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EYESHADE

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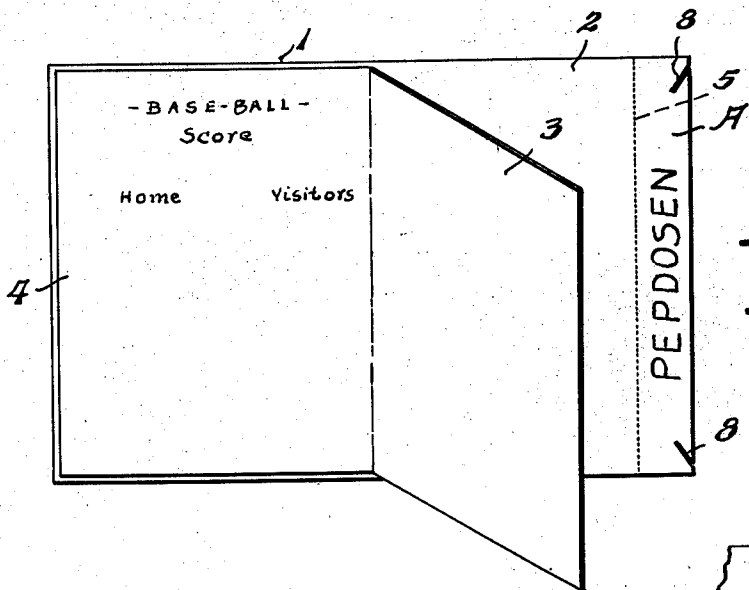


FIG. 1.

FIG. 2.

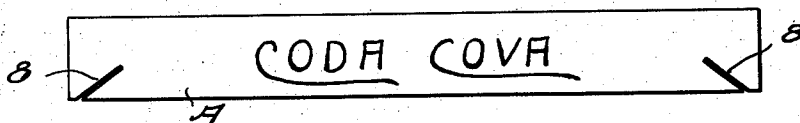


FIG. 5.

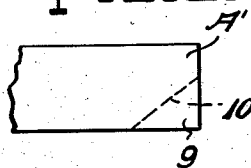


FIG. 3.

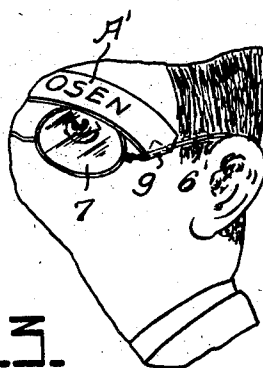


FIG. 4.

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The object of this invention is to provide a simple and novel form of eyeshade or shield which is usable in conjunction with eyeglasses of the type employing ear members or side pieces that facilitate the holding of the eyeglasses in position on the head of the wearer.

In the carrying out of my invention the primary intention is to devise an eyeshade or shield of such extreme simplicity, as an article of manufacture, that when made of light cardboard or even paper, it may be given away as a premium with advertising indicia thereon. However, the invention may be made of other materials than cardboard or paper, such as translucent substances, including celluloid, but in any event the article of manufacture of the invention is of practical utility irrespective of whether employed as an advertising medium or not.

The eyeshade of my invention is made from a rectangular piece of material and is provided with means at its ends for effecting an interlocking of the said end portions of the shade with the side pieces of a pair of glasses, the interlocking action being established by a formation of the material of the shade itself without the addition of any special fastening means whatsoever. This latter feature is of importance in maintaining the cheapness of the article, which is a primary object in view, as previously indicated.

Still another object of the invention has been to devise an eyeshade of the class described the material of which may be a part of a page or sheet of paper, cardboard, or like material incorporated as the cover, or a page of a booklet or pamphlet. In this connection it may be noted that many persons are compelled to shade their eyes when attending baseball and football games or spectacles in stadiums or large arenas, and it is customary to sell programs at such events. With this in mind I have so formed my eyeshade that it may be a separable portion of the cover or inside page of a program pamphlet, the separability enabling the quick detachability of the eyeshade section of the page from the body of the page, and the immediate application and interlocking of the eyeshade with the side pieces of the eyeglasses or spectacles of a person desiring to employ the article for its primary purpose of utility, namely as a shield means for the eyes.

With the foregoing in view, I have illustrated in my accompanying drawing the preferred forms of my invention, and in this drawing—

Figure 1 illustrates a pamphlet such as a baseball scorecard, or program leaflet, with my invention embodied therein.

Figure 2 is a plan view of one of the forms of my shade, which form may be preferable to use.

Figure 3 shows the manner in which the shade illustrated in Figure 2 is actually applied to the eyeglasses.

Figure 4 is a fragmentary view like Figure 3, but illustrating a modification of the invention.

Figure 5 is a fragmentary plan view showing the formation of the end portion of the shade illustrated in Figure 4.

Referring to the detail features of the invention, I refer first to Figure 1 wherein the pamphlet or leaflet illustrated comprises the cover pages 1 and 2 and the inside pages 3 and 4, the latter to be of any suitable number as this is immaterial to the invention.

In order that my eyeshade may be made of slightly stiffer material than any paper, though the latter may be used for such purpose if desired, I preferably form the shade from a section of the cover page 2 of the pamphlet illustrated. The eyeshade comprises the body A which is an outer edge section of page 2 divided from the body of the page by a line of indentations or perforations designated 5. The separating line 5 permits of ready detachment of the eyeshade section A by merely forming an initial fold on the line of indentations 5 and tearing the section A from the body of the page 2, in a self-evident manner.

To enable the shade member A to be properly interengaged with the side pieces 6 of the eyeglasses 7, as seen in Figure 3, I provide at the ends of the shade member the slots 8 which are disposed at an angle leading inwardly from one of the side edges of the said member A to form temple receiving seats, the entrances to the slots 8 being preferably located intermediate the longer edges of the member A. By the interlocking of the slotted portions of the shade A with the side pieces 6 of the eyeglasses 7, the shade is caused to properly belly or curve over the eyes of the wearer just above the lenses of the glasses, in such a way as to afford the necessary shielding function.

According to the construction of my invention in Figures 4 and 5, I contemplate a somewhat different construction of my shade member A', in that certain corner portions of said member A' are provided with weakening lines by means of perforations or indentations 10, so that the said corner portions may be bent or folded upon the body of the shade member and when so bent will provide tabs that engage under the side pieces 6 of the eyeglasses 7 and provide tabs 9 and temple receiving seats, so to speak, as seen in Figure 4.

These tabs not only hold the shade member A' in place performing its shielding function, but their holding action is rendered more effective because the portions 9 are susceptible of being frictionally clamped to a certain extent against the sides of the head of the wearer by the pressure of the side pieces 6 of the eyeglasses.

It will be understood that I may make my eyeshades, according to the constructions of Figures 2 and 5, wholly separate from the pamphlet or booklet as illustrated in Figure 1. The said formation of the eyeshade as a part of the page of such a booklet is merely a desirable application or use of the invention in order to provide for its ready employment when it is supplied as a part of a leaflet or pamphlet such as illustrated.

It will be understood that the material of my shade, if made translucent, will be quite effective for use in shading the eyes of persons driving automobiles both against sunlight and the artificial light rays of headlights of approaching vehicles. Likewise, the shade body may be printed with advertising matter of any kind of indicia of value that would have a tendency to either advertise the business of the one who supplies the shades, or cause the user to retain the shade as long as possible by reason of the value of the indicia carried thereby.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a blank of material divided by a weakening line into a main body and a separable section of narrow rectangular form constituting an eyeshade, said section adapted to be curved or bowed when assuming eye shielding condition, on the side pieces of a pair of eyeglasses, one corner at each opposite end of said eyeshade section being formed with a diagonal slot extending transversely through and open-

ing out to the longitudinal edge of the material at a point adjacent the juxtaposed end, to receive in an interlocking quickly attachable manner a side piece of said eyeglasses, the slots forming seats arranged a greater distance apart than the distance between the side pieces whereby the shade will be tensioned and held in bowed shielding position upon the head of a wearer of such eyeglasses when in use.

2. As a new article of manufacture, an eyeshade adapted to cooperate with a pair of spectacles when in wearing position, comprising an elongated narrow flat strip of flexible material, said strip having temple receiving seats extending transversely through the material and opening out to the edge of the material, said seats being located a greater distance apart than the distance between the temples of the spectacles to engage about the temples and position the strip in bowed, tensioned relation over the spectacles and eyes and against the forehead of the wearer to act as a shield, said bowed position stressing the shade and tending to hold the same in engaging relation with the temples.

3. As a new article of manufacture, an eyeshade adapted to cooperate with a pair of spectacles when in wearing position, comprising an elongated narrow strip of flexible material, said strip having a diagonal slot at each end portion thereof, said slots being located a greater distance apart than the distance between the temples of the spectacles to engage about the temples and to position the strip in bowed tensioned relation over the spectacles and eyes and against the forehead of the wearer to act as a shield, said bowed position stressing the shade and tending to hold the temples of the spectacles in engaging relation in the slots aforesaid when in use.

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