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Fig. 1.

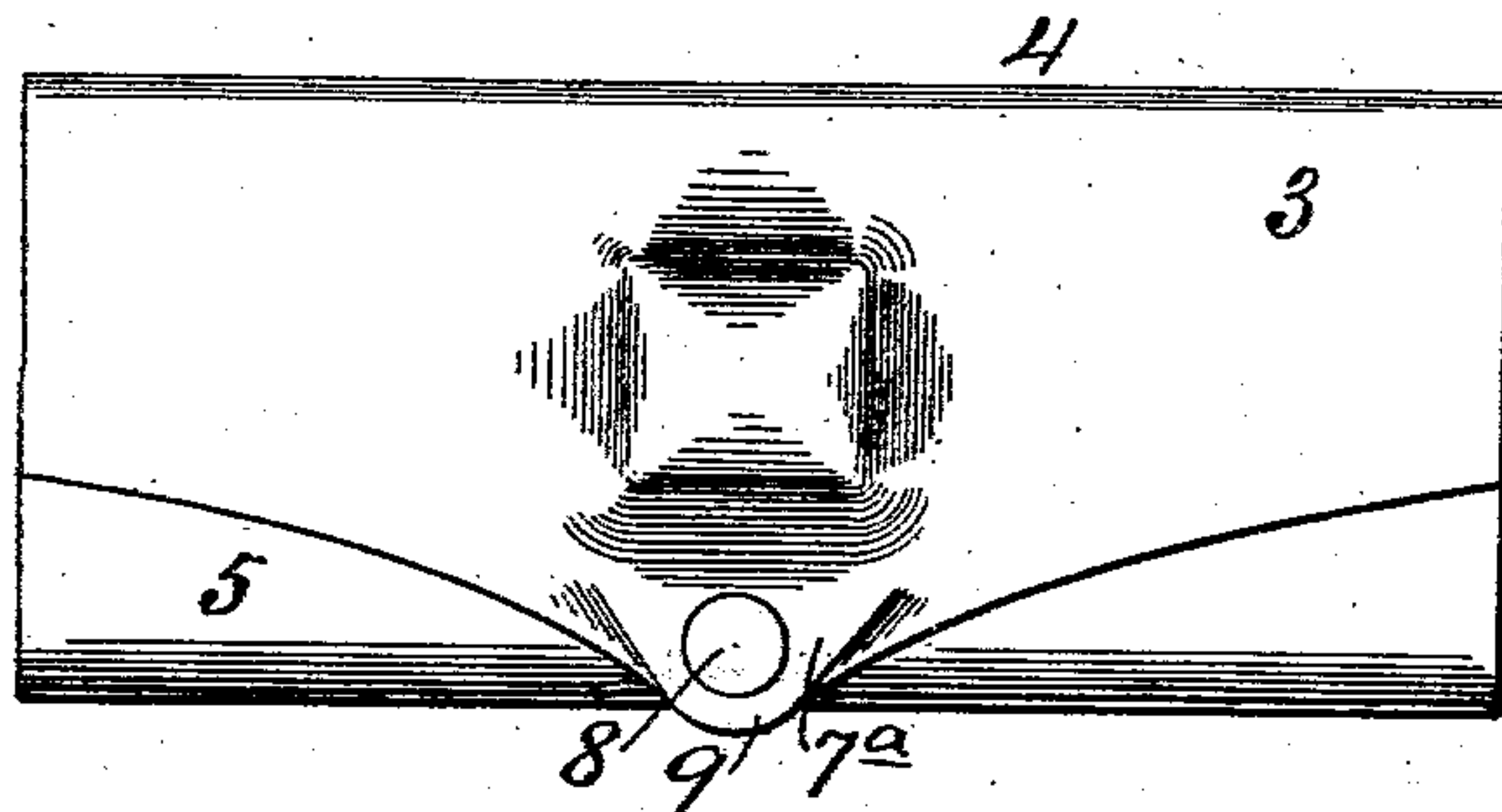
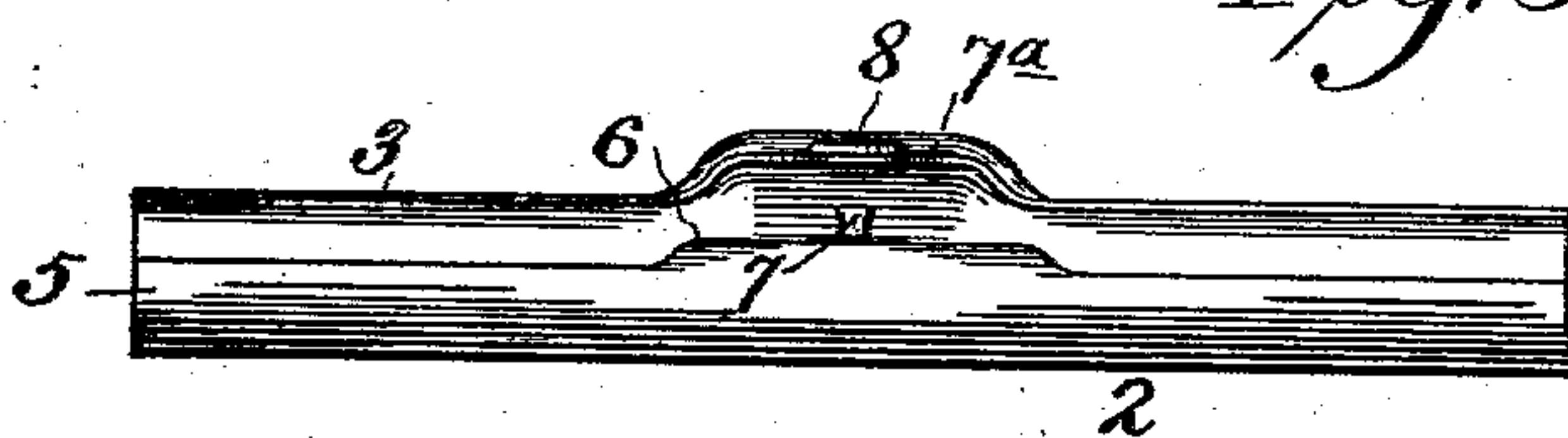


Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.



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EYEGLOSS OR SPECTACLE CASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN G. KOENEN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Eyeglass or Spectacle Cases, of which the following is a specification.

In the manufacture of eyeglass-cases where-
in the usual ball-and-socket fastening device
is used for fastening the lid the hinge of the
lid has always been relied upon for making
the ball and socket operate properly with each
other. In other words, it is necessary to so
construct the cover and its hinge that the
ball on entering the socket would put a ten-
sion on the hinge, which in its tendency to
recover its normal position would draw the
front edge of the socket back into engagement
with the front side of the ball. The main ob-
jection besides trouble and expense in manu-
facture of this construction is that in case the
cover becomes slightly flattened the cover
could not be locked in closed position, and
the same difficulty ensues when the material
at the hinge becomes slightly stretched.

The object of my invention is to overcome
these difficulties; and to this end my inven-
tion consists, mainly, in forming the tray of
the eyeglass-case with a flattened surface to
form a level seat for the ball of the fastening
device, so that the socket in the cover will
fall when the cover is closed squarely upon
the ball and securely engage therewith.

In the accompanying drawings, to which
reference is made and which form a part of
the specification, Figure 1 is a plan view of
an eyeglass-case made in accordance with my
invention. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the
same on line X X of Fig. 1, showing the cover
closed; and Fig. 3 is a front view showing the
cover slightly open.

In the drawings, 2 designates the back of
the case, 3 the lid hinged thereto at 4, and 5
designates the tray. The tray is formed with
a raised and flat seat 6, parallel with back 2
and level. On this level seat is mounted the
ball 7, of the usual ball-and-socket clasp. The
lid 3 is formed with a flat lip 7^a, which corre-
sponds with the level surface or seat 6 and is
provided with the usual spring eyelet-clasp 8
to engage with the ball for fastening the lid
in closed position. The flat lip 7^a extends
slightly beyond the level seat 6 to form a short
lever 9, so that by pressing the thumb-nail
between the tray and said lever the lid may
be easily forced open. The flat seat 6 of the
tray besides correcting the difficulty of inse-
cure fastening of the lid in case the lid be-
comes bent or the hinge lax serves by being
elevated to stiffen the tray, so that difficulty
in fastening is not likely to occur from any
bending of the tray.

It is manifest that the ball and socket may
be reversed without departing from my in-
vention.

Having thus described my invention, what
I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters
Patent, is—

In an eyeglass or spectacle case the tray
having its central portion raised to form a flat
elevated and level seat 6 parallel with the back
2 of the case and a fastening-ball 7 mounted
on said seat, in combination with the lid 3
hinged to the edge of the said back and hav-
ing the central portion of its free edge formed
with a flat projecting lip 7^a to correspond with
seat 6 and a spring eyelet-clasp 8 inserted in
said flat projecting lip 7^a substantially as de-
scribed.

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