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Fig. 1.

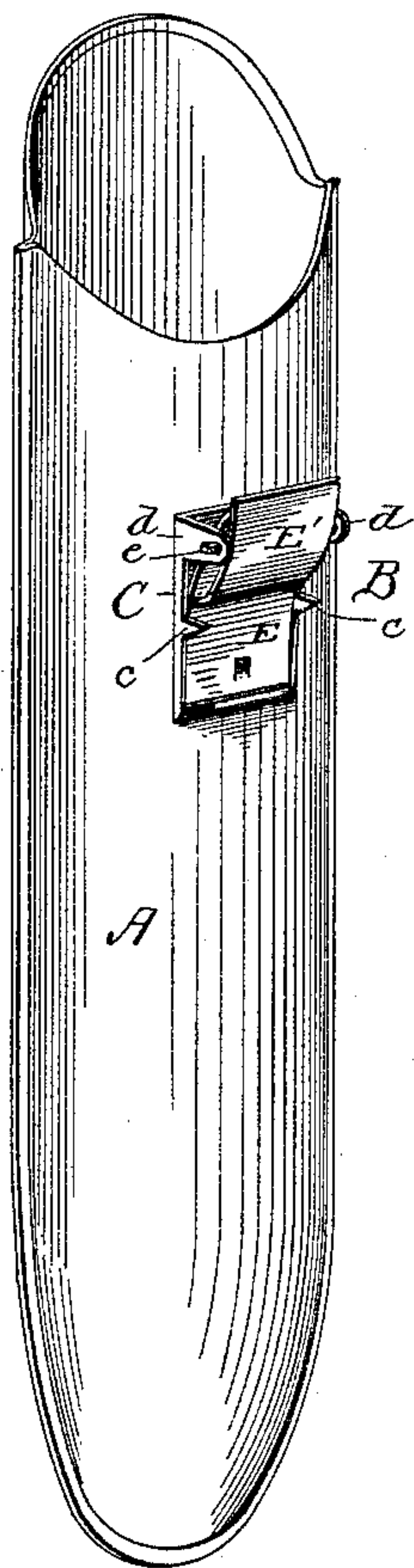


Fig. 2.

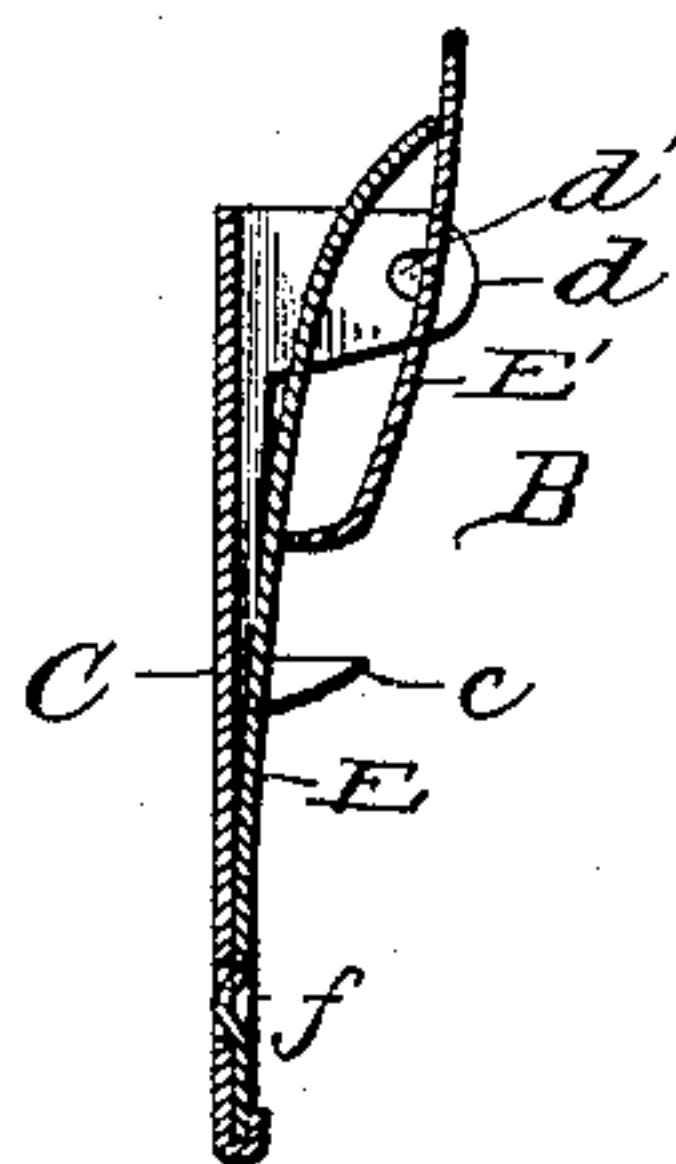
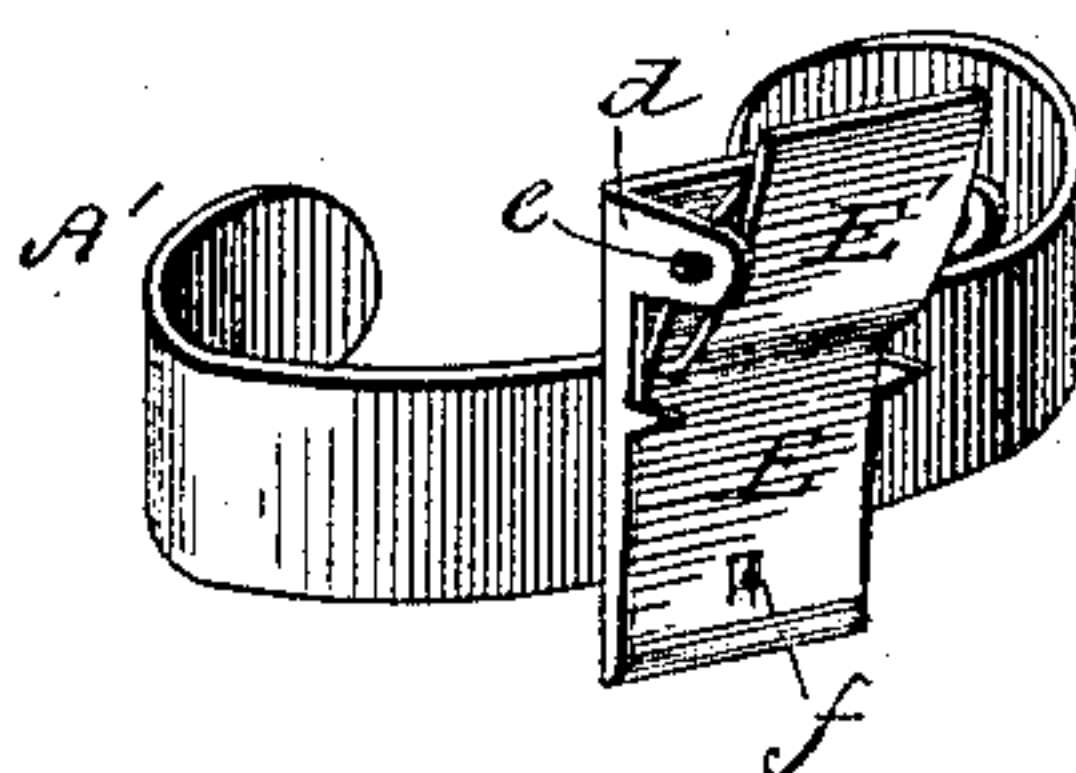


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WARREN WILCOX, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Lake Crystal, in the county of Blue Earth and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clasps for Spectacle-Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in clasps, the object of the same being to provide a clasp which is adapted to be attached to a case for containing spectacles or other objects, so that the case can be secured in a pocket so as not to become accidentally displaced; and to this end my invention consists in a clasp the body portion of which is provided with outwardly-projecting pins and side pieces which carry the pivoted portion of the clasp, said body portion being provided with a spring, which bears upon the aforesaid pivoted portion, as will be hereinafter fully set forth, and specifically pointed out in the claims.

My invention also consists in the construction and combination of the parts, as shown and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, which illustrate my invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improvement, showing the same applied to a spectacle-case. Fig. 2 is a sectional view; and Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a modification of my invention, showing the same applied to a spring-band, which is adapted to partially encircle an ordinarily-constructed spectacle-case.

A represents a spectacle-case of ordinary construction to which my improved clasp is attached, said clasp being indicated by the letter B.

C represents the body portion or back of the clasp, which is made of a single plate of metal, said body portion having its side edges turned slightly upward, and provided with pins *c c*, which are located about midway between the upper and lower ends of said plate.

The upper end of the plate C is provided with outwardly-projecting wings *d*, each of said wings being provided at their outer portions with openings *d'*, for the reception of the projecting portions *e* of a pivoted plate, E'. 55

A spring, E, which is of greater length than the body portion C, is secured between the upturned edges of said body portion, the lower edge of the body portion C being upset or turned upon the lower portion of the spring, and at a slight distance above the lower edge of the body portion and spring the parts are indented, as shown at *f*, so as to prevent longitudinal displacement of the parts upon each other. The upper part of the spring E is bent outwardly, as shown, so that said end will bear against the under side of the upper end of the pivoted portion E', so as to have a tendency to bear or press the opposite end upon the body portion of the spring. The lower end of the pivoted portion E' is bent inwardly, and is serrated or provided with teeth, so that it will more securely retain the object in position. The pivots *e*, which are formed integral with the pivoted plate E', after being passed through the perforations *d'*, are bent so that their ends will be parallel with the outer edges of the wings *d*, thus preventing the pivoted plate becoming accidentally displaced, and also preventing the spreading of the wings. The body portion C, at a point about on a line with the pin *c c*, is provided with a rivet or other means of attachment, so that the clasp can be secured to the spectacle-case A or the spring-band A'. 85

When it is desired to secure the spectacle-case within the pocket, the clasp is attached to the same, as hereinbefore described, and the case slipped into the pocket, the upper edge of said pocket lying against the under side of the wings *d* of the body portion of the clasp, the pivoted portion being raised. When said pivoted portion is allowed to fall, it will bear upon the cloth and press the same upon the pins *c*, so that said pins will enter the cloth, thereby holding the clasp and spectacle-case securely within the pocket. 95

I claim—

1. The clasp for the purpose set forth, consisting of a main or body portion, C, provided at its upper end with projecting wings *d d* and 100

pins *c c*, in combination with the pivoted section *E'* and spring *E*, attached to the body portion, so as to bear upon the under side of the pivoted section, substantially as shown, and
5 for the purpose set forth.

2. In combination with a case or clamp for the purpose specified, a spring-clasp attached thereto, said clasp consisting of a body portion, *C*, having its sides and lower end bent, as
10 shown, and provided with wings *d d*, pins *cc*, the spring *E*, secured to said body portion, as

shown, the upper end of said spring being bent, so as to bear upon the under side of a pivoted section, *E'*, the pivots of said sections being secured to the side wings, substantially as set
15 forth.

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

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