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POCKET WALLET

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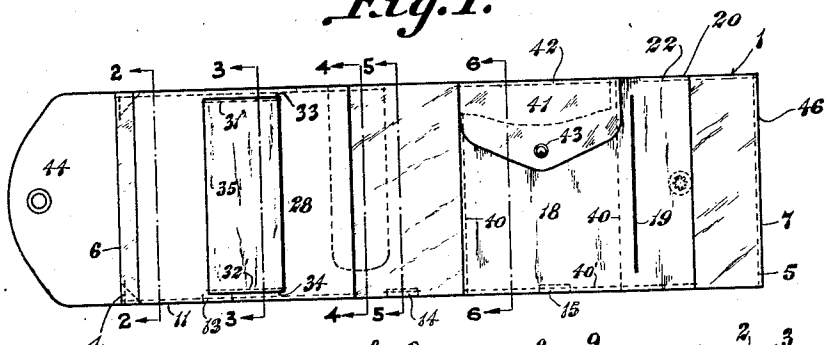


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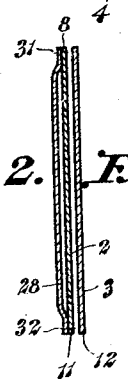


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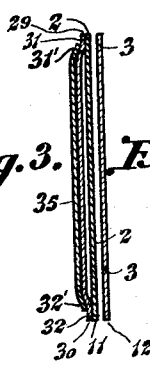


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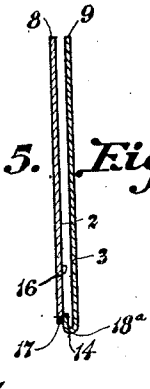


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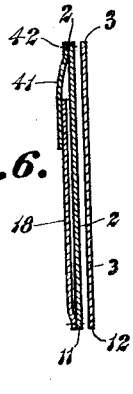


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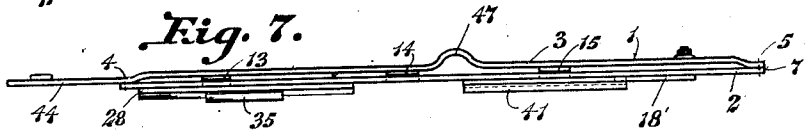


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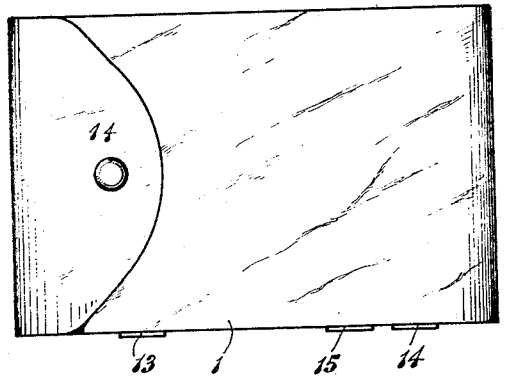
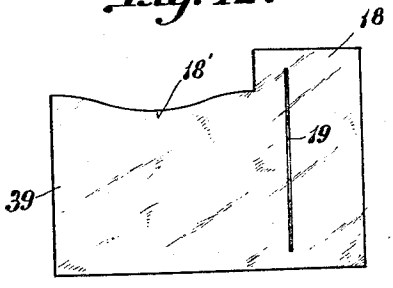


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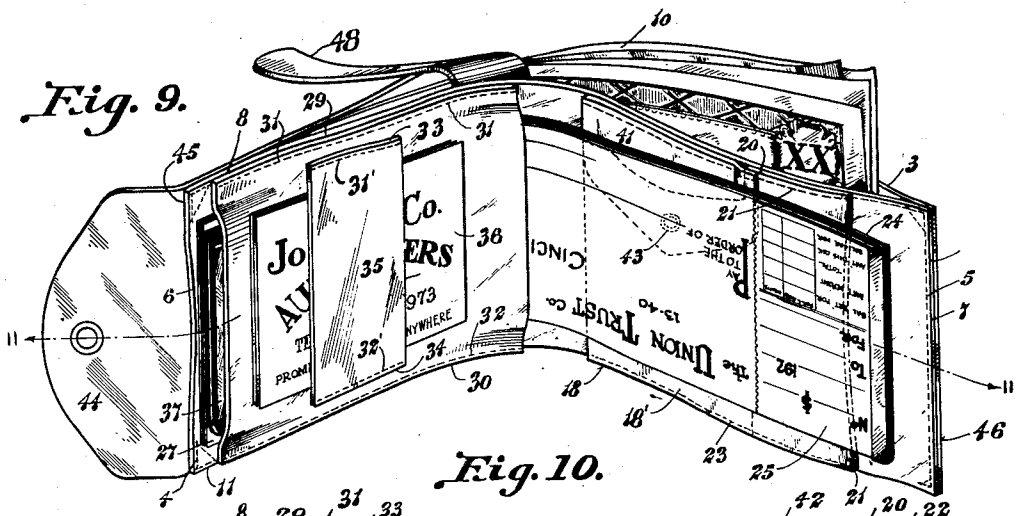


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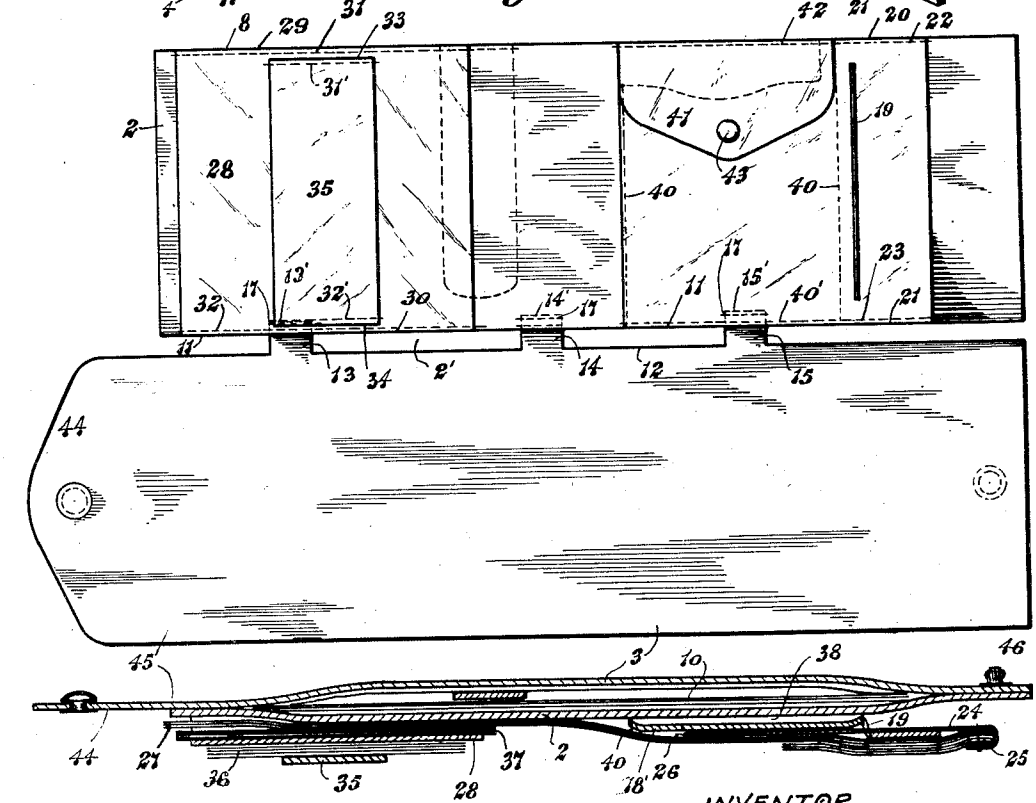


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My invention relates to combination pocket wallets and carrying cases having a plurality of compartments and retaining spaces, which are particularly adapted for use in carrying a variety of articles.

The objects of my invention are to provide an efficient, practical and highly desirable and serviceable pocket wallet capable of receiving various articles such as bank notes, a bank book, a check book, personal and business cards, stamps, small change etc., and arranged in separate compartments or relation to one another, whereby each of said articles is adapted to be retained in its own particular place, thereby enabling a person who carries it to at all times have ready, convenient and selective accessibility to any and all of said articles without the necessity of interfering with or disturbing any of the other articles, and facilitating the owner thereof to have a neat, compact, well kept and orderly pocket wallet; and to provide a pocket wallet in which a considerable number of bank notes are adapted to be carried without the wallet having adaptability or a tendency to buckle, wrinkle or otherwise become distorted when it is folded previous to being placed in the pocket or after being pocketed.

Other objects and advantages of my invention will be disclosed herein.

My invention consists in providing a pocket wallet having a plurality of separate compartments or retaining means capable of receiving the respective and various articles, heretofore enumerated whereby the same are adapted to be maintained in separate and orderly relation to one another; in providing means adapted when said wallet is folded to prevent it from buckling, wrinkling or otherwise becoming noticeably distorted when a considerable number of bank notes are contained therein; and to provide such a wallet which is adapted to be compactly and neatly folded.

My invention also consists in the details of construction, combination, arrangement and location of the various parts with relation to one another, as herein set forth and claimed.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is an inside elevation of my invention in open position;

Fig. 2 is a transverse section taken on a line corresponding to 2—2 in Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a transverse section taken on a line corresponding to 3—3 in Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is a transverse section taken on a line corresponding to 4—4 in Fig. 1;

Fig. 5 is a transverse section taken on a line corresponding to 5—5 in Fig. 1;

Fig. 6 is a transverse section taken on a line corresponding to 6—6 in Fig. 1;

Fig. 7 is an upper edge elevation of the wallet in unfolded position;

Fig. 8 is a front elevation showing the wallet folded in closed position;

Fig. 9 is a perspective view showing my invention in open or unfolded position and with various articles positioned therein;

Fig. 10 is an inside elevation showing the wallet in open and extended position and having its longitudinal edge and transverse edges unstitched;

Fig. 11 is a longitudinal section taken on a line corresponding to 11—11 in Fig. 9; and

Fig. 12 is a detail elevation of the stamp, small change, and check book retaining means.

In the preferred construction of my invention I provide wallet 1, consisting of leather or other suitable, durable and flexible material, having inner side strip 2 and outer side strip 3, respectively, secured together by stitching 4 and 5 respectively, adjacent ends 6 and 7 of the wallet, whereby upper edges 8 and 9, respectively, of sides 2 and 3 are permitted to remain in unsecured relation to each other so that the upper edges can be separated for the purpose of placing bank notes 10, or other papers, between sides 2 and 3. The bank notes are prevented from being lost or accidentally escaping from between edges 11 and 12, respectively, of side pieces 2 and 3 by spaced apart straps 13, 14 and 15, respectively, connecting edges 11 and 12. The spaced apart distance between stitching 4 and 5 is sufficient to permit placing the bank notes between sides 2 and 3

without the necessity of folding the notes. The straps 13, 14 and 15, preferably, are formed integral with side 3 and their ends 13′, 14′ and 15′ are secured to lower edge 11 of inner side 16 of side 2 by stitching 17, as will be clearly understood upon examination of the construction shown in Fig. 5. Also, it will be noticed that the straps are relatively long, reference being directed to loop portion 18ª in Fig. 5 and to space 2′ between edges 11 and 12 shown in Fig. 10, whereby a considerable number of bank notes or other papers of equal size are capable of being placed between sides 2 and 3 in unfolded position, without overtaxing the capacity of the wallet for the reason that the top edges 8 and 9 are unsecured together and lower edges 11 and 12 are free to recede from each other to an extent of distance entirely dependent upon the effective length of the straps. This form of construction is a great step in advance of the usual structure of pocket wallets in which lower edges 11 and 12 are stitched securely together over their entire length, whereby the lower edges are prevented from automatically or otherwise spacing themselves apart to conform to and adjustably receive various numbers of bank notes, whereby when a considerable quantity of notes is placed in the usual type of wallet it is adapted to buckle, wrinkle and otherwise become distorted so that it is impossible to neatly fold it previous to placing it into the pocket. Furthermore, a distorted and improperly folded wallet when placed in a man's hip pocket, where it is usually carried, is rather an uncomfortable thing upon which to sit, whereas my wallet can be folded evenly and without buckling or being wrinkled or distorted irrespective of the number of bank notes placed therein, providing the respective length of straps 13, 14 and 15 is not less than the collective thickness of the bank notes themselves. Strip or sheet 18 also of leather or other suitable flexible material has slit 19 therein and has its ends 20 and 21, respectively, secured to upper and lower edges 8 and 11 of the side 2, as by stitching 22 and 23, whereby usual tapered tongue 24, fixed to the stub end of bank check book 25, may be slid between strip 18 and inner side 2 and with its tapered end 26 projected through the slit, whereby the check book is adapted to be maintained in its proper position in the wallet. End 27 of the check book, to further facilitate keeping it in its proper position, may be slipped under transverse strip 28 having its upper and lower edges 29 and 30, respectively fixed to upper and lower edges 8 and 11 of side 2, as by stitching 31 and 32, respectively. Stitching 31′ and 32′, respectively, secures ends 33 and 34 of transverse strip 35 near upper and lower edges 8 and 11, respectively, of inner side 2, the strip 35 being superimposed upon strip 28. The strip 35 is particularly adapted to maintain business or personal cards 36 within the folds of the wallet, and as the cards are readily accessible when in this position a very convenient and desirable card carrying case is, therefore, incorporated in my invention. If desired, bank book 37 may be slipped between end 27 of check book 25 and strip 28, whereby as a user of my invention may carry both a check book and a bank book in his pocket wallet there is no occasion for him to be without either one of them thereby affording him an opportunity to keep an accurate account of his bank account at all times, whereas when bank checks are written without the writer making a record thereof it is impossible for him to be in possession of dependable information regarding his credit balance at his bank. Not infrequently considerable embarrassment is caused an individual who unintentionally issues a bank check when having insufficient funds in the bank to guarantee payment of the amount of money specified on the check and which embarrassment may be avoided by the proper application and use of my invention. Furthermore, it being possible to conveniently carry a bank book in my wallet there is no occasion for an owner thereof to deposit money in his patronized bank without having the proper record of deposit entered into the book when the deposit is made, whereby considerable trouble and sometimes money is saved an individual.

A convenient pocket 38 is provided by strip 18, having its extended and integral side or end 39 (whereby sheet 18′ is formed) secured to inner side 2 by stitching 40 and 40′, respectively. The pocket 38 is particularly advantageous for the purpose of carrying small articles such as stamps, memorandums, small change, etc. and which are prevented from being accidentally lost therefrom, as by flap 41 secured to upper edge 8 of inner side 2 of the wallet by stitching 42. Usual snap clasp connection 43 provides convenient means for releasably securing flap 41 in engagement with the body portion of the pocket. For convenience in fastening the wallet in closed position, as shown in Fig. 8, I provide flap 44 integral with end 45 of side 3 and having usual snap clasping connections with end 46 of side 3, whereby the wallet is adapted to be securely maintained in closed position, as shown in Fig. 8. Flap 48 secured to the edge of side 2 adjacent the mouth of the elongated pocket is adapted to be folded over bank notes 10 to retain them from accidentally slipping out of said elongated pocket.

As a further provision and to provide cooperating means, whereby the wallet can be

folded neatly and compactly and without buckling or distortion I provide an excess or fullness of material intermediate straps 14 and 15 at 47 in outer side strip 2, as shown in Fig. 7, to allow for the necessary greater radius at that point on the outer side 3 than the radius of the corresponding portion of the inner side 2 when the wallet is in folded and closed position.

An advantage of my invention is that pocket wallet 1, together with the various articles adapted to be carried therein, represents a very compact package when in closed position, whereby the wallet containing various articles is capable of being carried within a pocket of an individual without undue discomfort and inconvenience to the user, whereas if the various articles, adapted to be neatly filed and carried within the wallet are separately placed in various pockets not only is it difficult to locate any particular article, but also, and more important, it is necessary to utilize a multiplicity of pockets which for many reasons is exceedingly undesirable, as for instance, one or more of the articles are likely to be overlooked and forgotten when they are being changed from one suit of clothes to another and with varying and troublesome results, among which is that an imperfect and unreliable record of bank deposits and written bank checks is likely to be made, not to mention the many other cases and undesirable circumstances which might be occasioned by untimely forgetfulness to carry on his person the various and indispensable articles, such as may all be contained by my wallet, in consequence of which the likelihood of not having the desired article in one's pocket at an opportune time, is considerably reduced.

It is apparent that I have invented a practical, serviceable and effective combination pocket wallet and carrying case particularly intended for the purposes described herein. My invention may be used for other purposes than those specifically pointed out as the various compartments and retaining strips are adaptable to receive many different articles and which will fit therein according to the special needs of the particular user, it being understood that the enumerated articles which I have mentioned are merely shown in the drawing and included in the descriptive matter for illustrative purposes.

While I have chosen to illustrate the form and construction of my invention by the drawings and explanations of the same, it is understood that my invention resides in the combination, arrangement and location of parts and in the details of construction as herein set forth and claimed, and that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention can be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit thereof.

What I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. An article of manufacture comprising a pocket wallet having a pair of longitudinal flexible strips having their respective ends secured together, a pair of straps fixed to the lower edges of said strips and one of said strips having a fullness of material intermediate said straps and a transverse flexible strip having its ends secured to one of said strips and having a longitudinal slit therein adapted to receive the back of a check book, substantially as described.

2. A pocket wallet comprising a pair of longitudinal flexible strips having their respective ends secured together, a strap fixed to the lower edges of said strips, a flexible sheet having its outer ends secured to a side of one of said strips and having a longitudinal slit therein adapted to receive the back of a check book, said sheet having its inner edge secured to the outer side of said last longitudinal strip and having its central portion secured to the outer side of said last longitudinal strip, whereby a pocket is formed in said wallet adapted to receive small articles, a flap secured to said last longitudinal strip and adjacent the opening in said pocket and means for securing said flap in engagement with the body of said pocket and a flexible strip having its ends fixed to the longitudinal edges of said last longitudinal strip and positioned adjacent an end of said last longitudinal strip and oppositely disposed from said sheet, whereby an end of said checkbook is adapted to be inserted under said last transverse strip, substantially as described.

3. An article of manufacture comprising a pocket wallet having flexible sides open along one longitudinal edge and having a plurality of spaced apart flexible connections along the other longitudinal edge to permit said sides to be held in spaced apart relation to form an elongated pocket, and one of said strips having a fullness of material intermediate a pair of said connections, a pocket formed on the inner side with its opening adjacent the open edge of said wallet and having a flap to cover said opening and folded downwardly over said open edge of the pocket, a sheet secured to one of said strips and adapted to receive an inwardly projecting tongue attached to the back of a check book, a strip secured at its ends near the other end of said inner side to form holding means for the other end of said check book and to receive and hold a bank book, a strip superimposed on said last mentioned strip and having free edges adapted to receive and hold cards thereunder, a flap attached to one side of said wallet adjacent

the open edge thereof and having its free end adapted to embrace the contents of said elongated pocket whereby said contents are held in orderly position therein and means adjacent the respective ends of said wallet adapted to detachably secure said ends together in folded position.

4. An article of manufacture comprising a pocket wallet having a pair of longitudinal flexible strips spaced apart at their upper and lower longitudinal edges and having their respective ends secured together, one of said strips having a greater length of material than the other to provide a fullness of material at the center thereof to permit compactness in folding, and a plurality of spaced apart flexible straps fixed to the lower longitudinal edges of said strips to prevent buckling when folded, substantially as set forth.

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