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## SPECTACLE CASE HOLDER.

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(No Model.)

FIG. 1.

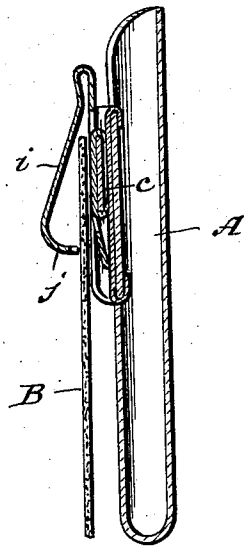



FIG. 2

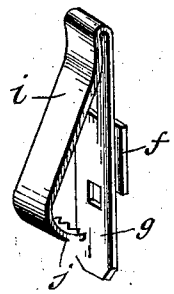



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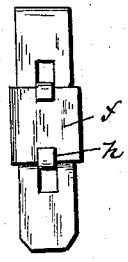



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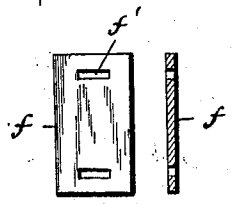



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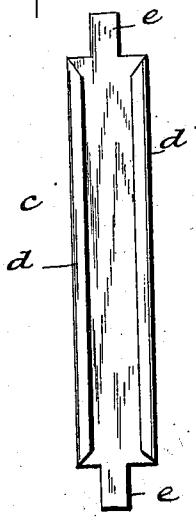
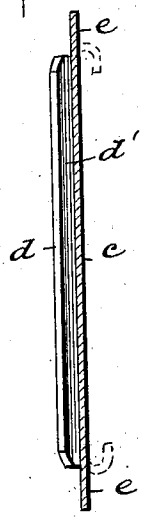



FIG. 6.




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## SPECTACLE-CASE HOLDER.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 617,962, dated January 17, 1899.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ABNER S. KIRBY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fredericktown, in the county of Knox and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Spectacle-Case Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in spectacle-case holders; and the object is to provide a simple, inexpensive, and effective device to secure and hold the case in position and prevent loss of the spectacles by the case slipping out of the pocket.

With this and other objects in view my invention consists in certain novel features of construction, combination, and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter more fully described, and specifically set forth in the appended claim.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a vertical longitudinal section showing the spectacle-case secured to a pocket-flap by my improved holder. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the spring clamping-tongue. Fig. 3 is an inner side or rear elevational view of the same. Fig. 4 shows two views of a modified form of guide-plate. Fig. 5 is a front view of the base-plate of the holder. Fig. 6 is a longitudinal section of the same. Fig. 7 is a longitudinal section illustrating a modified form of holder.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, A represents a spectacle-case of ordinary construction, and B the outer flap of a coat or vest pocket, in which cases of this kind are for convenience usually carried.

My improved holder is designed to secure the spectacle-case to the pocket-flap in such manner as to render the case easy of access and at the same time obviate all liability of loss of the spectacles by the case slipping out of the pocket. To this end it consists of a base-plate *c*, provided with inturned side flanges *d*, forming guide-grooves *d'*, which are open at each end, and with end tongues or tangs *e*, which are passed through slits in the front of the case A and clenched on the inner side thereof to firmly secure the plate thereto. The edges of a guide-plate *f* are fitted in the guide-grooves *d'* to slide therein and to closely engage the body of the plate and flanges, so that it will be securely held by frictional contact in any position to which it has been adjusted. This guide-plate is carried by a clamping-plate *g*, to which it may be secured in any desired manner. In Figs. 1 and 3 it is shown secured by tangs *h*, struck up from the body of the plate *g* and bent over upon the edges of the guide-plate, while the modified form of guide-plate shown in Fig. 4 is provided with slots *f'*, through which the tangs may be passed and clenched on the back of the guide-plate. The clamping-plate is thus adapted to slide up and down on the base-plate *c* for a purpose hereinafter described.

Formed integrally with the clamping-plate is a hook-shaped spring-tongue *i*, which projects downwardly from the upper end thereof. This tongue is adapted to be slipped down over the upper edge of the pocket-flap B and has its lower inturned edge or bill *j* formed with teeth or serrations to engage said flap and thereby clamp the spectacle-case thereto.

The manner of employing my improved spectacle-case holder is as follows: The case containing the spectacles is inserted in the pocket and the clamping-plate adjusted on the base-plate *c* to suit the particular depth of pocket, and then the spring-tongue *i* is slipped down over the upper edge of the outer pocket-flap B. When this is done, it will be seen that the said flap is securely clamped between the tongue and clamping-plate of the holder, and as the spectacle-case is rigidly secured thereto all liability of said case slipping or being forced out of the pocket is avoided.

The case may be adjusted independently of the clamping-plate and tongue as desired, so that it may be wholly concealed or have its upper end project outside of the pocket to enable the spectacles to be readily and conveniently taken out for use and replaced after using. The tongue may be readily removed by forcibly sliding the guide-plate out of the open ends of the grooves at the top or bottom

of the base-plate, thus rendering it unnecessary to bend the securing-tangs to permit of the clamping-plate being released.

It will be understood that changes in the form, proportion, and minor details of construction may be made within the scope of the invention without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages thereof.

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

A spectacle-case provided with a holder, comprising in its construction a base-plate lying directly in contact throughout its entire length with the case and having side flanges bent over upon its outer faces to form guideways which open through both ends of said plate, a clamping device consisting of a plate relatively narrower than the base-plate and formed with a hook-shaped spring-tongue projecting downwardly from the upper edge thereof and having a lower inturned edge or bill adapted to engage and clamp the outer flap of a pocket in which the case is inserted directly against said plate, and a guide-plate relatively wider than the said clamping-plate and having its side edges arranged to slide in said guideways and to bear frictionally against the body of the base-plate and flanges, said guide-plate being detachably secured to the clamping-plate by tangs projecting from the latter, substantially as described.

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

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