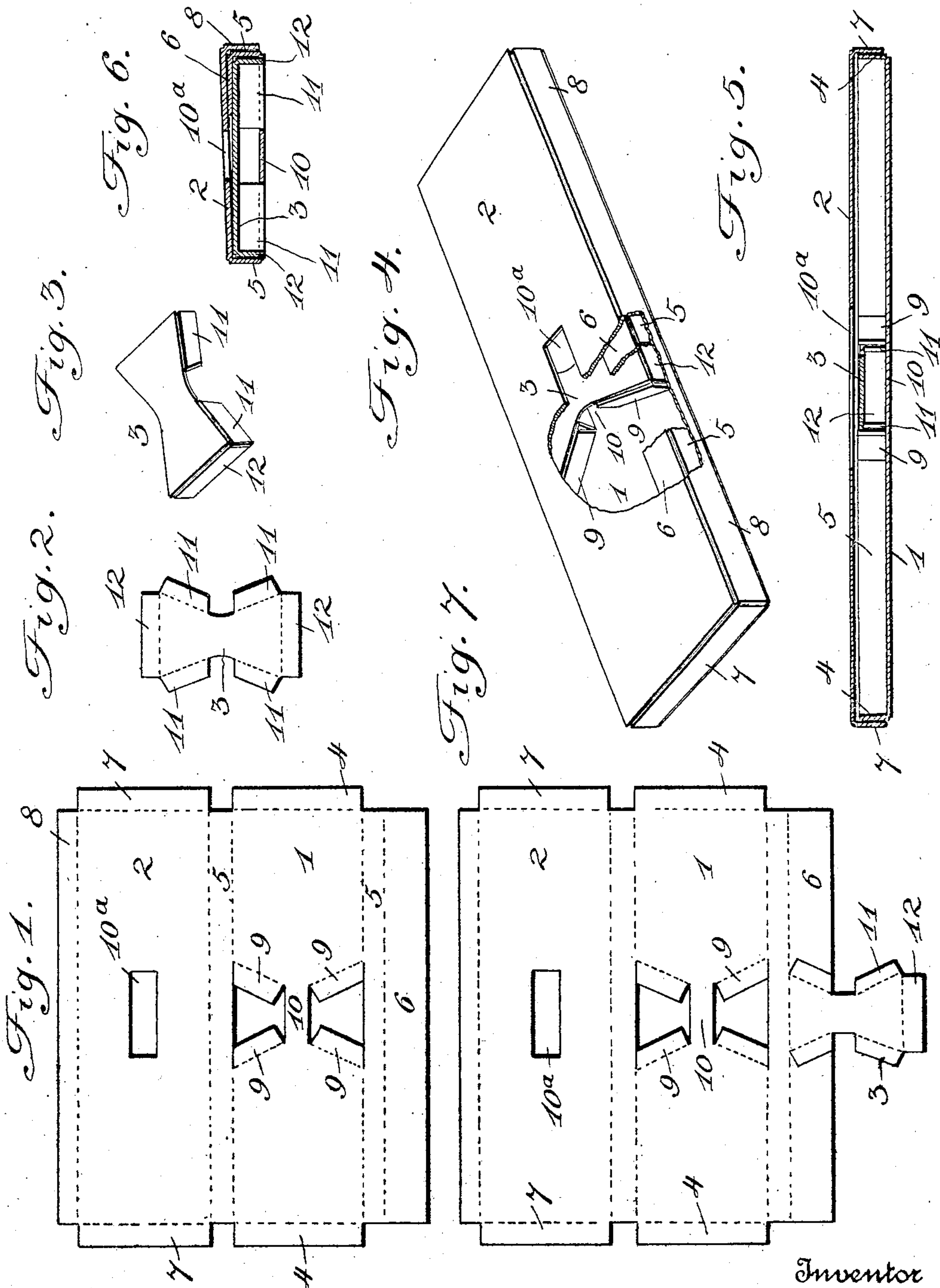


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES E. LINNIG, a citizen of the United States, residing at Peru, in the county of Lasalle and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Protectors for Spectacles; 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.

This invention relates to improvements in spectacle protectors or holders for shipping purposes, and more particularly to the one set forth in my application for patent filed January 16, 1905, and bearing Serial No. 241,396.

The object of this invention is to improve and simplify the construction of devices of this character, and thereby render the same more durable and efficient in use and less expensive to manufacture.

With the above and other objects in view the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of a blank of one form of the device in which its top and bottom are formed from a single piece of material. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the blank of the bridge-piece. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the bridge-piece after it has been folded. Fig. 4 is a similar view of the entire device in its folded position, parts being broken away to more clearly illustrate the manner of holding. Fig. 5 is a longitudinal sectional view through the holder in its closed position. Fig. 6 is a transverse sectional view, and Fig. 7 is a plan view of a blank of a modified form of the device, in which all of the parts of the device are formed from a single piece of material.

Referring more particularly to Figs. 1 to 6, inclusive, of the drawings, which illustrate a form of my invention composed of two separate pieces of material, the numeral 1 denotes a base or bottom, 2 a cover or top formed integrally with the base, and 3 a transverse bridge-piece. The bottom 1 and top 2 are stamped from a single piece of cardboard or any other suitable material, as shown in Fig. 1, and the bridge-piece 3 is similarly formed from the same material, as

shown in Figs. 2 and 3. The base or bottom is of substantially rectangular form and of sufficient size to receive a pair of spectacles, eyeglasses, or the like. The bottom 1 has its edges creased along the dotted line shown in Fig. 1 and turned upwardly to form end walls 4 and side walls 5. Along one of the latter is formed an overlapping top piece or portion 6, and along the other side wall 5 is the top or cover 2. The top 2 has its edges creased along the dotted line shown in Fig. 1 and turned downwardly to form end flanges 7 and the side flange 8. These flanges 7 and 8 are adapted to engage the side and end walls of the base 1 when the top is folded over upon the bottom. At the center of the bottom 1 are provided angularly-disposed upwardly-extending guard-walls 9, which are preferably formed by cutting the blank, as shown by the dotted lines in Fig. 1, and bending up the portions 9, as shown. These portions or guards 9 are of sufficient height to protect the nose-piece of a pair of spectacles or the like which is placed in the device, the nose-piece being disposed across the neck 10, formed between the guard-walls 9. In the center of the top 2 is formed a longitudinally-disposed slot 10^a, which is adapted to register with the neck 10. The bridge-piece 3 is provided for the purpose of retaining the nose-piece of the spectacles upon the neck 10 and supporting the guard-walls 9 in their upright position. This bridge-piece 3 is formed with enlarged outer ends and has the edges of its sides and ends turned downwardly to form the side and end flanges 11 and 12. The flanges 11 are adapted to engage the guards 9, as clearly shown in the drawings, for the purpose of supporting the same.

The construction, manner of using, and advantages of the invention will be readily understood from the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings. It will be seen that after the parts have been folded along the dotted lines shown in the blanks the pair of spectacles or the like to be shipped in the holder is placed upon the bottom 1 with its nose-piece across the neck 10. The bridge-piece 3 is then placed in position, and the top portion 6 and cover 2 are then folded over, as shown in Fig. 4.

In Fig. 7 I have shown a form of my invention in which the entire device is stamped,

cut, or otherwise formed from a single piece of material. In this form the top and bottom are formed integrally, the same as shown in the blank in Fig. 1, and the bridge-piece 3 instead of being formed of a separate piece of material is formed of the same piece at the center of the top portion 6. The manner of operating and using this form of the invention is the same as that of the one previously described, and further explanation is deemed unnecessary.

While I have shown and described the preferred embodiment of my invention, it will be understood that I do not wish to be limited to the precise construction herein set forth, since various changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

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

1. A spectacle or the like case having upwardly-projecting walls, spaced apart, to receive the nose-piece of a pair of spectacles or the like between them, and a bridge-piece to fit over, engage the said walls, bridge the space and cover the nose-piece of the spectacles between them, substantially as described.

2. A spectacle or the like case, having a base provided with upwardly - projecting walls, spaced apart, to receive the nose-piece of a pair of spectacles or the like between them, a bridge-piece to fit over, engage the said walls, bridge the space and cover the nose-piece of the spectacles between them, and a cover to close over the said base and

the said bridge - piece, substantially as described.

3. A spectacle or the like case, having a base provided with two pairs of upturned, outwardly-diverging walls spaced apart to receive the spectacle nose - piece between them, and a bridge-piece, having similarly-disposed pairs of diverging walls, to close over and engage the first-mentioned walls and cover the spectacle nose-piece between them, substantially as described.

4. A spectacle or the like case formed of a single piece of material to provide a base, a cover, and side walls, said base being provided with upturned spaced walls to receive the nose-piece of a pair of spectacles or the like between them, and one of said side walls being formed with a bridge-piece to close over and engage the spaced walls, and to cover the spectacle nose-piece between them, the said cover being adapted to close over the said bridge-piece, substantially as described.

5. A spectacle or the like case comprising a base, a cover and side walls, said base being provided with upturned spaced walls to receive the nose-piece of a pair of spectacles or the like between them, and one of said side walls being formed with a bridge-piece to close over and engage the spaced walls, and to cover the spectacle nose-piece between them, the said cover being adapted to close over the said bridge-piece, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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