

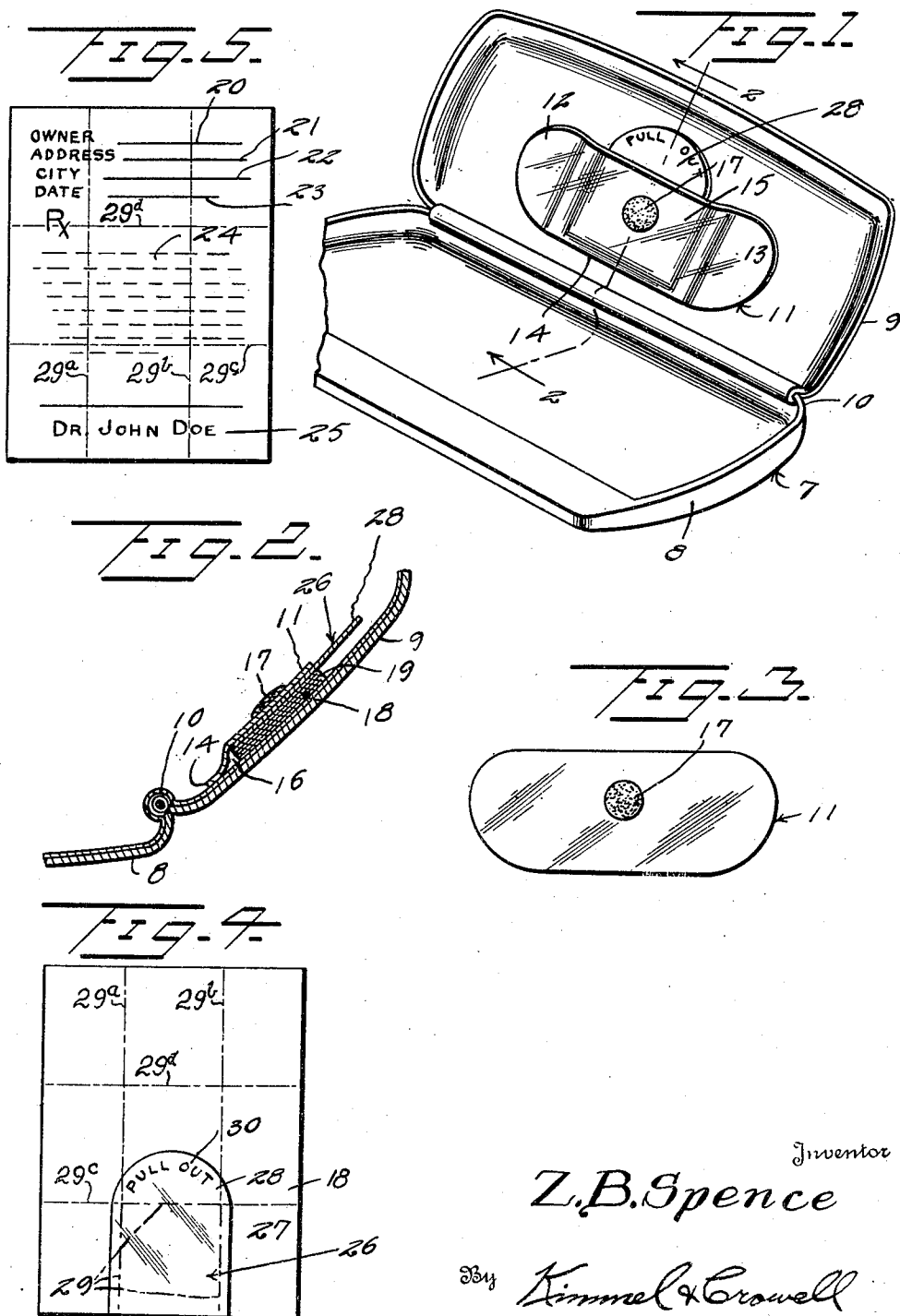
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1 Claim. (Cl. 40—10)

This invention relates to a spectacles or eyeglasses case.

An object of this invention is to provide an identifying means for mounting in a pocket provided in a spectacle case which is simple in its construction and arrangement, and which will provide a means for retaining the prescription of the lenses so that the lenses may readily be duplicated.

Another object of this invention is to provide an improved record bearing construction in the form of a foldable record sheet and a tab structure fixed to one side of the sheet and including a pull tab which is adapted to project from the folded edges of the sheet so that the entire folded sheet may be disposed in a pocket for protection thereby and the pull tab left projecting from the pocket.

Embodying the aims aforesaid and others which may hereinafter appear, the invention consists of the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts as will be more specifically referred to and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, wherein are shown embodiments of the invention, but it is to be understood that changes, variations and modifications may be resorted to which fall within the scope of the invention as claimed.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a case for storing a pair of spectacles or eyeglasses, the case being partly broken away, shown in open position and constructed in accordance with this invention,

Figure 2 is a section on line 2—2 Figure 1,

Figure 3 is a front elevation of a luminous wall forming member for correlation with the inner face of the lid of the case to provide a pocket,

Figure 4 is an elevation looking towards the front of the combined identifying and instructing element when the latter is extended, and

Figure 5 is an elevation looking towards the rear face of the element shown in Figure 4.

With reference to Figures 1 to 5 of the drawing, a protecting case for a pair of spectacles or eyeglasses is generally indicated at 7, and it consists of an open top body portion 8 for receiving the pair of spectacles or eyeglasses and a snap lid or cover 9 for closing the body portion 8. The lid 9 is connected at one side to one side of the body portion 8 by a snap spring hinge 10 which couples the body portion 8 and lid 9 together.

Arranged against the inner face of lid 9, lengthwise thereof is a wall forming member 11. The

latter is constructed of any suitable material and preferably it will be a length of paper. The member 11 may, if desired, be provided on its outer face with the name of the optometrist furnishing the eyeglasses or spectacles. The member 11 has the portions 12, 13 and 14 secured to the inner face of lid 9 by any suitable adhesive material. The portion 15 of the member 11 is not secured directly to the inner face of the lid 9, but correlates with such inner face to provide a pocket 16, which is open at its upper end when the lid 9 is in the position shown in Figure 1. The outer face of the portion 15 of the member 11 has suitably secured thereon a luminous means 17 and such means may consist of radium or other type paint that glows in the dark. The means 17 may be arranged in an indented part of the portion 15 of the member 11 and secured to the member 11, but it is to be understood that the means 17 is to be secured and arranged relative to the portion 17 of the member 11 in any suitable manner. The means 17, owing to its luminosity, enables one to readily ascertain where the case 7 is in the dark when the case is open.

There is carried by the lid 9 a combined identifying and instructing element generally indicated at 18. The said element is removably mounted in and has a part thereof extended from the mouth of the pocket 16. The element 18 comprises carrier 19 in the form of a foldable and extendible sheet of rectangular form and said carrier in its folded position is shown in Figure 2. The rear face of the sheet 19 is provided with a designated line 20 on which is to be arranged the name of the owner of the pair of spectacles or eyeglasses protected by the case 7, a designated line 21 for receiving the address of the owner, a designated line 22 for inserting the name of the city in which the owner resides, a designated line 23 for receiving the date the eyeglasses or spectacles were furnished to the owner, conventional means as indicated at 24 to constitute instructions for the owner by the optometrist furnishing the glasses, and at the lower portion of the sheet, as indicated at 25, the name of the optometrist furnishing the glasses. The element 18 further includes a pull tab 26 for the carrier 19. The pull tab 26 is secured to the lower portion of the front face of the carrier 19. The tab 26 is of less length than the length of the carrier and has its side edges positioned equidistant from the side edges of the carrier 19. The pull tab 26 consists of a rectangular portion 27 and a substantially semicircular portion 28 extended upwardly from the upper end of the portion 27. The portion 27

of the tab 26 has the major part thereof secured to a fold of the carrier 19 in a manner as indicated by the dotted line showing 29, Figure 4. That fold of the carrier 19, which is secured to the inner face of the portion 27 of the tab 28, is of less width than the width of said portion 27 and such fold has its sides spaced equidistant from the side edges of portion 27 of tab 28. The portion 28 of tab 26 is free of direct connection against the inner face or a fold of the carrier 19. When the sheet or element 18 is folded, it is initially folded longitudinally along the dotted lines 29^a and 29^b, and then folded transversely along the lines 29^c and 29^d so that it will assume a rectangular configuration as shown by the dotted lines 29 wherein the folded sheet is disposed within the confines of the carrier 26. The portion 28 of the tab 26 expedites the removal of the carrier 9 from the pocket 16 when occasion requires. The carrier 19, when folded, forms a body, which is of less length than the length of tab 26 and of less width than the width of the portion 27 of tab 26. The folded carrier 19 has its lower end flush with the lower end of the tab 26. The latter has suitable means on its outer face at its upper end which is indicated at 30, to designate that the tab is to be pulled out from pocket 16 with the folded carrier 19. Owing to the arrange-

ment of the folded carrier with respect to the tab 26, when removing it or replacing it in pocket 16 said carrier will not be damaged or torn. The portion 28 extends the necessary distance from the folded carrier so that when the element 18 is being removed from pocket 16 one cannot engage the folded carrier 19 and damage the same.

What I claim is:

A combined identifying and instructing element 10 for engagement in an inner pocket of a spectacle or eyeglasses case, comprising a rectangular foldable and extendible sheet, and a pull tab secured to the lower portion of one face of said sheet, said tab having a size substantially smaller than the size of said sheet and including a body portion 15 fixed to one face of said sheet with one edge thereof flush with an adjacent edge of said sheet and having opposed longitudinal edges inwardly of the adjacent longitudinal edges of the sheet, 20 said sheet being normally folded to conform to the size of the body portion and disposed within the confines of said body portion, said body having a dimension to fit inside of the pocket, and a pull member integral with and extending from 25 said body, said pull member being free of said sheet and extending beyond the adjacent folded edges of said sheet.

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