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SPECTACLE CASE

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Fig. 1

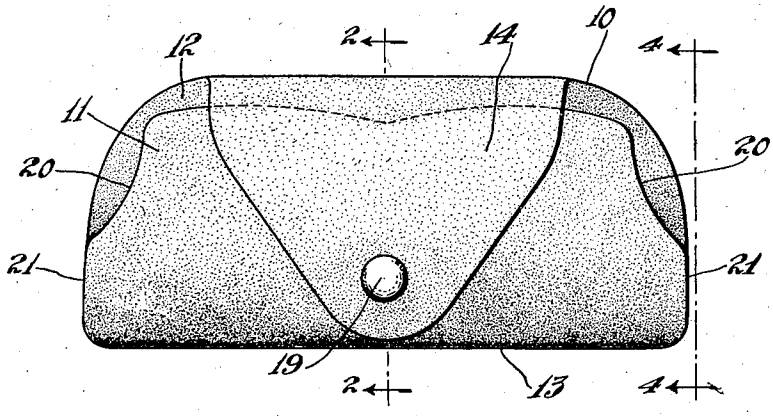


Fig. 2

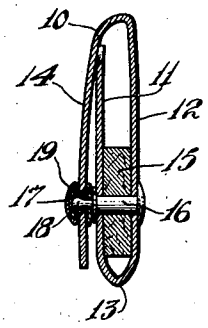


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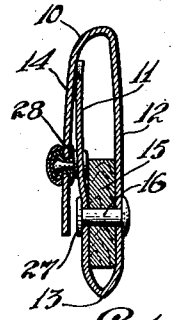


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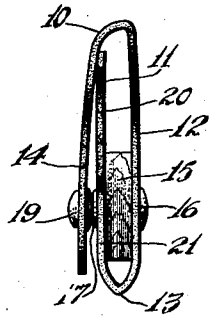
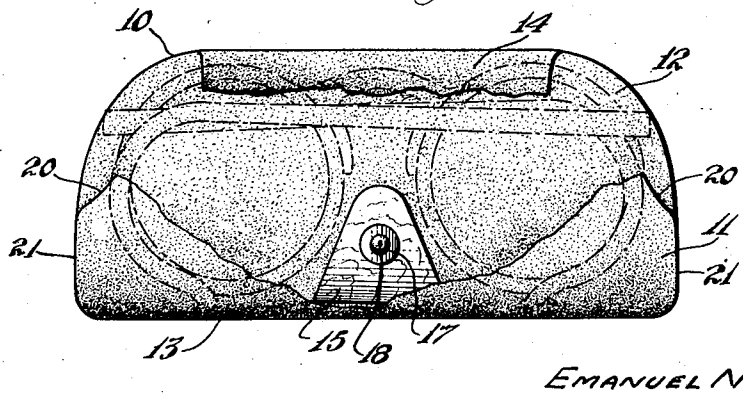


Fig. 5



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1 Claim. (Cl. 206—5)

This invention relates to improvements in cases of the type adapted to receive spectacles and similar articles, and to be folded into compact position over the article for convenience in carrying the same.

An object of the invention is to provide a spectacle case necessitating the use of but a minimum amount of material, and adapted to be manufactured at extremely low cost, without the necessity of stitching or other special treatment.

A further object of the invention is to provide a spectacle case which is of simple, rugged construction, and wherein the front and rear walls of the case are permanently united in spaced relation by novel means.

A further object of the invention is to provide a spectacle case which is simple and practical in use and is of such construction that it can be used indefinitely without danger of dislocation or substantial damage to any of its parts.

These and other advantageous objects, which will later appear, are accomplished by the simple and practical construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and exhibited in the accompanying drawing, forming part hereof, and in which:

Fig. 1 is a front elevational view of one form of spectacle case embodying my invention,

Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse sectional view thereof, taken on line 2—2 of Fig. 1,

Fig. 3 is a similar view of a modified form of spectacle case,

Fig. 4 is an end view of the spectacle case shown in Fig. 1, taken on line 4—4 of Fig. 1, and

Fig. 5 is a front elevational view of the spectacle case, with parts broken away for the sake of clarity.

The spectacle case of my invention is preferably made of a single sheet 10 of flexible material such as leather, compressed paper, or the like, said sheet comprising front and rear walls 11 and 12 respectively, which are preferably integrally joined at one edge 13, the other edge of the rear wall 12 preferably terminating in a closure flap 14 adapted to be folded over the front wall 11 to close the spectacle case.

The walls 11 and 12 are preferably united in parallel, spaced relation by means of a block 15 of wood or similar material interposed between said walls and secured to said walls by a rivet 16 or the like passing through the block and through the walls, and having its ends upset over the outer faces of said walls as shown in Figs. 2 and 3.

In the preferred form of the invention, the head 17 (of the rivet 16) which is upset over the outer face of the front wall has formed thereon a snap fastener element 18 adapted to be received within a complementary fastener element 19 fixed to the flap 14.

In the modified form of the invention shown in Fig. 3, the head 27 of the rivet 16 is upset over the front wall 11 of the spectacle case, the fastener element 28 being secured to the front wall of the spectacle case adjacent the head 27 and being adapted to have complementary engagement with the complementary fastener element (corresponding to the element 19 shown in Fig. 2), in a manner which will be apparent to those skilled in the art.

The end portions 20 of the front wall 11 are preferably of arcuate configuration as shown in Fig. 1, terminating in portions 21 which are preferably of an outline corresponding to that of the rear wall 12, the said portions 20 and 21 at the ends of the front wall 11 being free of the rear wall 12 as clearly shown in Fig. 4 for facility of insertion and removal of the spectacles.

The block 15 is preferably of upwardly tapered outline, as shown in Fig. 5, to guide and support the spectacles in a convenient manner.

It has been customary heretofore to sew the front and rear walls of spectacle cases, adjacent the edge 13, and to provide complicated positioning means for the block 15. The simple but rugged construction of my spectacle case, more particularly set forth above, dispenses with the necessity for such expedients, and eliminates the cost thereof, as well as the danger of injury to the case, and makes the insertion and removal of spectacles a matter of extreme simplicity.

The foregoing disclosure is to be regarded as descriptive and illustrative only, and not as restrictive or limitative of the invention, of which obviously embodiments may be constructed, including many modifications, without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention herein set forth and denoted in the appended claim.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

A spectacle case made from a single sheet of flexible material comprising front and rear walls integrally joined at one longitudinal edge thereof, the said rear wall having another longitudinal edge defining a closure flap adapted to be folded over the front wall and to extend substantially to the bottom of said front wall, the end portions of said front and rear walls being unsecured for their entire length for facility of insertion and removal of spectacles, a block positioned between the intermediate portions of said walls, rivet means passing through both of said walls and block to permanently unite the said walls in parallel spaced relation and with the ends open, said rivet means having incorporated thereon a fastening element, and a complementary fastener element on said closure flap.

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