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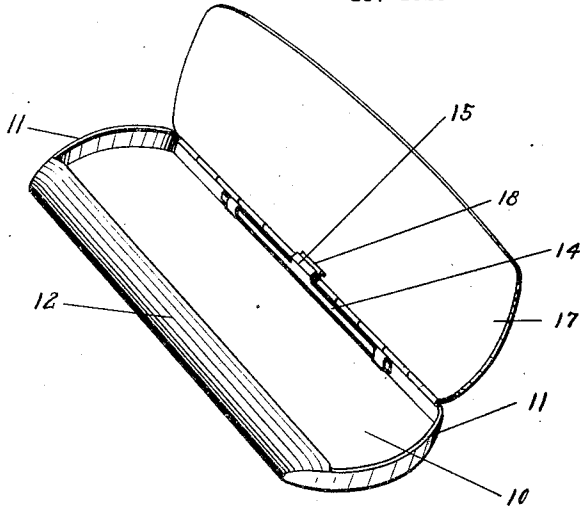


FIG. I

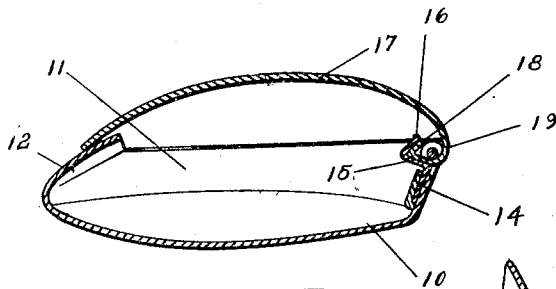


FIG. II

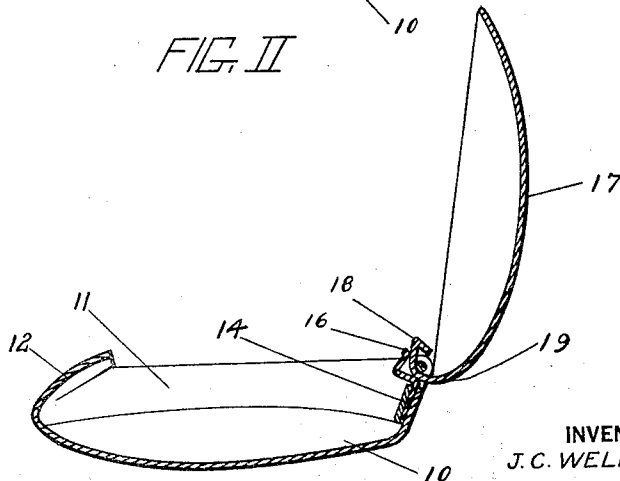


FIG. III

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOEL C. WELLS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Southbridge, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Eyeglass Cases, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in eyeglass cases, and relates particularly to that type provided with a hinged cover and spring catch.

One object of the present invention is to provide an eyeglass case wherein the glasses will be completely covered and protected from dust, etc.

Another object is to provide an eyeglass case having means inside the cover whereby the hinged cover will be automatically held in closed position, the same means also holding the cover in open position.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent from the following description in connection with the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

In the drawings, wherein is shown one preferred embodiment of the invention, Figure I is a perspective view of the improved eyeglass case with the cover open.

Figure II is a vertical transverse sectional view through the device when closed.

Figure III is a similar view showing the cover in open position.

Similar reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several views. The numeral 10 designates the body portion of the case, which may be provided with the customary end flanges 11, and an angularly disposed rearwardly extending flange 12 forming the front edge of the case. Secured in any suitable manner to the rear wall 13 of the body portion 10 is a spring catch generally designated by the numeral 14. This catch 14 is provided with an offset extension 15, of proper resiliency, and its extreme end bent back as at 16 to form a cam engaging seat.

The case is provided with the usual hinged cover 17 of such shape as to completely cover the open side of the case 10. On its hinged

edge, the cover is provided with a cam shaped extension 18 suitably formed to engage within the seat 16 as best shown in Figure II.

From the above description it will be evident that when the case is closed, the cover will be firmly held in position by the engagement of the extension 18 within the resilient cam seat 16, and when the cover is opened it is held in position approximately as shown in Figure III, by the engagement of its rear wall 19 against the offset portion of the catch 14.

Obviously the device is susceptible to changes in its form, proportions, and arrangement of parts, and the right is reserved to make such changes falling within the scope of the appended claims, without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:

1. An eyeglass case consisting of a body and a cover, the latter being hingedly connected to the former, a resilient one piece elongated catch with both its ends slidably fastened to the rear wall of the body, the central portion of the catch being offset, causing a substantially triangular seat to be formed, the central part of the hinged edge of the cover having a cam substantially triangular in cross section, conforming to and engaging said seat, thereby holding the cover closed.

2. In an eyeglass case, the combination with a body having overhanging lugs on its rear wall, of a cover hingedly connected to the rear wall, a resilient one piece elongated catch with both its ends slidably engaging under said overhanging lugs, whereby the ends of the catch may move slidably as the central portion thereof moves laterally, the central portion of the catch being offset, causing a substantially triangular seat to be formed, the central part of the hinged edge of the cover having a cam substantially triangular in cross section conforming to and engaging said seat, thereby holding the cover closed.

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