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[54] SAFETY GLASSES CASE WITH ID CARD HOLDER AND PENCIL-CARRYING POCKET PROTECTOR

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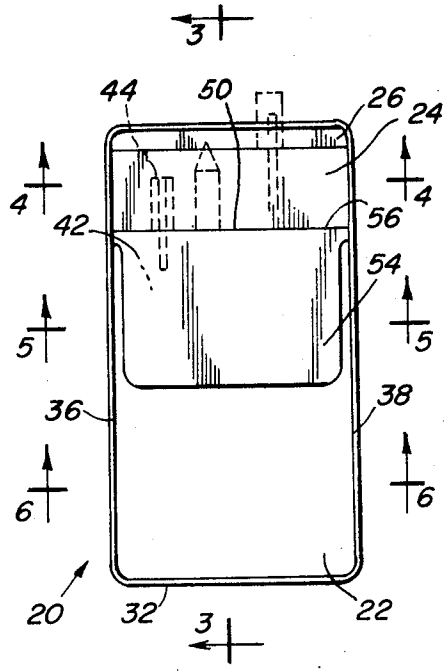
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A multicompartment envelope of plastic sheet material and defining a glass case holder in conjunction with a pen and pencil-carrying pocket protector and an identification card holding receptacle, the latter having a transparent face and top closure means.

3 Claims, 6 Drawing Figures



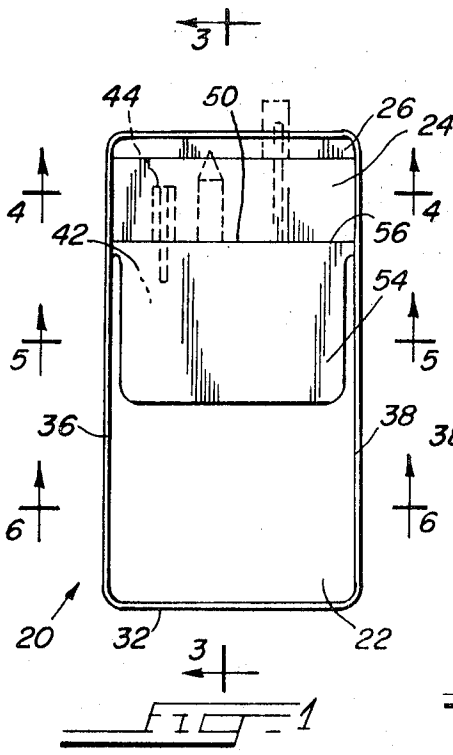


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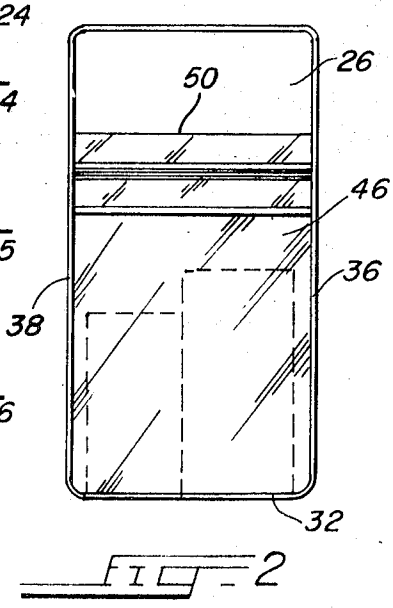


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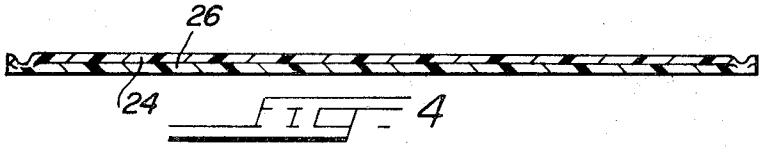


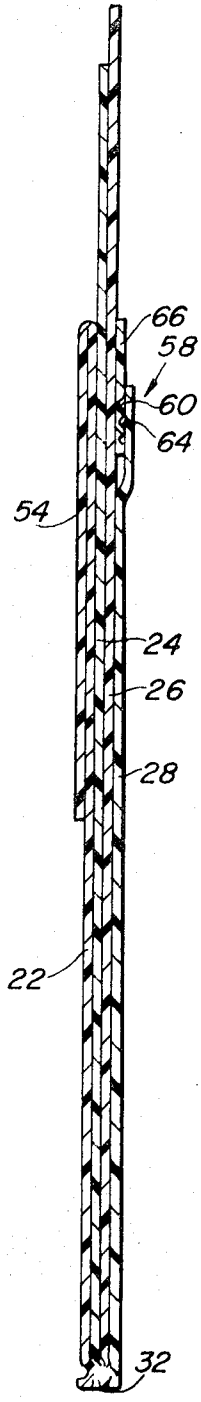
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SAFETY GLASSES CASE WITH ID CARD HOLDER AND PENCIL-CARRYING POCKET PROTECTOR

The present invention relates to a container or receptacle adapted to be carried in the pocket of a shirt or jacket. More particularly, the invention is directed to a multicompartment envelope which serves as a glass-carrying case, a retainer and display sheath for an identification card, and as pocket-protecting pen and pencil carrier. In a preferred embodiment the envelope of the invention is fabricated of flexible plastic sheet material such as polyvinyl chloride, polyethylene or polypropylene.

The prior art is replete with carrying cases or holders for articles of the type people ordinarily wish to retain on their persons throughout the working day. These cases have taken many and varied forms and have been fabricated of various types of structural materials including natural and synthetic fabrics, leather and plastic. For the most part the holders have been unifunctional or intended specifically for a single use. There has been no cooperation between individual articles, nor has any been contemplated.

A requirement of many types of manufacturing plants, including chemical research and production facilities is that all employees wear safety glasses. There is a tendency for employees to forget their glasses, leaving them at home and arriving at work without them. Such oversights cause disruption of orderly routines and necessitate interim emergency procedures. It is a principal aim of the present invention to obviate or to minimize such occurrences. The same types of facilities which require their workers to wear safety glasses ordinarily also require the workers to carry identification cards, these to be displayed to a security guard upon one's entry through the plant gate. Admission without such a card or without a special pass is ordinarily prohibited. The identification card is "forgotten" much less frequently than are the safety glasses.

It is, therefore, a principal object of the present invention to reduce the tendency and likelihood of workers to arrive at their plants without their safety glasses by providing an eye glass carrying case which serves also as the case in which the employee carries his identification card.

It is a related object of the invention to provide, in an integral structure, a glasses carrying case formed with a secondary or auxiliary pocket or protective sheath for an identification card, the sheath including an outer transparent web or window through which the card may be received or inspected, without removal.

Another object of the present invention is to provide, in combination with a carrying case for safety glasses, an identification card sheath or envelope, the latter being provided with a positive closure and securement means for protecting the card against moisture and fumes and to guard against loss.

Yet another object of the invention is to provide in conjunction with a combination glasses carrying case and identification card holder, a pen and pencil holding pocket protector.

A general object of the present invention is to provide a simple and economical mode of manufacturing the novel article of the invention.

Other and further objects, aims and features of the invention will become apparent from a consideration of the following specification taken in conjunction with the drawings in which:

FIG. 1 is a front view of the multicompartment envelope of the invention showing the pen and pencil pocket protector component thereof;

FIG. 2 is a rear view of the multipurpose article of the invention illustrating the identification card retaining sheath and its closure means;

FIG. 3 is an enlarged vertical cross-sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of FIG. 1 and showing the physical distribution and arrangement of the various sheets or webs which form the article of the invention;

FIG. 4 is an enlarged horizontal cross-sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of FIG. 1 and showing those webs or sheets which define the safety glasses case of the invention;

FIG. 5 is an enlarged horizontal cross-sectional view taken on the line 5—5 of FIG. 1 and illustrating the overlying array of all of the sheets which form the various component elements of the invention; and

FIG. 6 is an enlarged horizontal cross-sectional view taken on the line 6—6 of FIG. 1 and showing the sheets which form the glasses case and the identification card envelope of this invention.

The aims and objects of the invention are accomplished by the bonding together as a stack or as an array of a plurality of superimposed sheets or webs sealed to each other at their corresponding marginal portions defining three sides of generally rectangular elements to form a composite multicompartment envelope. The edge sealing is preferably accomplished by fusion technique of a type well known to those skilled in sheet plastics art.

Referring now to the drawing, one preferred embodiment of the invention including the features thereof is shown by way of illustration in FIGS. 1, 2 and 3 as consisting of a multicompartment envelope 20. Preferably generally rectangular in peripheral outline, the structure includes four separate sheets or webs consisting of a front web 22, two intermediate webs 24 and 26, and a rear web 28. The webs or sheets are arrayed in overlapping alignment so that the bottom edges 32 and the opposed side edges 36 and 38 of the respective sheets define common boundaries, the sheets being sealed to one another along these boundaries to form three separate upwardly opening pockets or envelopes 42, 44 and 46 the function of each being described below.

The front or forward envelope 42 is bounded by the top or front web 22 and the first 24 of the intermediate webs and serves as a pen and pencil holder. The front web 22 is folded to depend from a horizontal line 50 thus forming a flap or skirt 54 which overlies the shirt or jacket pocket (not shown) when the multiple envelope structure 20 is carried on one's person, so that the first envelope functions as a pocket protector.

The intermediate sheets or webs 24 and 26 extend upwardly of the top 56 of the first envelope 42 to form a deeper receptacle 44 serving as a case for glasses. Preferably the first sheet 24 of the intermediate sheets is slightly shorter than the other sheet 26. The final, rearmost sheet or web 28 is shorter than the intermediate webs to form, in conjunction the rearward intermediate web 26, an identification card holding envelope 46. In the preferred form of the invention illustrated the envelope 46 includes a top closure means 58 consisting of interlocking or mating transversely extending ribs 60 and grooves 64 carried by meeting portions of the web 28 and a band 66 secured to the web 26 so that the envelope 46 may be firmly secured to protect its contents. The web 28 is transparent to permit examination of an identification card without necessitating removal of the latter therefrom.

While this invention has been described with reference to preferred embodiments and fabrication materials, it is evident that the invention is not limited thereto. To the extent that changes and modifications which may be made are within the scope of the appended claims, they are to be considered a part of this invention.

What is claimed is:

1. A multicompartment envelope comprising, in combination:

a plurality of sheetlike webs of plastic material and the like consisting of an array of superimposed layers,

said webs being generally rectangular in peripheral contour and sealed to one another along overlying corresponding three marginal bounding edges thereof to define multiple open-ended receptacles,

said webs including a first sheet having a skirt depending from an upper free edge thereof and lying outwardly of a first pocket of said envelope,

second and third intermediate sheets each having top edge portions extending upwardly of said first sheet, said intermediate sheets defining therebetween a pocket deeper than the first pocket,

a rear sheet overlying said third sheet and forming a pocket therewith, and

closure means releasably securing a free upper edge portion of said fourth sheet to said third sheet along a transverse line at a position intermediate upper and lower extremities of said third sheet.

2. The structure as set forth in claim 1 wherein said rear sheet is a transparent sheet to facilitate examination of contents of the rear pocket without necessitating removal therefrom.

3. The structure as set forth in claim 1 wherein a forward one of the intermediate sheets is slightly shorter than the other of said intermediate sheets to facilitate insertion of glasses there between.

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