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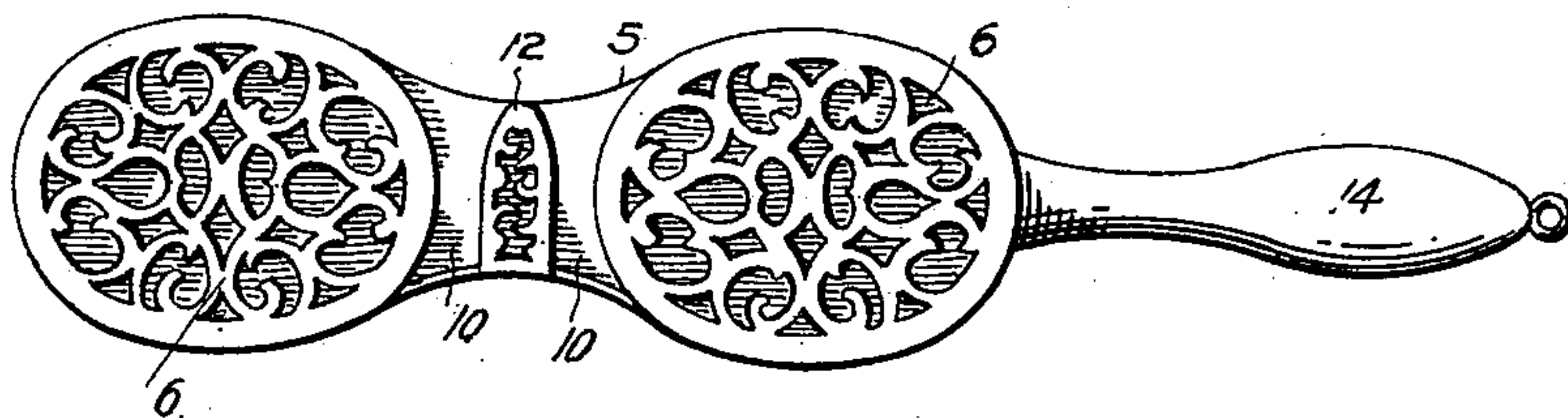


FIG. 1

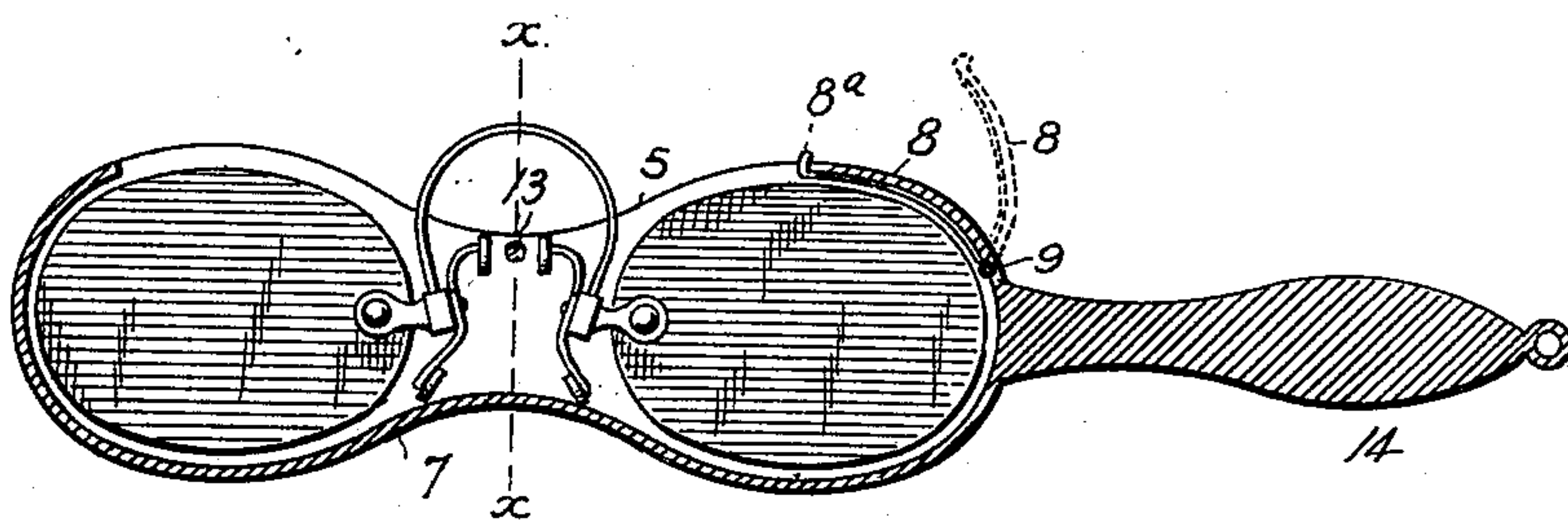


FIG. 2

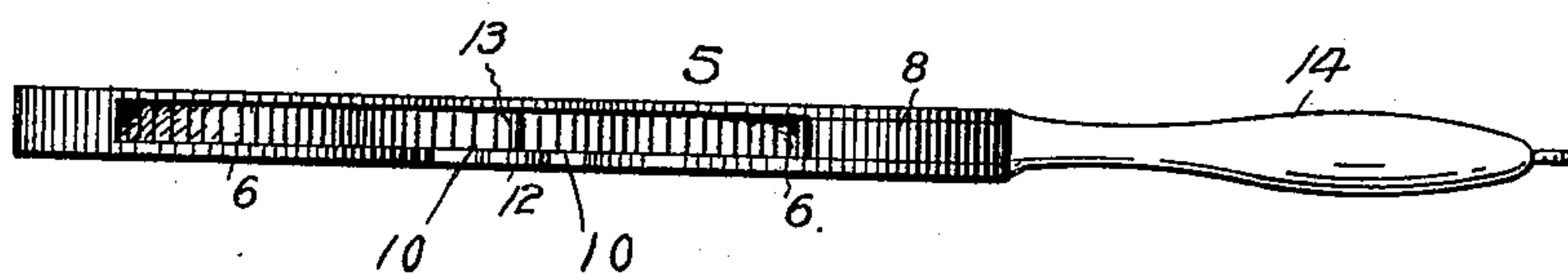


FIG. 3

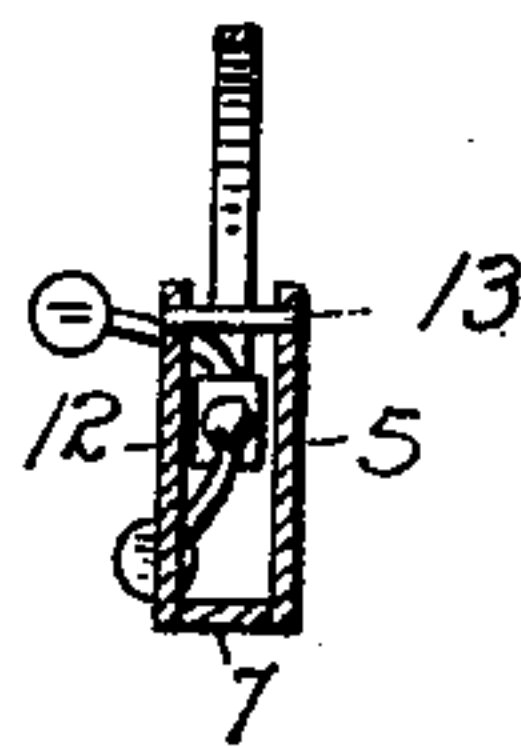


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## EYEGLASS-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, IDELLE PHELPS, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Denver, in the county of Arapahoe and State of Colorado, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Eyeglass-Holders; and I do 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 the figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to improvements in eyeglass-holders, my object being to provide a device of this class which shall form a safe receptacle for a pair of eyeglasses when not in use, which may be easily carried about the person in such a manner as to be readily accessible as occasion may require, and which at the same time may be sufficiently ornamental that it may be conspicuously worn, whereby it is always at hand when needed.

To these ends the invention consists of the features hereinafter described and claimed, all of which will be readily understood by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which is illustrated an embodiment thereof.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved eyeglass-holder. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section taken through the same shown with the eyeglasses in position. Fig. 3 is an edge view of the same. Fig. 4 is a section taken through the center of the device with the eyeglasses in position.

Similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts in the views.

As seen in the drawings, the body portion of my improved eyeglass case or holder has the general shape of a pair of eyeglasses. This body portion consists of the rear wall 5, the front part 6, and the narrow side or edge wall 7, connecting the front and rear parts. These parts 5, 6, and 7 form a receptacle, the wall 7 having an opening in one side of sufficient length to permit the insertion of a pair of eyeglasses. The device is provided with a lid 8, hinged at 9 and adapted to close this opening at one end sufficiently to lock the eyeglasses in place when inserted. The free extremity of this lid is provided with a

small hook 8<sup>a</sup> to facilitate opening when it is desired to remove or replace the eyeglasses. Between the parts 6 of the device is a space 10, which is separated by a central plate 12, located in the same plane as the parts 6. The bottom of this plate is secured to the edge wall 7, while its top portion, which is formed into a rounded or tapering point, is connected with the rear wall by a pin 13. This central opening 10 forms a space for the guards or nose-pieces of the eyeglasses, while the central plate 12 and the pin 13 give strength to the device and form a stop to prevent the glasses from shifting or moving in either direction. To one extremity of the case is attached a handpiece 14, provided with an eye at its outer extremity, to which may be attached a chain to be worn around the neck or fastened to the clothing in any manner desired.

To insert the eyeglasses in the case, the hinged lid is raised or opened to the position shown by dotted lines in Fig. 2. The glasses are then inserted first in the opposite end of the case or that remote from the lid. They will then drop easily into position, and when the lid is closed the eyeglasses are locked securely in place. As shown in the drawings, the lid fits closely between the front and rear walls and maintains its position.

Any desired material may be employed in the manufacture of the device. It may be plain and inexpensive or ornamental and costly, according to the taste or inclination of different individuals.

It must be understood that I do not limit the invention to the details of construction herein shown, as I am aware that many changes may be made without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. As an improved article of manufacture, an eyeglass case or holder comprising the rear wall, the front parts separated by a central space, the narrow edge wall connecting the front and rear parts and having an opening in the top to receive the eyeglasses, and a movable lid adapted to partly close said opening, whereby the eyeglasses are locked in place.

2. An eyeglass-case comprising a receptacle



having the general shape of a pair of eyeglasses, and composed of a rear wall, a front wall having a central opening, a narrow edge wall connecting the front and rear walls, the edge wall being provided with an opening for the insertion of the eyeglasses, and a hinged lid partly closing said opening.

3. An eyeglass-case comprising a narrow receptacle having the general shape of a pair of eyeglasses and provided with an opening in its edge wall, a hinged lid partly closing said opening, the front wall having a central opening in which is located a plate of such size that a space is left on each side of the plate to accommodate guards or other attachments.

4. An eyeglass-case comprising a narrow receptacle having the general shape of a pair of eyeglasses, its front wall having a central opening, a stop-plate located in said opening, the narrow wall of the device having an elongated opening, a hinged lid partly closing said last-named opening, and a suitable handpiece attached to one end of the case.

5. An eyeglass-case comprising a narrow receptacle composed of a rear wall, a front wall, a narrow edge wall connecting the front and rear walls, the edge wall being provided with

an opening for the insertion of the eyeglasses, and a movable lid partly closing said opening, whereby the eyeglasses are locked in place.

6. An eyeglass-case comprising a receptacle composed of a rear wall, a front wall having a central opening in which is located a plate of such size that a space is left on each side of the plate to accommodate guards or other attachments, a narrow edge wall connecting the front and rear walls, the edge wall being provided with an opening for the insertion of the eyeglasses, and suitable means attached to the case for locking the glasses in place.

7. An eyeglass-case composed of a rear wall, a front wall having a central opening in which is located a plate of such size that a space is left on each side of the plate to accommodate guards or other attachments, and a narrow edge wall connecting the front and rear walls, the edge wall being provided with an opening for the insertion of the eyeglasses.

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

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