

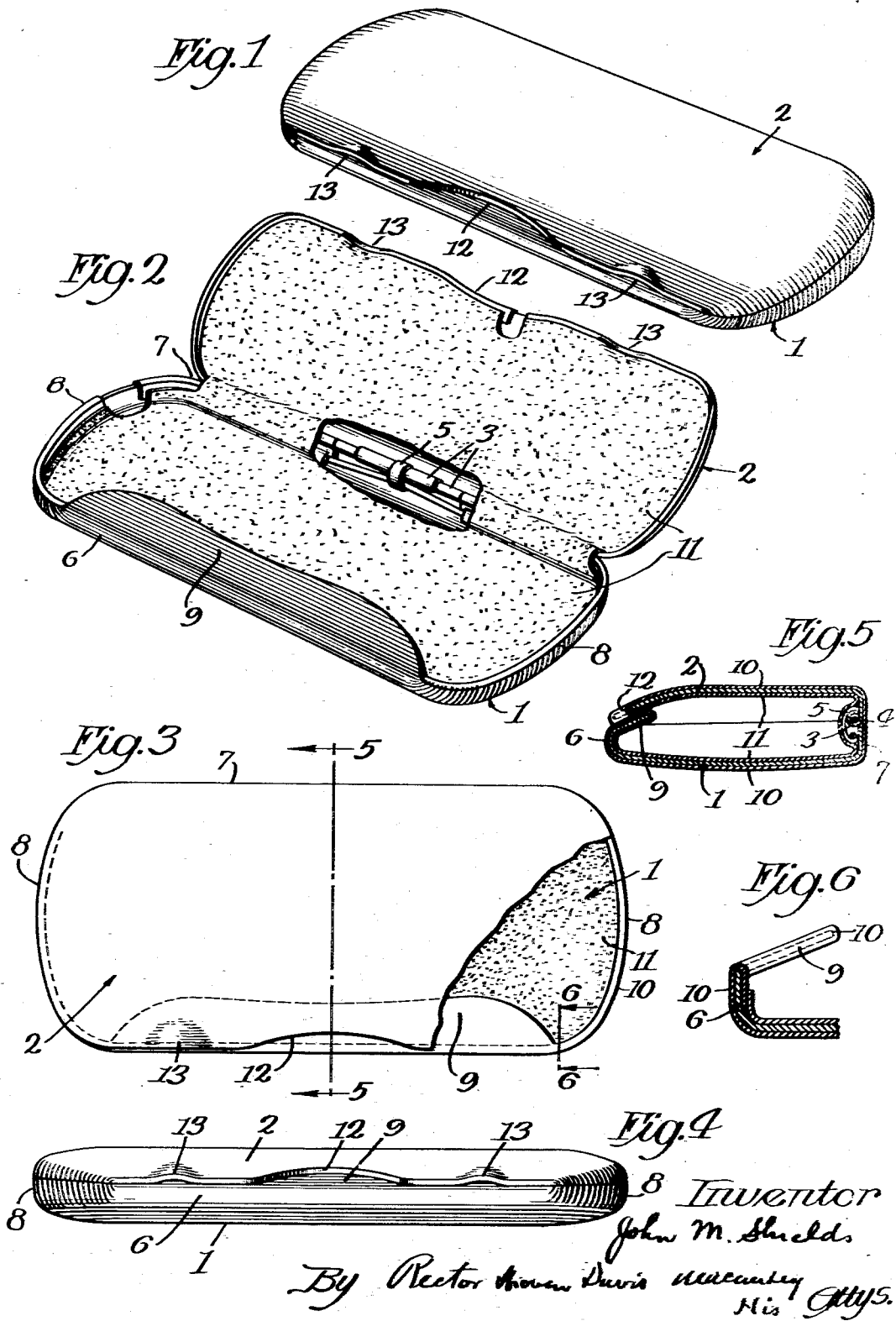
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My present invention relates to spectacle or eyeglass cases such as are ordinarily employed for carrying the glasses in a pocket when not being used, and its object is the provision of such a case which shall be free from certain objections or defects inherent in cases of this character as ordinarily constructed, and shall be more durable and more desirable for the purposes to be served than are spectacle cases of similar character heretofore known. This object I attain through the novel form and arrangement of the box parts, the essential elements of my invention being more particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawing,

Figure 1 is a perspective of my novel spectacle case, closed;

Fig. 2 is a perspective of the same, open, certain portions being locally broken away to show the arrangement of superimposed parts;

Fig. 3 is a top plan view of the case, closed and partly broken away;

Fig. 4 is a front edge view of the case;

Fig. 5 is a cross-section in a plane indicated by the dotted line 5—5 of Fig. 3; and

Fig. 6 is a fragmentary vertical section in a plane indicated by the dotted line 6—6 of Fig. 3.

Like reference characters indicate like parts in all the figures of the drawing.

My novel spectacle case, as in the case of ordinary cases of usual construction, includes two covered sheet metal members, a body member 1 and a lid member 2, which are formed at the rear with aligned hinge rolls 3 connected by a pintle 4 and a spring 5 which in opposite extreme positions of the members yieldingly holds such members alternatively either in open or closed relation. The lower or body sheet metal member 1 is formed with a continuous rounded upwardly extending section forming the front side 6 and rear side 7 and the end portions 8—8 of the case, the hinge rolls at the top of the rear side of the body being preferably formed integral with such side. Describing now the specific novel construction of my improved spectacle case, the front and rear sides of the body are

formed upon parallel straight lines which merge tangentially into the curved end portions. At the top of the front side 6 of the body and extending between the ends of the straight front portions of such front side, the side merges into a retaining flange 9 which extends in an inclined direction rearwardly to fit smoothly under the lid when the latter is closed.

This particular form and construction of the parts of the sheet metal box body member enables the ornamental fabric or imitation leather covering 10 to be carried completely around the ends and front side and retaining flange of the body, without presenting a raw edge of the covering material at any point, and the box body is of rounded shape throughout its entire extent and presents no angles at any point exposed to wear. The cover fabric, it will be understood, is carried at the rear side around the hinge rolls and extends over the lid of the box, later to be described.

It may here be explained that in spectacle or eyeglass cases of ordinary construction the arcuate ends of the box meet the straight front and rear sides at an angle, and the retaining flange extends in a straight line from one end wall to the other, whereby the covering necessarily presents a raw edge at the ends of such retaining flange, and whereby angles are formed at the two junction points between the front side and ends which are exposed to wear to such a degree that the covering invariably wears away at those points while it is yet presentable in appearance and serviceable elsewhere.

The sheet metal lid member 2 of the case is of rounded outline corresponding to the body member and is similarly covered with a portion of the fabric 10, as already stated. The inside of both the box body and the lid members is covered with a lining 11 of plush or other suitable material which extends over and conceals the hinge members and also the inturned edge of the covering material 10 around the inside of the meeting edges of the box body and lid.

Preferably the lid does not extend outside of or overhang the body of the box at any

point, avoiding wear on a projecting portion incident to such constructions. In the present instance the center of the front edge of the lid is provided with a curved thumb notch 12, and on each side of such notch the edge of the lid is formed with a shallow cupped bend or lip 13, so that the case may be grasped by either hand, with the thumb opposite the thumb notch 12 of the lid but not contacting it, and the lid then conveniently manipulated by applying the thumb of the other hand to one or the other of the lips 13 at the edge of the lid.

I claim:

1. A spectacle case including a sheet metal box body member formed with an integral front side portion formed upon straight lines and curved end portions merging tangentially into said front portion at its ends and a retaining flange continuous with the top of said front portion and extending upwardly and rearwardly therefrom, said retaining flange tapering in width adjacent its ends to meet said curved end portions of the body member, and a covering of flexible material extending over the outer faces of the box body and folded continuously over the edges of said end portions and said retaining flange.

2. A spectacle case comprising a sheet metal box body member formed with integral parallel front and rear side portions formed upon straight lines and with curved end portions merging tangentially into said front and rear side portions and with a retaining flange continuous with the top of said front portion and extending upwardly and rearwardly therefrom, said retaining flange tapering in width adjacent its ends to meet said curved end portions, a lid member hinged to said rear side portion of the body member, and a covering of flexible material extending over the outer faces of the body and lid members and folded continuously over the edges thereof.

3. A spectacle case comprising a box body having end sections and front and rear side sections and a retaining flange extending rearwardly from the top of the front side section, and a lid hinged to the rear side section and seating upon said end sections and said retaining flange, the front edge of said lid being formed with a central thumb notch and with shallow curved lips on opposite sides of said notch.

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