

Powell Johnson

“Invented the Eye Protector in 1880”

“The history of protective eyewear goes back to a man named Powell Johnson. In 1880, Johnson invented the first eye protectors (patent no. 234,039), which improved upon the eye-protection that would be used by firemen, furnace-men, as well as others who are often exposed to intense light, and for those with poor eyesight. However, these glasses did not provide impact protection, as Johnson’s design only consisted of two layers of semi-opaque cloth.”

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