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SPECTACLE CASE.

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Fig. 1.

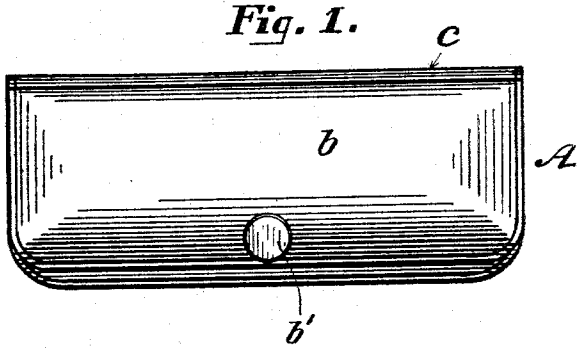


Fig. 2.

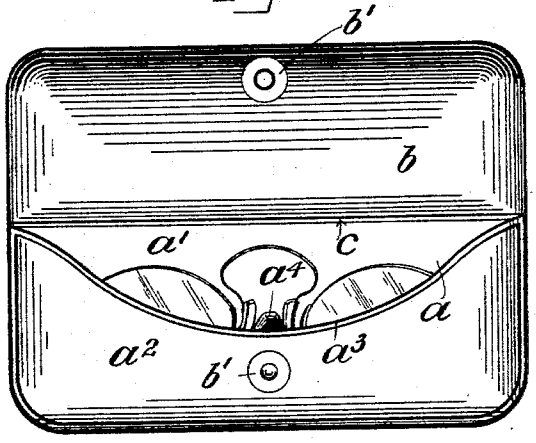
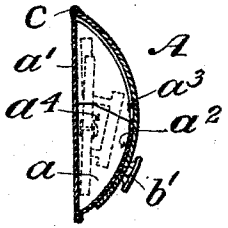


Fig. 3.



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SPECTACLE-CASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROY L. WARREN, a citizen of the United States, residing at North East, in the county of Cecil and State of Maryland, have invented a new and Improved Spectacle-Case, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a case adapted to receive a spectacle or eyeglass in which the latter is protected from breaking or bending of the nose-piece.

The cases heretofore in use were composed of various material and in various shapes. Some protected the nose-piece of an eyeglass, but it was difficult to hold the latter in shape while inserting it into the case.

By my improved eyeglass-case the eyeglass or spectacle is readily inserted and held in proper position, so that during the insertion or while being carried in a person's pocket the glasses, as well as—and this is the most important feature—the nose-piece, will be protected from injury of any kind.

The improved eyeglass holder or case will be more fully understood taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view showing the case closed; Fig. 2, a view showing the case open, and Fig. 3 is a cross-section.

Referring now to the drawings for a further description of my invention, A is the case, comprising the pocket a and lid b, hinged at c in any suitable manner to the pocket a. The pocket a comprises the back plate a', of leather, paper, or other suitable material, to which is fastened at three edges the front piece a^2, made of the same or other material. This front piece is cut low, as shown at a^3, so that the eyeglass projects above the same, in order that it can be easily taken out as well as inserted.

If preferred, a distance-block a^4 may be inserted and fastened to the back plate a' and front piece a^2, which prevents the back and front parts of the pocket from closing upon the nose-piece of the eyeglass, and thereby insures it against bending and breaking. Furthermore, this block a^4 holds the eyeglass in position longitudinally.

Onto the upper edge at c of the back plate a' is hinged a lid or cover b, of pressed paper, sheet metal, or other suitable material which will not yield easily to pressure. This cover or lid b is bulged out in the middle or buckled, so that the edges thereof fit close on the edges of the front piece a^2, while at the middle of the cover or lid is left room to fit over the projecting or bulged-out portion of the front piece a^2, as shown in Fig. 3. This cover or lid b, of stiff material, gives when closed stiffness and rigidity to the case and is held in closed position by a suitable lock b'.

The hinge at c may be formed in any suitable manner, but it is preferred to use the covering material, as leather, as will be fully understood by those skilled in the art.

It will be seen from Fig. 2 that the spectacle or eyeglass can be easily inserted and removed from the case A without bending any of its parts, and when an eyeglass is contained in the case it will be perfectly safe from breaking or bending.

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

As a new article of manufacture an eyeglass-case, comprising a pocket composed of a back plate and a front piece, secured at three of its edges to the back plate, a distance-block in the middle of the pocket to hold the front piece away from the back plate and protect the nose-piece of an eyeglass, the free edge of the front piece cut low to enhance the insertion and removal of an eyeglass, a bulged-out or buckled lid of stiff material, hinged to the upper edge of the back plate of the pocket, and a lock for securing the lid in a closed position, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my signature in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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