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MONEY CLIP

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Fig. 1

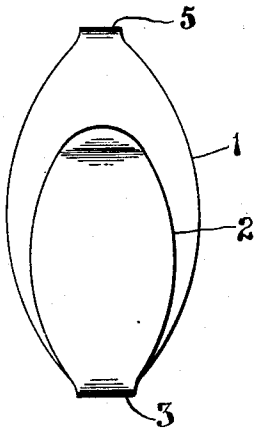


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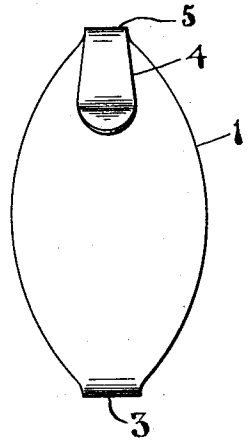


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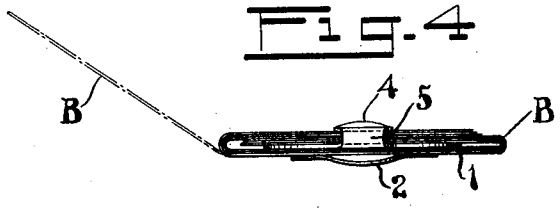


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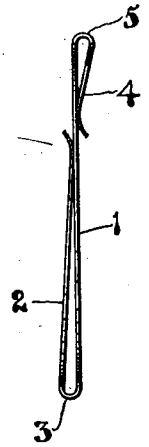


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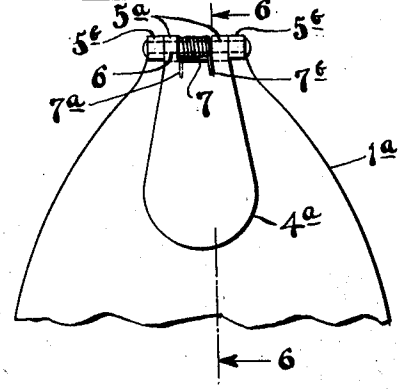
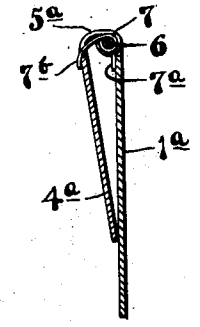


Fig. 6



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The object of my invention is to produce a money clip which will hold paper money or bills in a triple folded condition.

Another object of my invention is to produce a money clip which will hold paper money or bills in such a manner to allow the top bill to be removed without disturbing the remaining folded bills.

A further object of my invention is to produce a paper money clip which will be inexpensive to manufacture, simple in construction, attractive in appearance and which will retain the paper money in a neat, orderly and unwrinkled condition.

With these and other objects in view, to be more fully set forth hereinafter, the invention consists in the novel construction, combination of elements and arrangement of parts which will be exemplified in the following specification and illustrated in the accompanying drawing.

The disclosure made the basis of exemplifying the present inventive concept suggests a practical embodiment thereof, but the invention is not to be restricted to the exact details of this disclosure, and the latter therefore is to be understood from an illustrative, rather than a restrictive standpoint.

The invention will first be described in connection with the drawing, wherein similar reference characters are used to designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, and more specifically defined and indicated in the appended claim.

Attention is directed to the drawing in which—

Fig. 1 is a front elevation of my improved money clip;

Fig. 2 is a rear view of same;

Fig. 3 is a side view of same;

Fig. 4 is a top or end view of my clip illustrating how the bills are folded and held in position, and it also illustrates in dot and dash lines how a bill is removed;

Fig. 5 is an enlarged view of the top portion of my clip and illustrates a modified form of the bill gripping tongue illustrated in Fig. 2, and

Fig. 6 is a sectional view taken on the line 6—6 of Fig. 5 and looking in the direction of the arrows.

The reference numeral 1 represents the body portion of my money clip and 2 is one of the bill gripping tongues which is integral with the bottom of the body portion at 3 and is bent upward against it. This bend 3 is large enough to receive the thickness of a quantity of bills. (See Fig. 3). Integral with the top of the body 1 is the smaller bill gripping tongue 4 which is bent downward against the body at 5. This bend is also large enough to receive a large quantity of bills. Both of these bends 3 and 5 give a spring action to their respective gripping tongues.

To insert the bills as illustrated in Fig. 4, they are first stacked and then they are pushed under the gripping tongue 2, the tongue gripping them approximately in the center of their length. With the bills held in this manner, their ends are then folded backward and their upper ends pushed under the gripping tongue 4. As shown in Fig. 4, the right hand ends of the stacked bills were first folded backward and pushed under the tongue, and then the left hand ends were folded backward upon the right hand ends and also pushed under the tongue. This gives the bills a triple fold and they are neatly and securely held in position by the spring pressure of tongues upon them in two places.

To remove a bill from the folded stack, the end of the outer bill is stripped from under the tongue 4 and pulled outward as shown in dot and dash lines in Fig. 4. With the bill in this position, it is then pulled straight outward; stripping it off the remainder of the stack without disturbing the bill next to it.

Referring to Figs. 5 and 6 illustrating the modified form of gripping tongue, it will be seen that the tongue 4*a* is hinged at 5*a* on a pintle pin 6 carried in the bearings 5*b* integral with the body 1*a*. Mounted upon the pintle pin and located between the hinge extensions 5*a* of the tongue is the coil spring 7. One end 7*a* of the spring rests against the face of the body 1*a* which is most clearly shown in Fig. 6 and its other end bears

against the outer surface of the tongue. With the spring held in this manner it acts to force the end of the tongue against the surface of the body portion 1*a* as illustrated. This type of tongue would only replace the top tongue 4 (Figs. 1, 2, 3 and 4) although its construction could be utilized in connection with tongue 2 also. The purpose of this type of hinged tongue is to facilitate the folding over and gripping of the ends of the bills, it being easily understood from the drawing that the tongue 4*a* can be swung upward past the plane of the body 1*a* and held in this position until the ends of the bills are folded over and then released. The action of the coil spring 7 will swing it downward into contact with the ends of the bills and hold them in position.

While in Fig. 4 I have illustrated in dotted lines that the bills are being withdrawn from the left side, it is to be understood that the money may be drawn from either side, right or left. This is accomplished simply by having the bills inserted in such a manner that the fold on the right side will be on the top. In this way the bills will be removed in the reverse direction from that shown in Fig. 4.

I also wish it understood that while I have shown and described my money clip as being made of a piece of spring metal, it may also be constructed of any other material which will accomplish the purposes herein described and also that it may be made of a strip of wire bent into the proper formation so as to have a body portion 1, a large gripping member 2, and a small tongue 4.

In accordance with the provisions of the patent statute, I have described my invention, but I desire it understood that it is not confined to the particular form shown and described, the same being merely illustrative, and that the invention can be carried out in other ways without departing from the spirit of my invention, and therefore, I claim broadly the right to employ all equivalent instrumentalities coming within the scope of the appended claim, and by means of which, objects of my invention are attained and new results accomplished; as it is obvious that the particular embodiments herein shown and described are only some of many that can be employed to attain these objects and accomplish these results.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

A clip for holding paper money in folded condition having a broad flat body portion and integral gripping tongue members of substantial contact area at each extremity bent in reverse direction to one another with their ends in contact with the body portion, said tongue members being of different lengths, the longer tongue adapted to frictionally hold the middle part of the bills in position, the shorter one adapted to engage the folded over edges of the bills.

This specification signed this 27th day of November, 1931.

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