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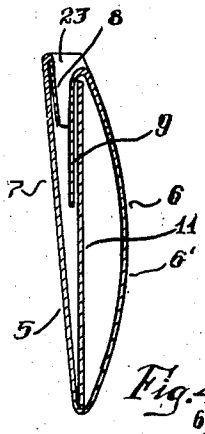


Fig. 4

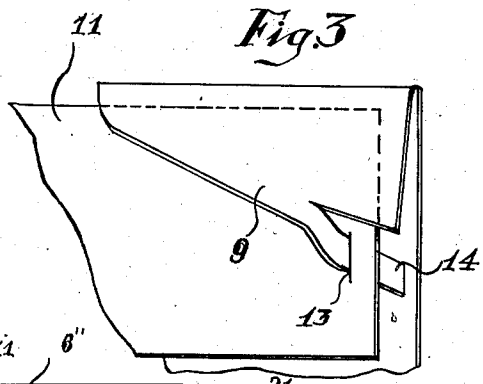


Fig. 3

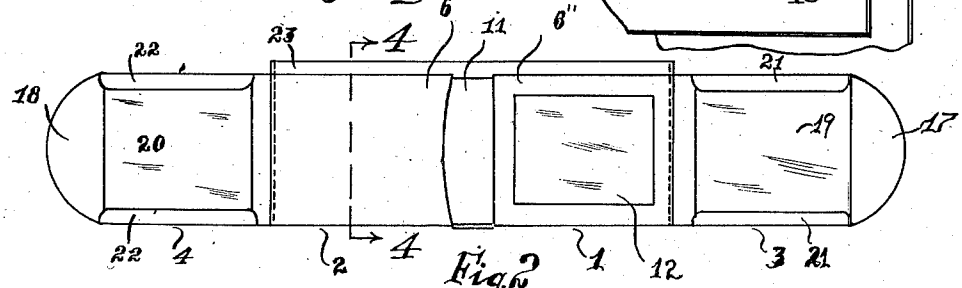


Fig. 2

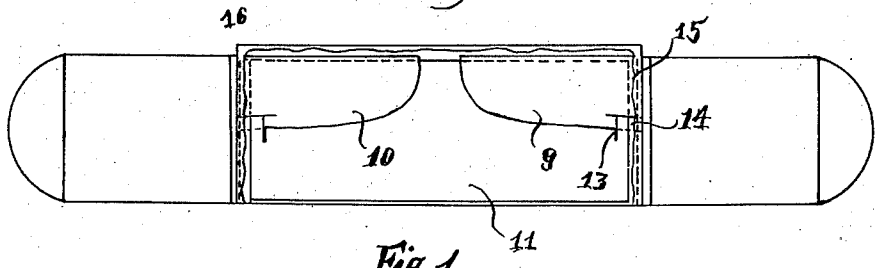


Fig. 1

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The present invention relates to a wallet for keeping bills, cards and other things of a similar nature. Wallets of the type described in the present invention are for the most part carried in pockets of garments and may give a bulky appearance to the pocket if not properly designed and constructed.

The present invention has for one of its purposes the construction of a wallet which is readily folded in such a manner that when folded the parts do not bulge. This is accomplished through the construction of the wallet by the use particularly of a flexibly positioned member, the position of which adjusts itself as the wallet is folded.

The wallet of the present invention is also characterized by other features which provide useful facilities and which at the same time permit a maximum utility of the space within the wallet for holding various bills, cards and other papers.

The invention further provides the use of end flaps whereby identification cards and other desirable cards or pictures may be readily exposed without greatly increasing the effective thickness of the wallet when the flaps are folded together in final closed position.

Further merits and advantages of the present invention will be more fully explained in connection with a description of the embodiment of the invention set forth in the specification below when taken in connection with the drawing illustrating the invention in which Figure 1 shows an unfolded outer view of the wallet with one part illustrated in fragmentary section.

Figure 2 shows an unfolded view looking at the inner side of the wallet.

Figure 3 shows a detail of construction of the wallet, and

Figure 4 shows a section on the line 4—4 of Figure 2.

As indicated in the drawing, the wallet normally may comprise four sections, the two center sections 1 and 2 forming the main portion of the wallet in which bills may be contained, as will be more fully explained later.

The outer end flaps 3 and 4 may in certain constructions, if desired, be omitted but form, however, additional desirable features to the invention.

The central section comprising the sections 1 and 2 is preferably composed of a leather sheet 5 or other suitable material such as fabric or imitation leather which, as indicated in Figure 4, forms both the inner face 6 and the outer face 7 of the wallet as indicated by the section in Figure 4. This single piece of leather may turn in to provide a finished edge as indicated at 8 for the outer face 7 and on the inside the piece 6 is carried over into flaps 9 and 10 as indicated in Figure 1.

As indicated more clearly in Figure 2, the flap 6 has a section removed from the middle, thereby forming two covers 6' and 6'', one of which forms an ordinary pocket and the other a pocket with a window 12 in which visible cards such as calendars or the like may be inserted.

The piece 6, as indicated in Figure 4, forms one side of the pockets in the portions 6' and 6'' of Figure 2 while the back of the pockets is formed by the sheet 11 which is indicated more clearly in Figure 1. This sheet 11 extends the whole length of the center section and at its ends is provided with a slot 13 through which there extends a strip 14 cut from the end of the flap 9. The same construction is applied to the end of the flap 10, as indicated in Figure 1.

It will further be noticed in Figures 1 and 2 that while the end edges of the piece 6 are stitched down as indicated by stitching 15 and 16, the ends of the piece 11 are free. That is to say, the ends of the flaps 9 and 10 and the ends of the sheet 6 with the ends of the sheet 7 are stitched together by the stitchings 15 and 16 and into these seams are also sewed the ends of the flaps 3 and 4. The flaps 3 and 4 are provided with curved end pieces 17 and 18 which may be tucked into the open ends of the pockets formed by the portions 6' and 6''. These end flaps 3 and 4 may be provided with open windows 19 and 20 cemented to side sections 21, 21 of flap 2 and 22, 22 of flap 4.

The space formed between the sheet 11 and the sheet 6 in the sections 6' and 6'' form the two central pockets with the openings opposite each other.

Since the sheet 11 must take up a part of the fold of the wallet and therefore is drawn away from the position of the seams 15 and 16 when the wallet is folded, ordinarily a bulge would appear if the ends of the piece 11 were fixed. In the construction, as indicated more clearly in Figures 1 and 3, the position of the ends of the sheet 11 is adjustable and the ends of the sheet may draw to the center section, as viewed in Figure 1, when the wallet is folded together. This will prevent any bulging at the center and will make the wallet lie flat and smooth when folded. The space between the sheet 11 and the outer face 7 of the wallet form a container for the bill fold, the edges

of the sheet 7, as previously explained, being stitched as indicated in Figures 1 and 2.

In order to facilitate the handling of the wallet, a slight lip 23 may remain on the face 7 so that the pocket for the bill folder section may be easily opened.

Various modifications and changes in the general shape of the wallet of the present invention may be made without departing from the constructional features embodying the novelty of the present invention.

Having now described my invention, I claim:

1. A wallet of the type described comprising an outer face and an inner face joined at their bottom edges, said inner face having a portion removed between its ends forming flaps folded over in face relation to the inner face and extending substantially only about one-half the width of the wallet, a separate sheet of material positioned in face-to-face relationship with said inner face and located between the inner face and the folded over flaps, said sheet extending just short of the ends of the outer and inner faces, leaving marginal sections at the ends in which the inner face and the outer face are seamed together without said sheet being sewed therein, and means flexibly coupling said sheet with the ends of the inner flap comprising tab elements formed longitudinally of the wallet in the marginal edges of said flaps at their ends and slots perpendicularly positioned with respect to said tabs in the marginal edges of said sheet at the sides thereof and adapted to be engaged by said tabs, said tabs being sewed in said stitching whereby said sheet may be free to position itself when the wallet is folded.

2. A wallet of the type described comprising an outer and an inner face, the outer face being the external faces of the wallet when the wallet is folded along its middle, said inner face comprising an outer sheet and an inner sheet, said outer sheet being cut away along a section to the bottom edge of the wallet and having portions folded over against the inner side of the inner sheet, said folded over portions being slit in a direction longitudinal with the wallet near the margin of said inner sheet to form a tab element in a longitudinal direction of the wallet and said inner sheet being slotted perpendicularly to said tab to be engaged by said strip element, said outer face and said inner faces including said tab thereof being stitched at their marginal side edges with the inner sheet positioned just short of said stitching whereby the inner sheet is free for adjustment longitudinally when the wallet is folded.

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