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(54) Prism based dynamic vision training device and method thereof

(57) A vision training device includes a fixed frame positionable in front of a wearer's face. The fixed frame defines two windows corresponding in position to the eyes of the wearer, through which light passes. An optic system includes a prism lens, which may have fixed power or variable power by changing shapes thereof. The prism lens is mounted to the fixed frame and is movable between first and second positions, wherein in the first position, light is allowed to pass in a first state with

which the eyes are adducted, and in the second position, light is allowed to pass in a second state with which the eyes are abducted. A transmission system is coupled to and selectively drives the prism lens between the first and second positions. Thus, by repeatedly and cyclically moving the prism lens between the first and second positions, the eyes are forced to change between adduction and abduction thereby realizing training of vision.

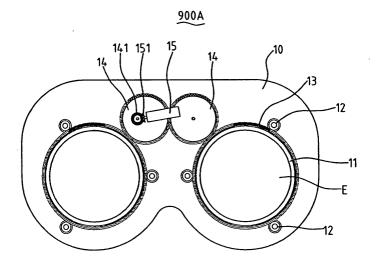


FIG. 7

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The present European patent application comprised at the time of filing more than ten claims.
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No claims fees have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for the first ten claims.
LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION
The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:
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LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION SHEET B

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The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. claims: 1-25

- a) a vision training device comprising
- b) a fixed frame adapted to be positioned in front of a wearer's face,
- c) the fixed frame defining at least a window corresponding in position to an eye of the wearer, through which light passes,
- d) an optic system comprising a prism lens movably mounted to the fixed frame to be movable between first and second positions,
- e) and a transmission system coupled to and selectively driving the prism lens between the first and second position.

2. claims: 31-52

- a) a vision training device comprising
- b) a fixed frame adapted to be positioned in front of a wearer's face,
- c) the fixed frame defining at least a window corresponding in position to an eye of the wearer, through which light passes,
- f) an adjustable optic system comprising a first lens mounted to the window, and a second lens mounted to the window and facing the first lens forming a first included angle therebetween to allow light to pass therethrough in a first state, the second lens being movable with respect to the first lens to change the first included angle to a second, different included angle.

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