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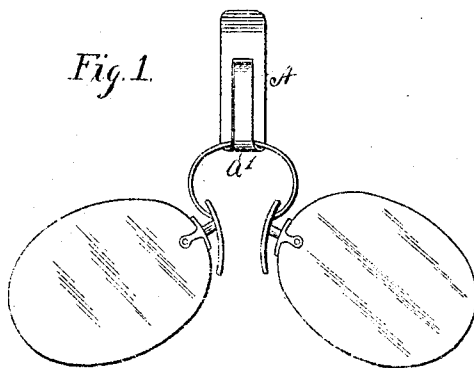


Fig. 2.

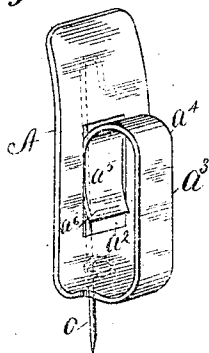


Fig. 5.

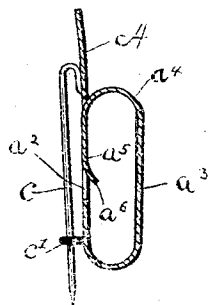


Fig. 3.

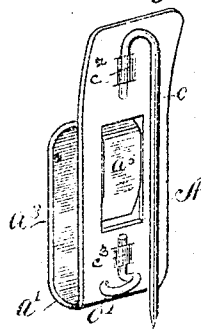
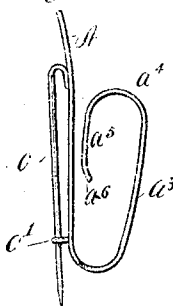


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK J. THOMPSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fargo, in the county of Cass and State of North Dakota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Eyeglass-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a device for supporting eye glasses, watches or other articles which it may be desired to have hang pendent from the apparel of the wearer so that they may be constantly in sight and always ready for use or examination.

The especial object of the improvements hereinafter shown is to provide a hanger or holder of this description from which the article cannot be accidentally detached no matter what position the wearer may assume, and yet from which articles may be easily and quickly removed when it becomes desirable to do so.

A further object is to so construct such a device that it may be cheaply manufactured and prove durable in use.

Having these and other objects of general utility in view I have invented the hanger or holder shown in the accompanying drawing in a preferred form in the following views:—

Figure 1 shows my improved holder in front elevation with eye-glasses attached thereto; Fig. 2 is a front perspective of the holder alone on a larger scale; Fig. 3 is a rear perspective view of the hanger alone, and Fig. 4 shows in edge view the release position of the hanger, Fig. 5 is a vertical section through the holder.

Referring to the drawings in detail, it will be seen that my holder consists of a piece of thin flat spring metal cut to form a back portion A and a tongue a^1 integral therewith. The back is preferably bent slightly, to form a shield for the pin c and keeper c^1 secured to its rear side and has cut therein a rectangular opening or recess a^2 . The tongue portion is narrower than the back, and is bent upwardly substantially parallel with the back as at a^3 , then extended inwardly toward the latter as at a^4 , then downwardly as at a^5 , and with the extreme end of the extension a^5 bent outwardly as at a^6 . The portion a^5 projects into the rectangular opening a^2 thus blocking the passage of articles between the tongue and

the back unless sufficient force be exerted to push the portion a^5 out of the said opening as shown in Fig. 4. To remove or release articles from the enclosed space between the tongue portion a^3 and the back, it is necessary to pull the tongue outwardly as indicated in Fig. 4. The spring tension of the tongue will be sufficient to overcome any outward pull that would result merely from the weight of the article suspended on the holder. It will be apparent that the pin c and keeper c^1 by which the holder is attached to the apparel of the user of this device, may be secured to the back of the holder in any approved manner. In Fig. 3 I have shown one method by which the pin and keeper are secured in place, in which loops c^2 , c^3 , are cut from the metal of the holder, and embrace the fixed ends of the pin and keeper respectively. By adding solder at the points of these loops, the holding power of the latter will be re-inforced, as will be readily understood. It will also be apparent that the tongue need not be formed integrally with the back portion of the holder but may consist of a separate piece of suitable spring metal secured to the back portion in any approved manner.

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

An eye-glass holder consisting of flat spring metal having a back-portion, and a tongue extending from said back-portion, from one end thereof, and having a part thereof parallel with the back-portion, the end of said parallel part being bent toward the back-portion and thence downwardly to form an extension with its end turned outwardly beyond the plane of the back-portion, and the back-portion formed with an elongated slot, said slot and tongue-extension being of such length relatively to each other that said extension may have an inward movement through the slot when pressed inwardly, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses:

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