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EYEGLASS CASE.

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Fig. 1.

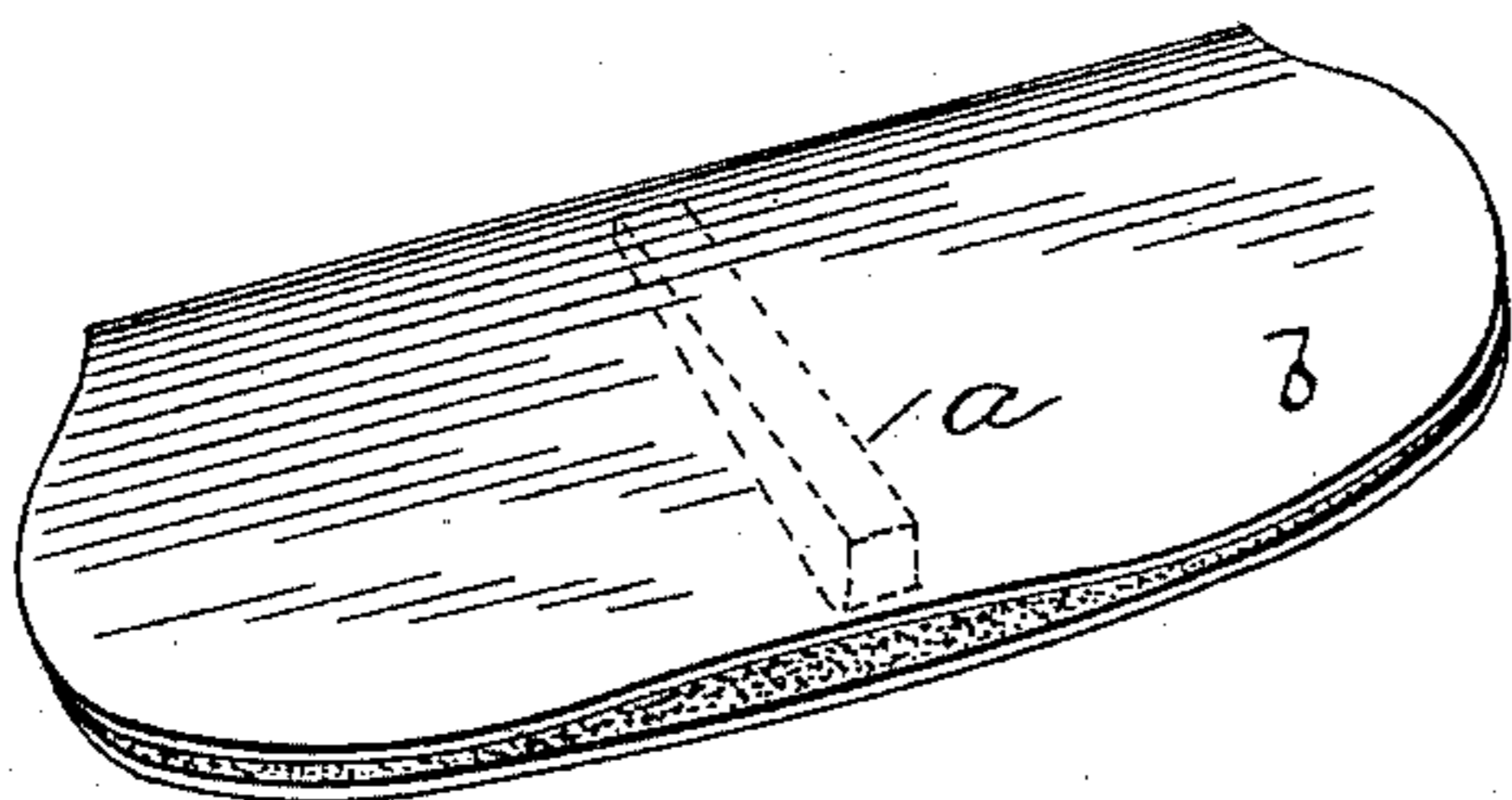


Fig. 2.

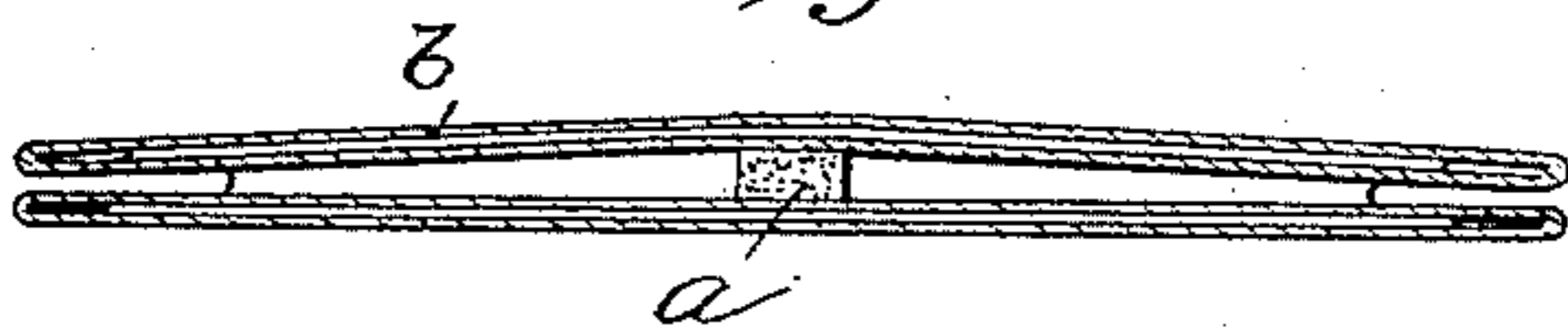


Fig. 3.

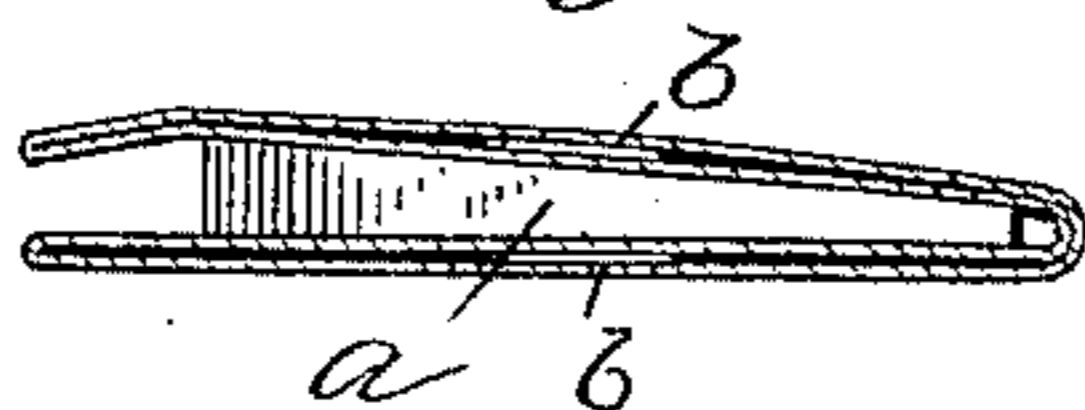
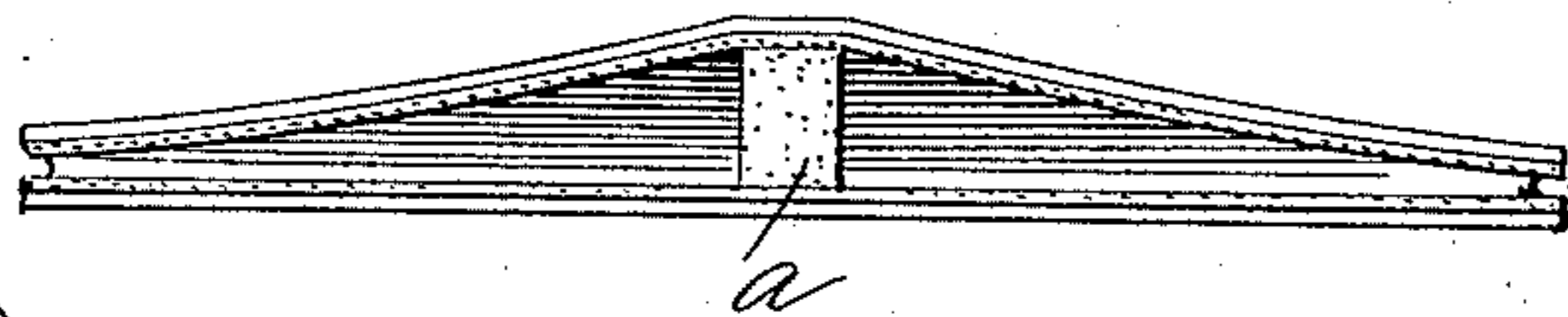


Fig. 4.



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EYEGLASS-CASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CYRUS H. FARLEY, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Portland, in the county of Cumberland and State of Maine, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Eyeglass - Cases, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is designed to provide a very simple form of case for eyeglasses. Prior to my invention these cases have been made of various shapes, being in the form of an elongated case with an opening at one end, into which the glasses are introduced either in an open or folded condition, and another form adapted to receive the glasses in their open position has been two leaves hinged upon one edge with a fastening device connecting the leaves at the opposite edge.

My object is to simplify the construction and while making it as cheaply as possible provide at the same time perfect security for the glasses and protection against breakage.

To this end my invention consists of a case composed of two leaves open upon one edge, the said leaves being slightly separated and permanently held in this position, so that while sufficient space is provided for the insertion of the glasses the leaves will press them so closely as to prevent their removal except forcibly, and thus render unnecessary any devices holding the glasses in place.

In the accompanying drawings a case made according to my invention in perspective is shown in Figure 1, while Fig. 2 shows a longitudinal section of the case, and Fig. 3 a transverse section. In Fig. 4 I have shown a modification.

In these figures I have shown a case made of a piece of leather or other suitable material suitably lined. This is folded at its central portion, so that one part is folded down upon the other. The faces of the two leaves do not come together, but are held apart by a central stud or partition *a*, which is interposed between the faces of the leaves and is secured to each face. This provides a spacing stud or partition and at the same time a

means for securing the faces of the leaves a certain distance apart. As the stud is centrally arranged, the ends of the top leaf naturally bend downward in contact, or approximately in contact, with the face of the under leaf. While in most cases the leaves will be in contact with this point or so much so as to answer every purpose, in case it is found necessary, a piece of spring metal *b* may be inserted in the top leaf with curved ends, which will have the tendency to press the material of the upper leaf against the face of the end leaf. The height of the interposed stud or partition will depend upon the kind of eyeglasses for which the case is intended. For the eyeglasses of the ordinary construction with the plain nose-guards it is only necessary to keep the leaves far enough apart to allow the insertion of the eyeglasses; but in case projecting guards are used then it will be found desirable to increase the height of the stud or partition, so as to provide a sufficient amount of space for these guards, as shown in Fig. 4. The under leaf may be made a little stiffer than the upper leaf in any desirable manner.

It will thus be seen that by the simple arrangement described the eyeglasses may be inserted between the two leaves and held by frictional contact therewith. All fastening devices being dispensed with, the glasses are accessible at all times.

I claim as my invention—

1. An eyeglass-case consisting of two leaves held permanently a slight distance apart with an opening at the edge thereof, substantially as described.

2. An eyeglass-case consisting of two leaves held permanently a slight distance apart with an opening at one edge and an interposed spacing-partition between the leaves arranged centrally thereof, substantially as described.

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

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