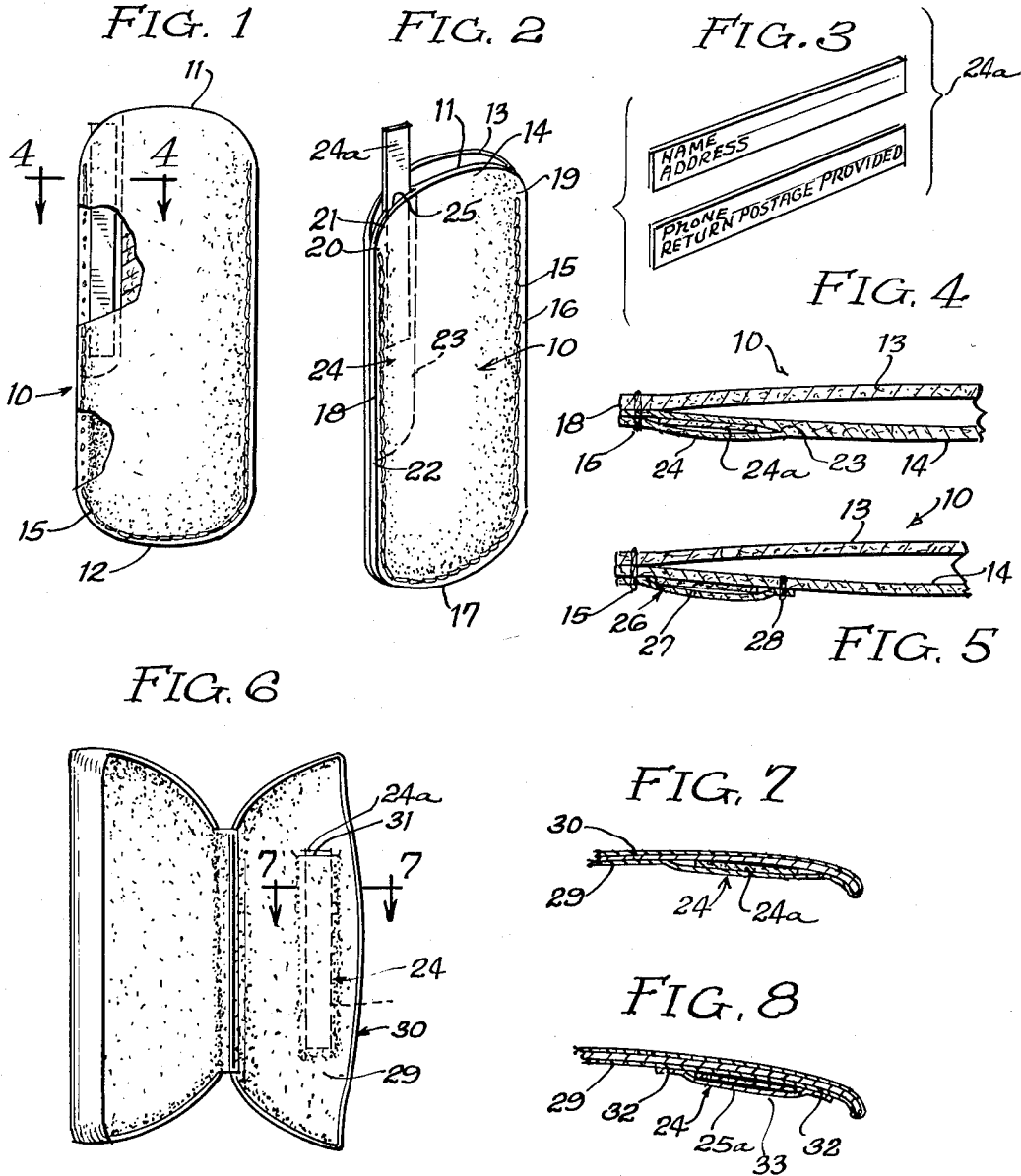


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The present invention relates to improvements in spectacle cases, and is particularly concerned with improvements for eliminating the inconvenience and losses and expense that have been caused by the loss of spectacles by individuals, which requires immediate replacement.

One of the objects of the invention is the provision of an improved spectacle case which is provided with a pocket or container for holding or retaining an identification card, which may give the name of the owner and his address and may indicate that return postage will be provided if the spectacles and case are dropped in the mails.

Another object of the invention is the provision of many improved forms of spectacle cases, all of which have in common the fact that they are provided with a pocket, preferably concealed, but adapted to contain a card which is provided with the name and address of the owner.

Another object of the invention is the provision of improved spectacle cases of the rigid metal type or the flexible plastic or leather type, each of which may be provided with an attached or incorporated pocket for receiving an identification card.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent from the following description and the accompanying drawings, in which similar characters of reference indicate similar parts throughout the several views.

Referring to the single sheet of drawings accompanying this specification,

Fig. 1 is a side elevational view of a spectacle case of a flexible leather type, which incorporates an integral pocket containing an identification card with the name and address of the owner of the spectacles;

Fig. 2 is a view in perspective of the spectacle case of Fig. 1, with the card partially withdrawn;

Fig. 3 is a view showing the front and reverse sides of the identification card;

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary sectional view taken on the plane of the line 4—4 of Fig. 1, looking in the direction of the arrows;

Fig. 5 is a similar view of a modification in which the pocket is formed by stitching a flap on the outside of the case;

Fig. 6 is a plan view of an open metal case, the cover of which is provided with a pocket located under the lining of the metal case;

Fig. 7 is a fragmentary sectional view taken on the plane of the line 7—7 of Fig. 6, looking in the direction of the arrows;

Fig. 8 is a view similar to Fig. 7 showing a modification with a pocket formed by adhesively securing a patch of fabric to the lining of the metal case along three sides of the patch, forming a pocket.

Referring to Figs. 1 and 2, 10 indicates in its entirety a spectacle case of the flexible leather type, which is formed of a pair of rectangular pieces of leather having rounded ends at 11 and 12, the two pieces of leather being indicated at 13 and 14.

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In spectacle cases of this type the two pieces of leather are secured together by a single line of stitching indicated at 15, which extends down one of the long sides 16 around the rounded bottom 17 and up the other straight side 18. The stitching preferably stops at 19 and 20 short of the rounded ends, leaving a pair of separable flaps, which may be opened to gain access to the spectacles contained in the case.

The present spectacle case has one of its leather pieces 14, for example, split at 21 from the rounded end 11 down along the straight side 18 to the point 22 and to a depth indicated at 23 by the dotted line. This split in the leather is formed before the two parts 13 and 14 are stitched together.

This forms an integral pocket 24, extending lengthwise of the spectacle case 10 and having an opening 25 at its upper end for reception of an identification card 24a. The pocket is preferably long enough to receive the entire card, which can be seen at the end opening 25.

The card 24a preferably contains a plurality of longitudinal lines with indicia at their ends, indicating the owner's name, address, phone, and message are to be inserted; and the message inserted may be "Reward Offered for Return" or may be "Return Postage Guaranteed." The data opposite the indicia on the card are to be inserted by the individual owning the spectacles.

Referring to Fig. 5, this is a modification in which a thin, elongated, rectangular flap 26 of fabric or leather forms a pocket 27 by being stitched at 28 to the layer 14 along one edge and its bottom and being secured at the other edge by the same line of stitching 15 which latter secures the two pieces of leather together. This pocket is also open at the end 25 and serves to receive the same type of card 24a.

Referring to Fig. 6, this is a view showing the inside of a metal spectacle case provided with an identification pocket 24 either located on the outside of the lining 29 or between the lining 29 and metal case 30.

The lining 29 may be adhesively secured to the inside of the metal case. The adhesive may be omitted from the lining and metal along the area defining the pocket 24 between the dotted lines. The lining 29 is slit at 31 to provide an opening which gives access to the card 24a.

Referring to Fig. 8, this is a modification in which the pocket 24 for the card 24a is provided by an extra patch 33 of the same lining 29 or a different fabric having a layer 32 of contact adhesive extending around on the inside of the patch 33 on three sides. This secures the patch 33 to the lining 29 of the metal case 30 on three sides, leaving the access opening at the end for receiving the card 24a.

I desire it to be understood that instead of stitching or adhesively securing the parts together any other types of securing means, such as metal staples, wiring, etc. may be employed.

It will thus be observed that I have invented improved spectacle cases which will eliminate much inconvenience, expense, and aggravation usually caused by the loss of spectacles because my spectacle cases are provided with a pocket for receiving an identification card.

By the identification card the name, address, and phone number of the owner may be ascertained, a reward may be offered, or postage for returning the spectacles may be guaranteed. In most cases well meaning finders of the spectacles will be kind enough to return the spectacles by dropping them in the mail box or even telephoning the owner so that he can call for them.

Special spectacles for individuals often cost large sums; and even the most simple types are too expensive to be lost and to replace them.

While I have illustrated a preferred embodiment of my invention, many modifications may be made without de-

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parting from the spirit of the invention, and I do not wish to be limited to the precise details of construction set forth, but desire to avail myself of all changes within the scope of the appended claim.

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

A spectacle case comprising a pair of flexible leather members of co-extensive shape and size and having parallel lateral edges, both of said members being of sufficient length and width to receive a pair of spectacles between them, and both having similar rounded edges at each end, one of said leather members being split into two layers along one of its parallel side edges from the open rounded end to a point nearer the closed end, and said split extending laterally into said latter leather member to a line parallel to the side edge, to form an elongated narrow pocket for receiving an identification card for return of the spectacles when lost, and a line of stitching

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extending through both said members and through both layers of the latter member, where it is split, and securing them together around one end and along the two parallel sides to points short of the rounded edges at the other end, leaving the latter end open, and the unsecured rounded edges being separable flaps for access to the spectacles and to one edge of the card at its outer end, the said card being retained in place in said elongated pocket by friction, and the pressure engagement of the faces of the two split layers forming the elongated pocket.

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