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CASE FOR EYEGLASSES AND SPECTACLES.

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FIG. 1.

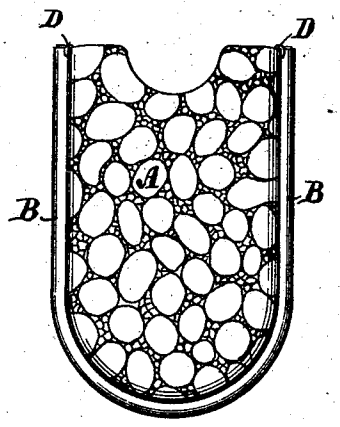


FIG. 3.

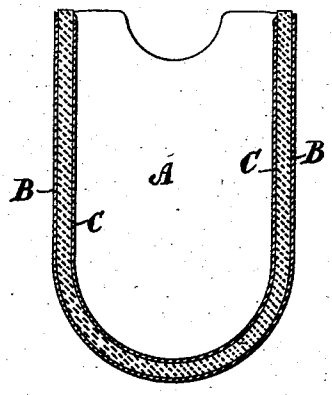


FIG. 2.



FIG. 4.

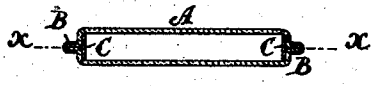
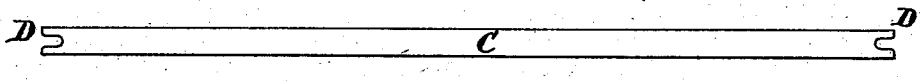


FIG. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM B. WHITE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Quincy, in the county of Norfolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Cases for Eyeglasses, Spectacles, &c., of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in cases such as are made of two pieces of leather united at the edge by a metallic clamp, as described in Patent No. 175,171, granted to Chs. F. Rumpp, March 21, 1876, for improvement in cigar-cases.

My invention is more especially designed for application to eyeglass or spectacle cases made similar to the above-named invention of Rumpp. When made in this way, however, the edges of the leather forming the sides of the case are pressed close together, causing the inner surfaces to come in close contact, so that when inserting the eyeglass it is necessary to press the opposite edges inward to open the mouth of the case, and when the eyeglass is inserted it is held somewhat firmly, so as not always to be easily withdrawn.

It is the object of my invention to overcome this objection; and to that end the invention consists in inserting a narrow strip of thin metal in the inner edge of the case, extending all the way around from the top of the case, the ends being properly secured to the upper end of the case at each side.

Referring to accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side view of a case with my improvement applied. Fig. 2 is a top view of the same. Fig. 3 is a vertical section on the line *x x* of Fig. 4. Fig. 4 is a transverse section. Fig. 5 is the metal strip which is to be inserted in the case.

The sides A consist of two pieces of leather or other suitable material, having the edges secured together by a thin metallic strip, B, bent over on the outer sides of the leather and firmly clamped together, as shown and described in the above-named patent of Rumpp. I then take a thin strip of metal, C, having notches cut in both ends, as shown in Fig. 5, and place it on the inner edges of the case, as shown in Fig. 3, the notches in the ends fitting over the upper ends of the strip B, and the ends D being pressed down on each side of the strip B upon the leather, by means of which the strip C is held firmly in place. The metal strip C may, however, be secured to the case in any other suitable manner.

By means of the addition of the strip C, I separate the inner sides of the case, leaving a rectangular opening, as indicated in Figs. 2 and 4.

My invention is equally applicable to eyeglass and spectacle cases, and also to cigar-cases.

The metal strip C is very readily and quickly applied to the case by means of a small machine or device especially constructed for the purpose. The metal strip C may be of any desired width to adapt the case to the article to be inserted.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination, with a casing formed of two pieces of leather united at the edge by a metallic frame-piece, of a metal strip, C, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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