the clothing of the wearer.

One of the objects of this invention is to provide for mounting the spectacles on the belt of the wearer without the use of a case in which the spectacles are housed.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device which may mount the spectacles in several different positions so that the user may carry the spectacles in a manner most convenient for his particular requirements.

Another object of the invention is to provide a holder for spectacles which will be extremely simple in construction and one which may be easily and quickly assembled with a minimum amount of labor and, therefore, at small cost.

Another object of the invention is to provide a holder which may be made of leather or some nonmetallic material with little or no metallic parts involved.

Another object of the invention is to provide a holder which will be flexible and will flex to conform to different positions of the wearer.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain novel features of construction as will be more fully described and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings:

FIGURE 1 is a perspective view illustrating the holder as attached to the belt and as holding the spectacles in one position;

FIGURE 2 is a view similar to FIGURE 1 but showing a different position of the holder and a different position of the spectacles;

FIGURE 3 is a perspective view of the holder on a larger scale separated from the person and with the spectacles removed but showing the holder in the position that it is worn in FIGURE 1;

FIGURE 4 is a perspective view similar to FIGURE 3 but showing the holder in the position that it is being worn in FIGURE 2;

FIGURE 5 is a perspective view of the holder reversed from top to bottom from that shown in FIGURE 4 and illustrating a still further form of use of the holder for mounting the spectacles therein;

FIGURE 6 is a sectional view substantially through the longitudinal center of FIGURE 3; and

FIGURE 7 is a plan view of one part of the holder before being folded into the positions heretofore described.

In proceeding with this invention, I have cut to a desired shape a piece of material such as leather and then folded it so as to provide a main body section and two end sections. The end sections are folded over the same face of the body section and in overlapping relation. A second body section is secured along the other face of the main body section with its ends open so as to receive the temple of the spectacle. By this arrangement two loops are provided, either of which may be used to thread a belt through and one of which may be used to wrap around the nasal portion of a spectacle to hold it securely in position. A snap fastener holds the parts in releasable engagement, and the sewing of the second body section is facilitated by the shaping of one of the end sections so that the stitching may be easily accomplished, this second body portion also desirably hiding one end of the snap fastener.

With reference to the drawings, **10** designates generally a strip of material which I have found convenient to form of leather, although any suitable material may be utilized. The strip is shaped as shown in FIGURE 7 and consists essentially of three sections. The main body section is designated **11** and extends from the dotted line **12** to the dotted line **13** as shown in FIGURE 7. These dotted lines represent the fold lines of the strip. A first end section **14** extends beyond the fold line **12** of the main body section and is narrower than the portion **15** of the main body section from which it extends, leaving shoulders **16** on either side as will be seen in FIGURE 7. This end section is folded along the fold line **12** as shown in FIGURE 6. The stud **17** of one part of a snap fastener passes through an opening **18** in the main body section **11** and an opening **19** in the end section **14** and is there riveted in place so as to hold the first end section **14** over the face **20** of the portion **15** of the main body section.

The lower portion of the main body section **21** is flared outwardly slightly as at **22** to the fold line **13**, and beyond this fold line the second end section **23** extends and is also correspondingly tapered decreasing along the line **24** as seen in FIGURE 7 so that when this end section **23** is folded along the line **13**, the two tapered portions will register. An opening **25** is located in the second end portion **23** and receives a socket part **26** of a snap fastener to detachably engage with the stud part **17** so as to releasably hold this second end section **23** over the surface **21** of the main body section and also in overlapping relation to the end of the first end section **14** as may be clearly seen in FIGURE 6.

After the separable snap fasteners are positioned as above described, a second body section **27** is secured along the portion **15** of the main body section on the side of the main body section which is opposite the face **20** covered by the end sections heretofore described. This second body section is secured by stitchings **28** extending lengthwise of the main body section and of the second body section and along the marginal portions of the portion **15** which extend beyond the overlapping end section **14**. Thus this narrow first end section has the functional advantage by its being narrower of providing a space for access to the stitching so that this may be readily accomplished. At the same time the securing of this second body section in position covers the non-ornamental end of the riveted stud fastener **17** so as to hide it from view, which usually is not intended to be exposed, and thus a non-exposure of this portion is accomplished in this case. By stitching in this manner a pocket is provided with two opposite ends **29** and **30** open so that a temple of a spectacle may be passed down through this pocket in either direction.

The construction above referred to may be utilized in various ways by attachment to a belt **31** about the person. FIGURE 3 illustrates the belt **31** as being threaded through the space **32** between the section **14** and the portion **15** of the main body section, the loop being of a sufficient extent to accommodate the width of the belt therethrough. Spectacles **33** are then mounted in the space **34** between the second end section **23** and the portion **21** of the main body section, there being sufficient space to receive the nasal portion of the spectacles but insufficient space to permit either of the eye portions of the frames

to pass therethrough. Thus the spectacles are bound in a position parallel to the belt **31** as may be seen in FIGURE 1.

In the event that it is desired to provide a different mounting for spectacles on the belt, the holder may be mounted as shown in FIGURE 4. In this case the belt **31** is passed between the portion **21** of the main body section and the second end section **23**, or this second end section **23** may be passed about the belt and secured in place by the snap fastener **17, 26**. This mounting of the holder exposes on the outer face the second body section **27** as shown in FIGURE 4 with its location in the lower part of the holder and permits of a mounting of the spectacles **33** by passing of the temple **35** into the open end of the pocket **29** and through the pocket and out the open end **30** so that the hinge of the temple to the frame will rest upon the edge **36** of the pocket and the spectacles will hang in place as shown in FIGURE 2.

In some cases it may be desirable to still differently mount the spectacles having them higher with relation to the belt, and in this event the belt **31** may be passed through the space **32** with the holder turned front to back as shown in FIGURE 3 and thus in the position shown in FIGURE 5, positioning the second body section outermost as shown in FIGURE 5. In this case the spectacles will be similarly passed through the pocket formed by the second body section. In this case the spectacle temple will enter from the opening **30** adjacent the fold line **12** and pass downwardly and out the opening **29** to extend along the portion **21** of the main body section, this being a third alternate form of the use for the holder mounting the spectacles in position. This position also affords an opportunity to additionally mount a second pair of spectacles in the space **34** on the other side of the main body.

From the above it will be apparent that by suitably blanking out a strip of leather and the use of a snap fastener, I may fold this piece of leather into a shape which by the addition of a second body section stitched thereto, I provide for a multitudinous use of the holder for holding spectacles in a variety of different positions.

I claim:

1. A belt holder for spectacles comprising a strip of material providing a main body section and first and second end sections with the end sections folded over the same surface of the body section, means located midway of the length of the body section to secure the first end section permanently to the body section and means to detachably secure the end portion of the second end section to the first end section in overlapping relation therewith and a second body section extending lengthwise of the main body section along the surface thereof opposite the surface over which the end sections extend and secured thereto along its lengthwise extending edges while leaving its ends open for the reception of a spectacle temple therethrough, said first end section being of narrower width than the main body section over which it extends to make available an area for stitching the second body section to the first body section.

2. A belt holder for spectacles as in claim 1 wherein the first end section is secured to the main body section by one part of a snap fastener passing therethrough and the second body section covers the portion of the snap fastener extending through the main body section.

3. A belt holder for spectacles as in claim 1 wherein the first end section is secured to the main body section by one part of a snap fastener passing therethrough and the second body section covers the portion of the snap fastener extending through the main body section and the second end section carries at its end portion the other part of a snap fastener to detachably connect to the other snap fastener part.

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