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EYEGLASS CASE.

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Fig. 1.

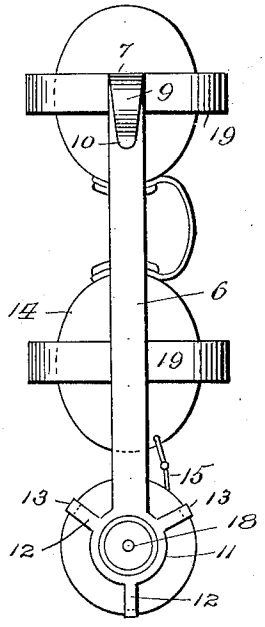


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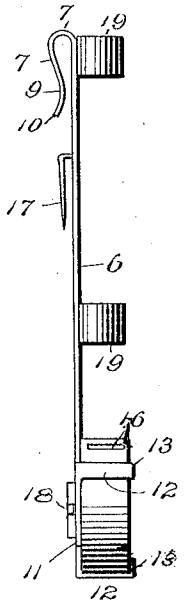


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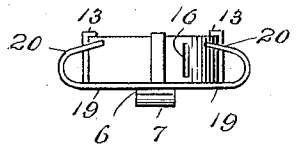
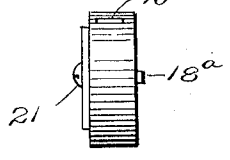


Fig. 4.



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EYEGLASS-CASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN M. BRADLEY and CHARLES F. PIKE, citizens of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Eyeglass-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to eyeglass cases and has for its object to obviate and overcome the disadvantages and inconveniences attendant upon the use of the cases now in use owing to their overweight and bulk, and to construct eyeglass cases of a weight as light as possible with due regard to safety and efficiency.

A secondary object in so constructing eyeglass cases is to permit of their being made of precious metals or other valuable materials without unduly increasing the cost or sacrificing their utility.

With these objects in view, the invention consists in the improved construction, arrangement and combination of parts comprising an eyeglass case, hereinafter fully described and afterward specifically claimed.

In order that the construction and operation thereof may be readily comprehended, we have illustrated an improved embodiment of our invention in the accompanying drawings, and will now proceed to fully describe the invention, having reference to said drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents the invention in front elevation;

Fig. 2, a view in side elevation;

Fig. 3, a plan view of the same;

Fig. 4, a view of a slight modification in the means for securing the reel in position on the main body or support of the case.

Like reference characters indicate the same parts wherever they occur in any of the figures of the drawings.

Referring specifically to the drawing, 6 indicates the main body or support of the case which consists, preferably of a small bar or strip of sheet metal, or of any other suitable material, which is provided at its upper end, or at any other suitable or desired point, with a hook 7 which may be of the same material as the body 6, and which extends rearwardly and downwardly to engage in a pocket, or a button-hole or other suitable opening in the garment upon which the case is to be supported.

The body and the hook may be made of spring metal or other suitable elastic material so as to clasp the material of the garment as at 9 and the point, as at 10 is preferably curved slightly away from the garment to facilitate its entrance into the pocket or opening.

The lower end of the body or support is preferably formed as a disk 11 from which project radial fingers 12 for supporting a reel, the fingers being bent at right angles to the disk to inclose the reel, and the ends may be turned over as at 13 to clasp and hold the reel on its inner side.

The eyeglass 14, including the usual lenses and connecting bow is attached to the chain 15 of the reel, which passses through a slot 16 in the casing of the reel.

The body or support may be provided with a pin 17 to secure it to a garment at a point where there is no pocket or opening.

The reel may be of the usual construction and provided with a ratchet to hold it against automatic return of the chain to its casing, and such construction being well known, is not illustrated. To release the ratchet, we provide a push-button 18, Figs. 1 and 2, and when the pin 17 is employed the reel is reversed in position, as shown in Fig. 4, to bring the push-button 18^a to the opposite side from said pin.

To prevent lateral movement of the glasses on the support, when desired, a suitable number of transverse supports 19 may be provided consisting of strips of metal secured to the body, or it might be, formed integral therewith, having their outer ends curved inward as most clearly shown in Fig. 3, at 20.

If desired, the fingers 12 may be omitted and the reel casing secured to the body or support by means of a screw 21.

From the foregoing, the operation of the case will be readily understood by those skilled in the art to which the invention appertains, and extended description of such operation is deemed unnecessary.

The various parts may be left plain or may be ornamented in any desired manner.

Having thus fully described our invention, what we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is:

An eyeglass case comprising a vertical body or support consisting of a thin strip of elastic sheet material having its upper end bent rearward forming an elastic hook to engage in a pocket or other opening in a garment, and also provided with integral lateral supports having their ends bent forward forming hooks to prevent lateral movement of the glasses when supported on the body, the lower end of the body being formed as a disk having means for securing a reel, comprising radial fingers bent to clasp the casing of the reel.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures.

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