

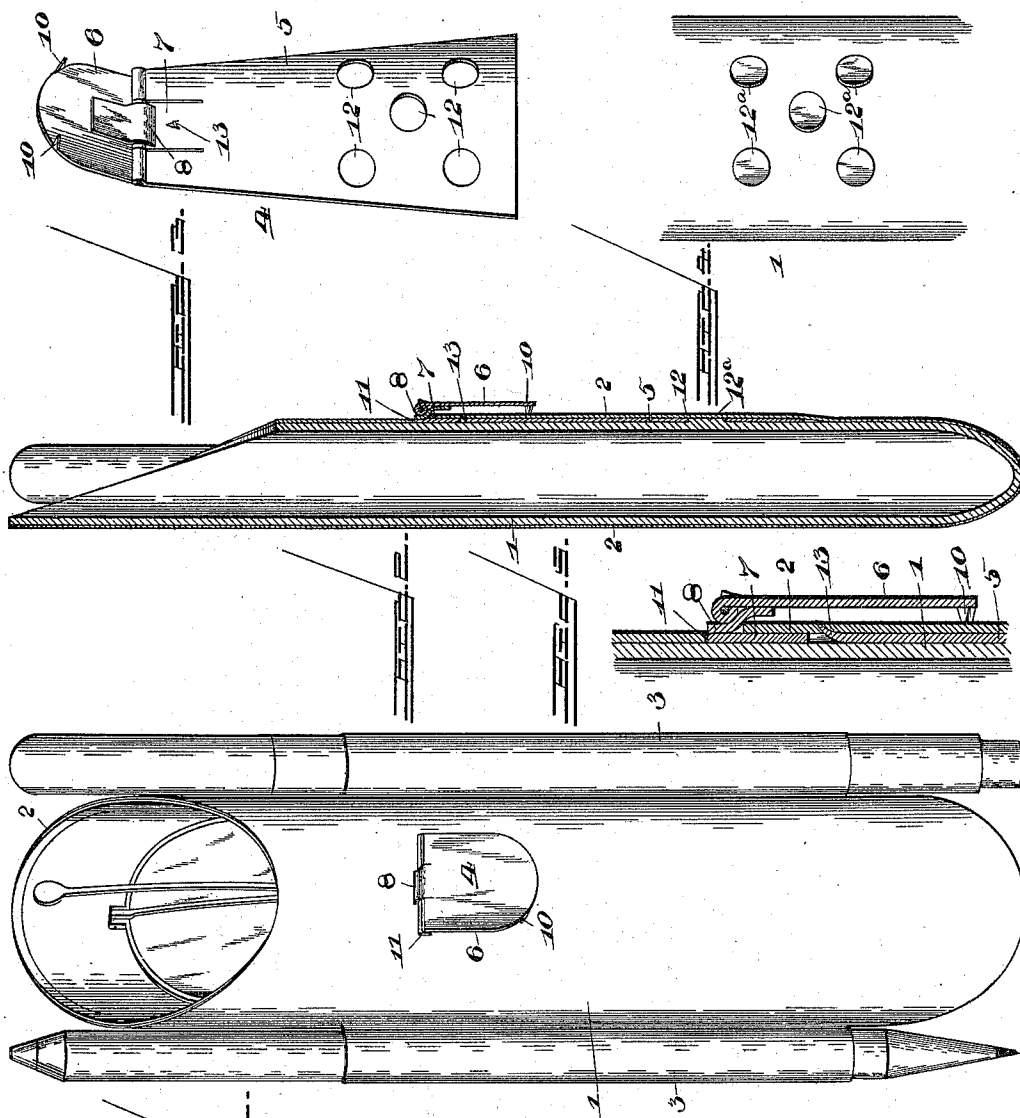
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM A. JOHNSTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Homer, in the parish of Claiborne and State of Louisiana, have invented a new and useful Spectacle-Case and Holder for Pencils, Pens, and the Like, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to improvements in spectacle-cases and holders for pencils, pens, and the like.

The object of the present invention is to provide a simple, inexpensive, and efficient holder adapted to be readily and securely attached to a vest-pocket or the like and capable of receiving a pair of spectacles, a pencil, and fountain-pen, or a thermometer or other small article.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device which will hold its contents in a convenient position and which cannot become accidentally detached from the wearer.

The invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claim hereto appended.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a spectacle-case and holder constructed in accordance with this invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view of the same. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of the clasp. Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view of a portion of the spectacle-case, the covering being removed.

Like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawings.

1 designates a spectacle-case consisting of a paper body and provided with a covering 2, of morocco or other suitable material, and the cover is provided at opposite sides of the spectacle-case with tubular receptacles 3, adapted to receive a pencil and fountain-pen or a thermometer or other similar-shaped article.

The spectacle-case is attached to the vest-pocket of the wearer, or to any other pocket, if desired, by a clasp 4, constructed of sheet metal or other suitable material and consist-

ing of a back 5 and a jaw 6. The back is provided in its upper portion with opposite cuts to provide a resilient tongue 7, and it has at opposite sides of the tongue eyes for the reception of a pintle which hinges the jaw to the back, and the jaw is provided with a lug 8, having a perforation to receive the pintle and projecting beyond the jaw to form a heel for engaging the resilient tongue, whereby the jaw is securely held in its closed position in engagement with a pocket. The jaw is provided with spurs or projections 10 to engage the clothing to prevent it from slipping out of the pocket of the wearer. The back of the clasp is inserted through a slot or opening 11 of the covering of the spectacle-case, and it is provided at its lower portion with circular openings 12, engaging enlargements or projections 12<sup>a</sup>, formed on the surface of the spectacle-case and consisting of integral portions of the paper body. These projections interlock with the perforations and prevent the clasp from slipping outward and strengthen the device, and the back, which is slightly curved to conform to the configuration of the spectacle-case, is provided at the base of the tongue with a spur or projection 13, engaging the covering of the spectacle-case to lock the clasp against any outward movement tending to withdraw it from its position between the covering and the spectacle-case.

It will be seen that the combined spectacle-case and holder is exceedingly simple and inexpensive in construction, that it is especially adapted for physicians and the like, and that it is capable of receiving a pair of spectacles, pencil, pen, or thermometer and of holding them in convenient position for use, and that it may be readily applied to the vest-pocket of the wearer and is securely retained in this position.

Changes in the form, proportion, and minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any advantages of the invention.

What I claim is—

In a device of the class described, the combination of a spectacle-case having a cover, and provided on the exterior of its body with

projections or enlargements located beneath  
the cover, and a clasp, adapted to engage a  
pocket, interposed between the covering and  
the body of the spectacle-case and provided  
5 with openings interlocking with the projec-  
tions or enlargements, substantially as de-  
scribed.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as  
my own I have hereto affixed my signature in  
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