This invention relates to cases or containers having a flap that is secured in closed position by means connected to the flap and to the case body.

An object of the invention is to provide novel means for easily securing together the flap fastening means.

Heretofore in cases having flexible sides and an integral flap, the free end of which is secured to one of the sides by any suitable fastening means such as a common glove or snap fastener, a wooden block has been secured in the case in rear of the fastening member attached to the case body in order to form a support against which the fastening members are pressed during the flap closing operation. By thus providing a support, breakage of articles in the case or container is reduced to a minimum and case of closing the flap is accomplished. The supports or blocks just mentioned, have heretofore been used to a side wall of the case or glued or riveted along their bottom edge to a strip inserted in the case. These supports or blocks are likely to be broken or become loose in the case, in either of which events, heretofore the case has been practically rendered useless.

An object is to provide a novel construction for cases or containers in which a flap fastening supporting means or block may be securely connected in the case so that breakage of the block will not affect the usefulness of the case or containers or lessen the effectiveness of the block when closing the case or container flap.

Another object is to provide novel means for securing in a case or container a support of the character above referred to, and in which the various parts of the block, if the same becomes broken or split, will be maintained in initial position.

A further object is to provide novel means of the above character that are simple in construction and neat appearing when in use.

Other objects are reduced costs of manufacture, ease and quickness of assembly.

The invention includes the parts and the combination of parts more particularly hereinafter described and claimed.

Other objects, advantages and features of invention may appear from the accompanying drawing, the subjoined detail description, and the appended claims.

The accompanying drawing illustrates the invention in some of the forms we at present deem preferable.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a spectacle case to which our invention is applied, as shown in dotted lines.

Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the case shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a plan view of the case shown in Figs. 1 and 2 but showing the case opened.

Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view of the flap fastening supporting means assembly.

Fig. 5 is a detail perspective view of a modified form of the flap fastening supporting means assembly, a portion being broken away to disclose a construction otherwise hidden.

The invention includes a case or container stiffener and a flap fastening supporting member a which comprises a relatively long and narrow strip 1 of relatively stiff and bendable material, such as sheet metal, aluminum, steel, celluloid, bakelite, fibre and the like, having up-turned ends 2 and intermediate ends 3 is bent upon itself as at 3 to form a recess 4 that is spanned by a block 5 of wood, fibre, sheet metal, or other suitable material.

This assembly as shown in Figs. 4 and 5 is slipped into the pouch of a case 6 by first inserting one end 2 in the case 6 and then springing the other end 2 of the block supporting assembly a into the case so that the block 5 is held in the recess 4 by the bottom of the case coming into engagement with the lower end of the block 5. The case 6 may be formed in any suitable manner, and as shown in the drawing, the ends 5 of the case are secured together by stitches not shown.

A flap 7 extending from the case 6 is provided at its free end with one element of co-operative fastening means such as a female fastening member 8 that is adapted to be secured to the other element of the co-operative fastening member or to a male fastening member 9 that is secured to a side wall of the case 6 adjacent to or in front of the block 5.
so that when the member 8 is placed upon member 9, the block 5 will be engaged by the fastening member 9 and prevent the collapse of the side walls of the case 6 and thereby prevent likelihood of crushing or breakage of the case or container contents.

In the modification shown in Fig. 5, the block or member 5 spanning the recess 4, is formed as an integral part of the strip 1. In this connection, it will be apparent that a separate piece may be made to slip over the edge of the strip 1 to close the recess 4.

From the foregoing it will be apparent that in the event the block 5 is made of wood, fibre, or other material and should become broken or split, the strip of material 1 which encircles the upper end of the block, will, together with the case bottom, retain the block in assembled and operative position.

By constructing a flap fastening supporting means as above, we have materially reduced the cost of construction and eliminated several operations heretofore necessary in the manufacture or assembly of devices of this kind, and have also provided a device which is neat in appearance when in use.

The strip 1 is of a predetermined width and serves to stiffen the case or container and space the side walls thereof. The block 5 is approximately of the same width as the strip 1 and preferably is a separate member snugly fitted into or spanning the recess 4, and by this construction it is not necessary, as has been the case heretofore, to secure the block in the case by means of gluing, nailing, or by any other method, thereby providing for reduced costs of manufacture, assembly and sanitation of the finished article.

We claim:

1. In a case, the combination of a flap provided with one element of co-operative fastening means; a strip fitted within said case and provided intermediate its ends with a recess; a block snugly fitted into and spanning said recess, said strip and block being adapted to be received in said case so that said block will be positioned in rear of the case fastening means when the flap is closed.

2. In a case, the combination of a flap provided with one element of co-operative fastening means; a strip having upturned ends and being bent intermediate its ends to form a recess opening away from the up-turned ends; and a block in said recess, said strip and block being positioned in said case so that said block will be in rear of said fastening means when the flap is closed, and said block will be retained in said case by the bottom and side walls of the case in combination with the bent part of the strip forming the recess.

3. The combination of an eye-glass case including a pouch having a top opening and a closure flap therefor, and cooperative fastening means respectively located on the pouch and flap; a narrow strip of relatively stiff material disposed within the pouch and positioned along the bottom edge thereof and provided with a recess located in rear of the fastening means on the pouch, and a block located within the recess, said strip frictionally engaging the pouch to retain the block in its operative position.

4. The combination of an eye-glass case including a pouch having a top opening and a closure flap therefor, and cooperative fastening means respectively located on the pouch and flap; a U-shaped strip of relatively stiff material fitted within the pouch and having its end portions engaging the ends of the pouch and the connecting portion extending along the bottom of the pouch, the connecting portion of said strip being bent upwardly to provide a recess located in rear of the fastening means on the pouch, and a block located within the recess.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands at Los Angeles, California, this 27th day of February, 1929.

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