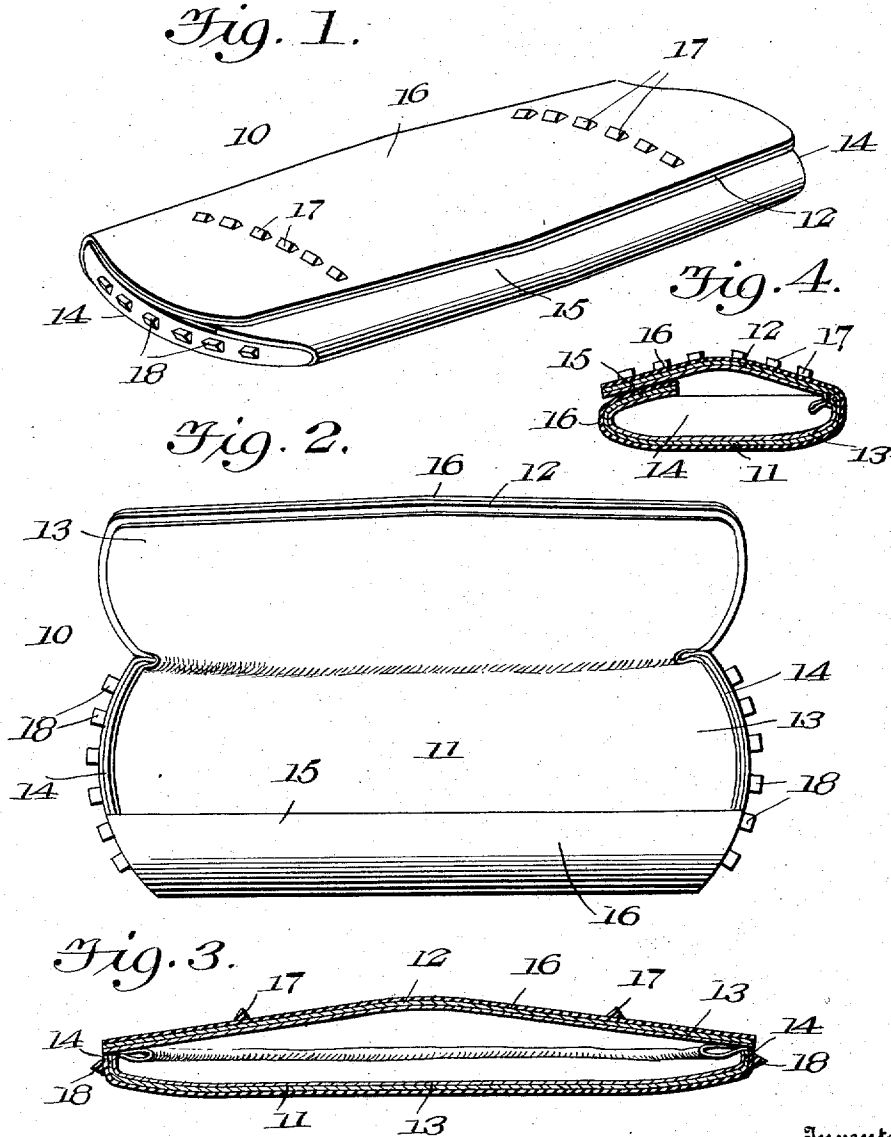


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES C. WILSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Salem, in the county of Harrison and State of West Virginia, have invented new and useful Improvements in Eyeglass and Spectacle Cases, of which the following is a specification.

An object of the invention is to provide a case for the reception of eye glasses or spectacles to permit of the same being conveniently carried in the pocket when not in use without danger of the eye glasses or spectacles being broken by the accidental dropping of the case out of the pocket.

The invention comprehends among other features the provision of a case which is formed with a surface or outer coating that will make the case substantially waterproof and impervious to the action of moisture as in cases of perspiration, the surface of the case furthermore being of a clinging nature so that when the case is placed in the pocket its velvety surface will cling or adhere to the garment and prevent the accidental dropping of the case out of the pocket, particularly when the case is placed in the side pocket of the vest and the owner subsequently stooping over causing the case to slip out of the pocket, which occurrence in this instance would be prevented by the frictional contact of the velvety surface of the case with the material of the pocket of the vest.

Still further embodiments of the invention reside in a case having its surface or outer coating so formed and arranged that should the case drop to the floor upon its end, the case will be substantially cushioned so as to reduce to a minimum the resulting jar or shock thus preventing breaking of the glasses or spectacles contained in the case.

In the further disclosure of the invention reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, constituting a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference denote corresponding parts in all the views, and in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the case showing the cover in closed position. Fig. 2 is a plan view with the cover shown in opened position. Fig. 3 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view taken through the case as shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a vertical transverse sectional view taken through the case.

Referring more particularly to the views, the case in its entirety is indicated by the numeral 10 and consists of a body or receptacle 11 of a substantially shallow nature, with a suitable closure 12 hinged upon the receptacle 11, said receptacle and cover being both provided with a lining 13 and which lining may be any suitable soft material such as velvet or the like to effectively protect the glasses or spectacles when they are arranged within the case. The ends of the receptacle 11 are indicated by the numeral 14 and the receptacle also includes a longitudinally extending ledge 15 which limits the closing movement of the cover and forms a small pocket into which portions of the glasses or spectacles will extend when they are arranged within the case.

The receptacle 11 and closure 12 are provided with a covering 16 preferably formed of rubber or some other suitable material which will be impervious to the action of moisture and which furthermore has a surface of a velvety or clinging nature. The covering may be of a single piece of the rubber or other material and extends around the entire exterior of the receptacle 11 and also covers the exterior of the cover 12 and the ledge 15, likewise the ends 14 of the receptacle. Thus it will be apparent that the covering provides an effectual means for preventing the admission of moisture to the interior of the case. It will be noted however that the friction-like surface of the covering will prevent slipping of the case when it is in the pocket of the garment in view of the clinging nature of the material and which contacting with the material of the garment will tend to hold the case within the pocket. As a further guard against the accidental dropping of the case out of the pocket, the closure 12, on that portion of the covering 16 which covers the exterior of the closure, is provided with a plurality of transversely extending rows of projections 17 formed with the covering 16 and therefore of the same material, said projections in contact with the material of the pocket of the garment preventing the accidental dropping of the case out of the pocket as will be readily understood.

Referring to the views, it will be noted that the ends 14 also each have a row of projections 18 similar to the projections 17 and formed with the material from which

the covering is made. Now it will be clearly seen that if the case is accidentally dropped to the floor or ground, the case in the event it strikes the ground on end or in an upside

5 down position will result in the projections coming into contact with the ground or surface and they being of a resilient or cushion-like material such as rubber will reduce the shock or resulting jar produced when the case contacts with the hard surface, thus

10 reducing the jar or shock upon the glasses or spectacles contained in the case and therefore preventing the breaking of the lenses. From the foregoing description it will be

15 clearly seen that the case described provides an effectual means for retaining the spectacles or glasses when they are not in use; that it provides a means for preventing admission of moisture to the interior of the case when closed; that it provides a means

20 for holding the case against accidental slipping out of the pocket, and that it provides a means which will reduce the shock or jar

upon the spectacles or glasses contained within the case if the case accidentally drops 25 to the floor.

What is claimed is:—

In an eye glass and spectacle case, the combination of a receptacle, a closure therefor, a rubber covering formed of a single 30 piece of material and covering the exterior faces of said receptacle and closure, and cushion-like projections formed with and constituting an integral part of said covering and adapted to extend transversely 35 across the closure and end walls of said receptacle for preventing any accidental breakage of the glasses contained in said receptacle upon any accidental dropping of such receptacle. 40

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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