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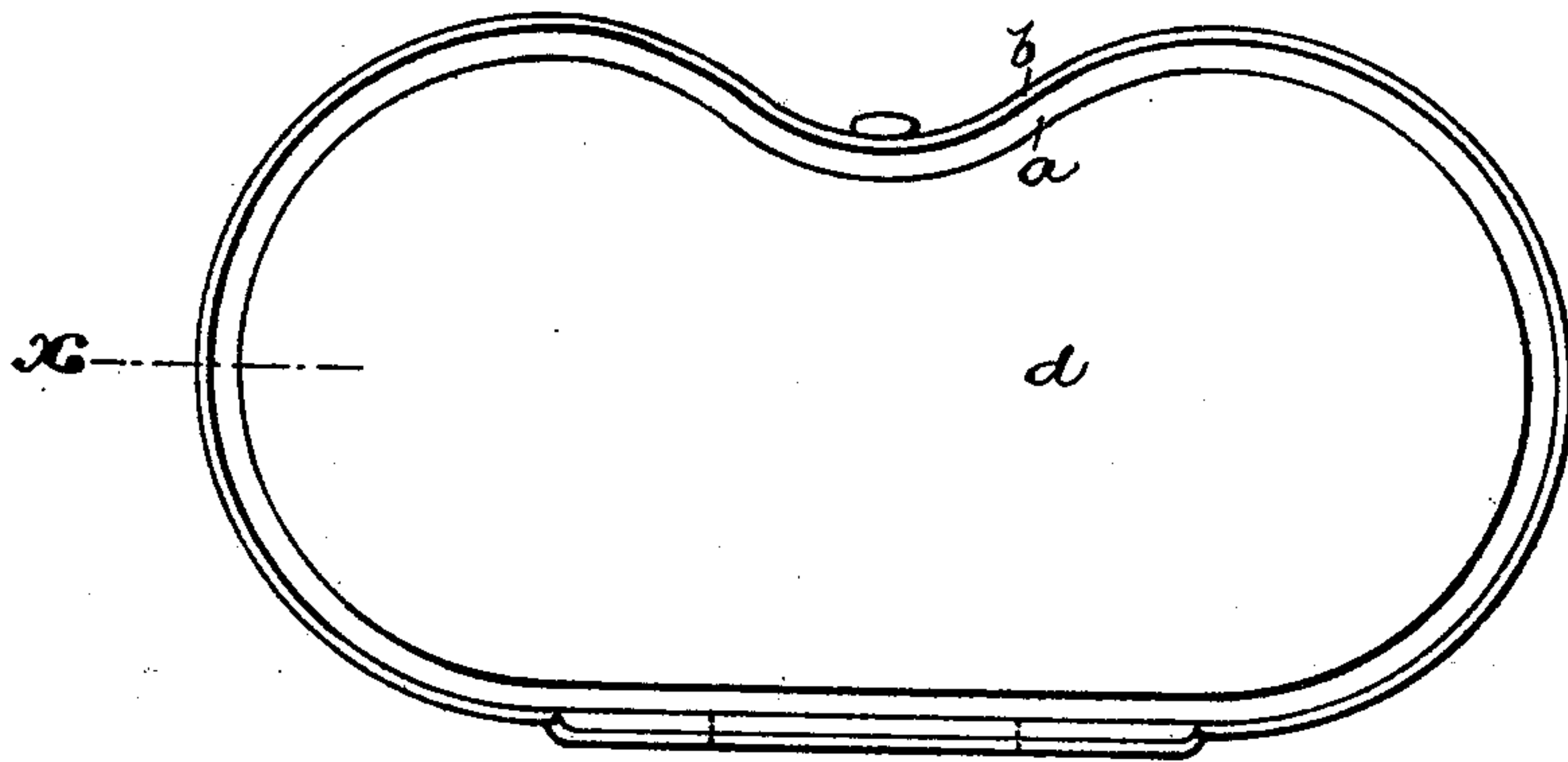


Fig. 1.

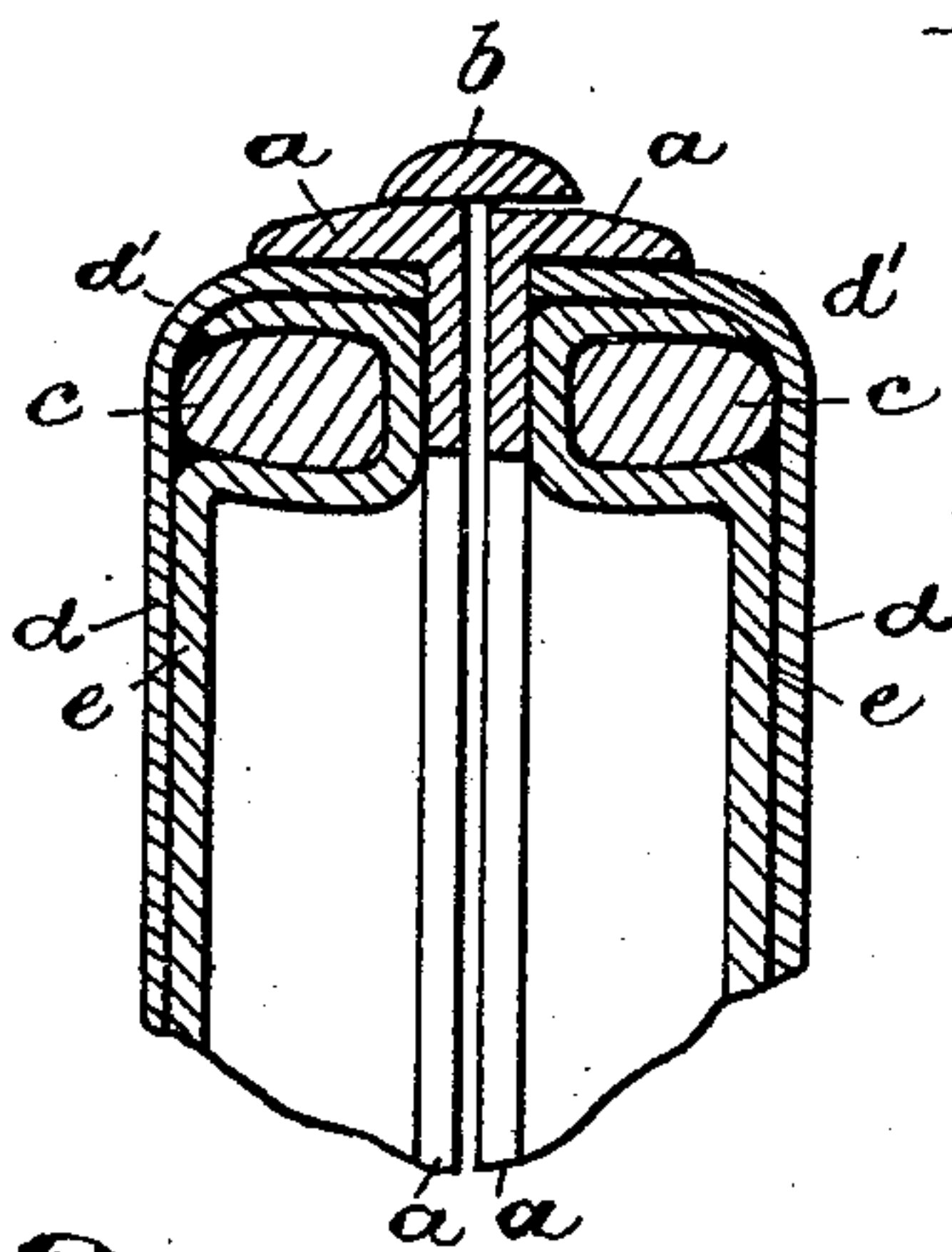


Fig. 2.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, HENRY LOUIS LEIBE, residing at Newark, and JACOB GOERK, residing at Irvington, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, citizens of the United States, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cases for Spectacles or Eyeglasses; and we 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 of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to certain improvements in cases for spectacles, eyeglasses, &c., and more especially, but not exclusively, to such as are provided with metallic frames and leather bodies.

The objects of the present improvements are to prevent warping of the case and to secure a case which will not be affected by atmospheric conditions or changes, whereby the body will become loosened from its frame or wrinkled or otherwise rendered imperfect.

A further object is to unite the case-body more continuously with the frame, avoiding such a connection as is obtained by means of rivets or pins and the objections inhering in such a construction and to secure other advantages and results, some of which may be referred to hereinafter in connection with the description of the working parts.

The invention consists in the improved case for eyeglasses or spectacles, jewelry, &c., and in the arrangements and combinations of parts thereof, all substantially as will be hereinafter set forth, and finally embraced in the clauses of the claim.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, in which like letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in each of the views, Figure 1 is a side elevation of an eyeglass-case, and Fig. 2 is a transverse section of the same on line *x*.

In said drawings the frame-sections *a a* of the case are hinged in any usual manner, and an overlapping rim-piece *b*, fastened to one of the sections *a* by solder or other means,

covers the joint which is formed between said frame-sections when the case is closed. Said frame-sections *a a* are each composed of light strips of metal longitudinally bent to form flanges or sides, which, viewed in cross-section, lie at or approximately at right angles one to the other. The inner flanges or sides of the two sections lie flatwise one against the other when the jaws of the case are closed together, while the outwardly-extending flanges or sides of said sections *a a* project oppositely, all as shown in Fig. 2. Said strips forming the sections are suitably bent to secure the desired outline, the ends being joined so that continuous frames are produced, in each of which the outwardly-extending flanges form sockets into which edges of the sides of the case are inserted and held by suitable cement. The inner and outer flanges of the sections thus form angles to protect the edges of the said case sides, and interiorly the frames are open, so that the eyeglasses may pass through and lie in the inner concavities of the said sides. The said sides of the case each comprise a retaining-piece *c*, covering *d*, and lining *e*. These are cemented together to form concavo-convex receptacles, said sides in general outline conforming to the outlines of the frame-sections or jaws and fitting into the sockets or recesses formed by the outwardly-projecting flanges above described. The retaining-pieces *c* are formed, preferably, of heavy paper or thin wooden board and are of a shape corresponding to the frame-sections *a*, but somewhat smaller, so as to enter on the inner sides of the projecting flanges and permit the insertion of the covering *d* between. Upon said retaining-pieces, which form supplemental frames, are cemented the cover and lining. These are so applied that the extreme edges are hidden by the frame-sections and held in place by the retaining-pieces, which closely press the edges of said covers and linings against the frame-sections, cooperating by resilient outward pressure with the cement in holding the parts together and to the frame.

The retaining-piece, cover, and lining, cemented together under pressure, form a stiff side piece, and when in suitable condition



the sides are pressed into the frame-sections, a cement being properly applied to the edges to permanently hold the said sides to the frame.

5 It is evident that such a union of covering and lining to frame-section as has been described is perfectly continuous and there can be no partial separation of the same, as is often the case when riveted.

10 Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new is—

1. The improved case for spectacles comprising hinged sections *a, a*, centrally open and angular in cross-section with outwardly  
15 and oppositely extending flanges forming sockets or recesses at the outer sides of the said sections to receive the side parts, and said side parts consisting of supplemental frames, outer coverings turned at their edges  
20 on said supplemental frames and lying in the angles of said sections and linings fastened to said supplemental frames the edges being

hidden in the angles of said sections, the said side parts being secured outside of said sections, in the sockets formed by the oppositely- 25 projecting flanges, substantially as set forth.

2. The improved spectacle-case comprising the hinged sections *a, a*, centrally open and angular in cross-section, with outwardly and oppositely extending flanges forming sockets 30 or recesses to receive the side parts, and said side parts consisting of supplemental frames, coverings and linings, the said supplemental frames, coverings and linings being joined and fastened into the sockets of the hinged sections, substantially as set forth. 35

In testimony that we claim the foregoing we have hereunto set our hands this 7th day of August, 1897.

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