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(During its centennial year , The Wall Street Journal will report events of the past century that stand as milestones of American business history .)

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     SOFT CONTACT LENSES WON federal blessing on March 18 , 1971 , and quickly became eye openers for their makers a:e-p n:x n:x v:e-i-p a:e-p v:e-i-p p:e-u-i mofy:x-c dofm:x-c _ yofc:x-c _ _ a:e-e v_id:e-i-i n:x n:x p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n_of:x-i _
                                   Cornflake-size product was more comfortable and less prone to falling out than hard contact lenses , which had been around since 1939 n.n.x n.x _ comp:e-u-u a:e-p _ comp:e-u-u a_to:e-p-i _ v:e-i p:e-i _ a_for:e-p-i n.x n.x _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ p:e-u-i yof::x-c
    Bausch & Lomb sold the softies under a sublicense from National Patent Development , which had gained the rights from the Czechoslovakia Academy of Sciences named:x-c v:e-i-p q:i-h-h n:x p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x p:e-u-i named:x-c named:x-c
    Otto Wichterle , a Czech , invented them in 1962 . named:x-c named:x-c _q:i-h-h named:x-c _ v:e-i-p _pron:x _p:e-u-i _yofc:x-c _
                                     Plastic lens wraps itself over the comea , absorbing eye moisture while permitting oxygen to pass through a a:e-p n:x v:e-i-p pron:x p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x v:e-i-p n:x n:x x:e-h-h v:e-i-i-h n:x v:e-i-p n:x v:e-i-p
                                the new lens became the eye of a storm q:i-h-h a:e-p n:x v_id:e-i-i q:i-h-h n:x p:e-x-i q:i-h-h n:x
                          In October doctors were debating the product 's safety , some claiming it caused infections .

p:e-u-i mofy:x-c n:x _ v:e-i-p q:i-h-h n:x _ n:x _ q:i-h-h v:e-i-h-i pron:x v:e-i-p n:x _ _
                                                      e were Senate hearings on the questions in July 1972 v_there:e-i named_n:x-c n:x p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n_about:x-i p:e-u-i mofy:x-c yofe:x-c
                            ARG2)—
The product overcame the bad publicity and kept evolving . v_on:e-h v:e-i-p _
      Eighteen months ago a "disposable " seven-day model bowed ; a year 's supply costs about $ 500 . card:i-i-c n:x p:e-i-u q:i-h-h a:e-u n_of:x-i n_of:x-i v:e-i-p card:i-i-c n:x n:x v:e-i-i n:x v:e-i-i n:x card:i-i-c n:x n:x v:e-i-i n:x v:
                                                                                                                                                      and Contact Lens Institute cautioned users that serious eye infections could result from wearing lenses more than seven days at a stretch named:x-c named:x-
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