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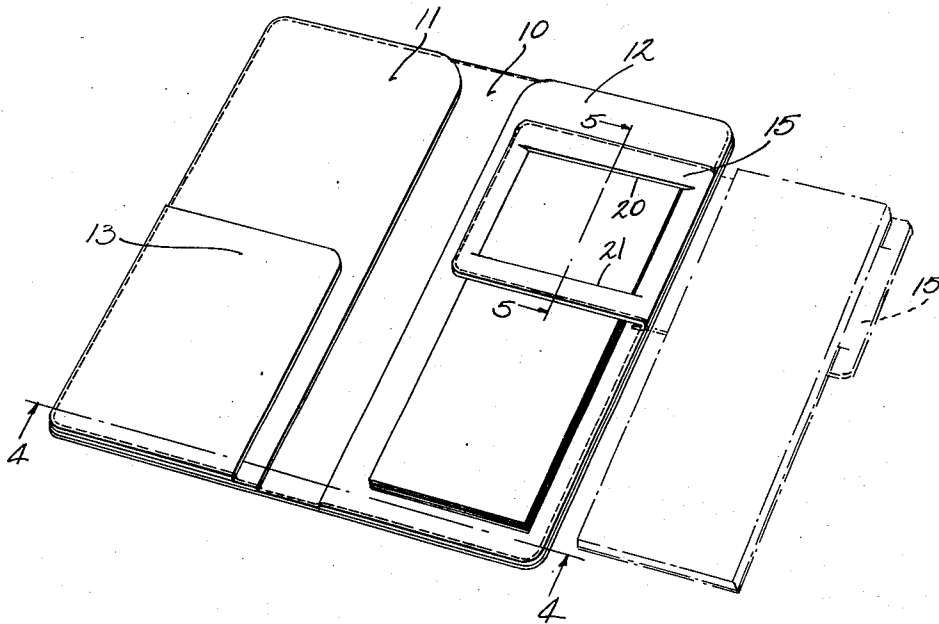


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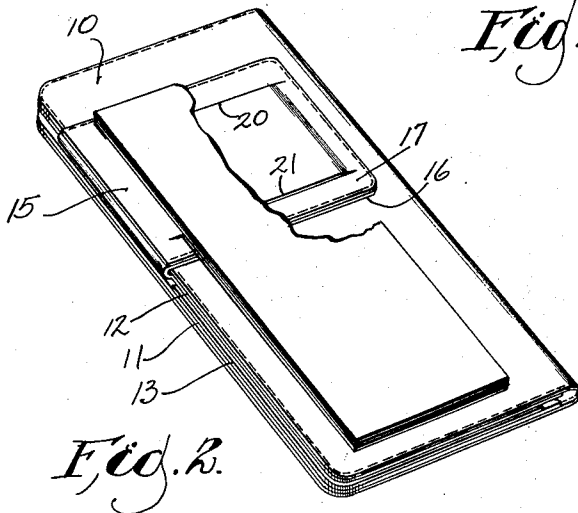


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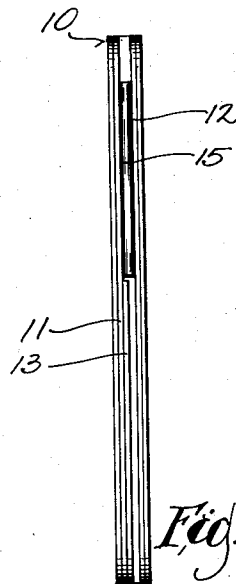


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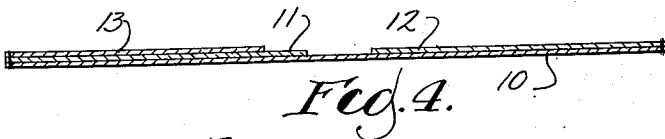


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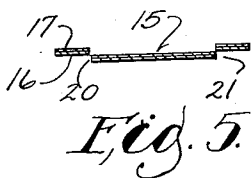


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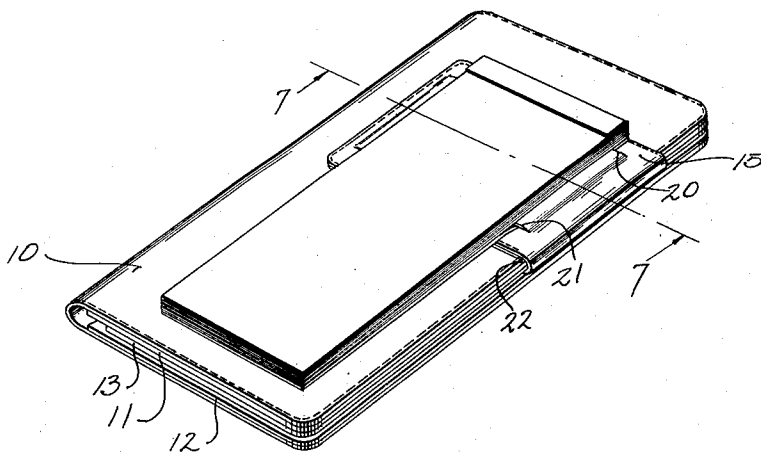


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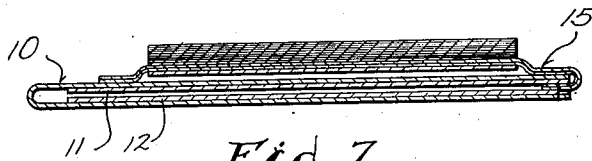


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My invention relates to an improved notebook holder adapted for incorporation in, or attachment to billfolds, card cases, and the like.

The invention has for its primary object the provision within a billfold or the like of a notebook holder whereby a notebook, when inserted therein, may be swung from a position adjacent an inner wall of the fold to a position adjacent the outer wall thereof, whereby the fold and contents thereof serve as a stiffening back to support the notebook during use.

A further object is to provide a bill or card fold, having a hinged member adapted to receive a notebook or the like and to permit swinging of said notebook from a facedown position adjacent the inner wall of the folder to a faceup position, upon, or marginally to, the outer wall thereof.

A still further object is to provide a device of this type in which the various parts are correlated to require a minimum amount of bulk in the pocket of the user.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a billfold having my invention incorporated therein.

Figure 2 is a perspective view showing the billfold of Figure 1 in closed position, with the notebook holder and notebook adjacent an outer surface thereof.

Figure 3 is an end elevation of the bill or card fold shown in Figure 1, showing the device in folded form as when carried in the pocket of the user.

Figure 4 is a section taken along line 4—4 of Figure 1.

Figure 5 is a section taken along line 5—5 of Figure 1.

Figure 6 is a perspective of my closed bill or card fold with the notebook inserted for alternative placement over the front of the fold rather than over the back of the fold as shown in Fig. 1.

Figure 7 is a section on line 7—7 of Fig. 6.

For the purpose of illustration and not of limitation, an otherwise conventional billfold is disclosed in Figure 1, with one embodiment of my invention incorporated therein. The billfold generally may be assembled from leather blanks or any suitable material, either single or multiple ply. One of the blanks provides the back portion 10 to which the other portions are secured by marginal sewing or the like.

The drawings illustrate a conventional billfold having flaps 11 and 12 which are fastened to a blank 10 forming the back or cover portion

thereof. Flaps 11 and 12 are preferably fastened to blank 10 by marginal sewing along the bottom and side edges only, whereby the inner top edges may be folded back to facilitate insertion and removal of bills, cards, or the like, in the compartment formed between the inner face of the back blank 10 and said flaps. A flap 13 of reduced size is preferably secured adjacent the flap 11, as shown, to provide an auxiliary compartment for calling cards or the like. Flap 13 is preferably marginally stitched to flap 11 and back 10, as shown.

In the illustrated embodiment of my invention, the notebook holder per se has a flexible side margin connected to the side margin of one of the billfold flaps 12 (or 11) by a flexible web 15 of sufficient dimensions to permit of swinging movement from one face or side of the flap to the opposite side of said flap, thereby serving as a two-way hinge. The outer or swinging margin of this web 15 is connected with the notebook holder per se, either integrally as an extension of one of the plies thereof or by other suitable means. In either event, the holder adjacent the side margin of the billfold is of less thickness than the remaining portion of the holder, whereby to facilitate swinging of the holder through substantially a 180° arc from the inner to the outer face of the fold. A pair of spaced parallel slots 20 and 21 are provided in the web 15 to permit the insertion of a notebook cover as shown. The notebook may be inserted through the holder in a face-up position when the holder has been swung to a position shown in dotted lines in Figure 1 or to the position shown in Figure 2 where the notebook lies against the substantially and relatively rigid back of the folded billfold. The notebook will, however, assume a face-down position when swung adjacent the inner face of the notebook wall 12 as shown in heavy lines, Figure 1. The notebook holder may comprise any suitable means for engaging a notebook. In the illustrated embodiment it is comprised of two superposed leather webs of a generally rectangular form having parallel slits standing transversely across the greater portion of the holder.

The notebook cover may be inserted through the slots 20 and 21 either as shown in Figs. 1 and 2 or as shown in Figs. 6 and 7 to make it possible to use the notebook either on the back or on the front respectively of the closed folder. An additional advantage is obtained by the Fig. 6 position since the holder 15 is "snubbed" around the edge 22 of the flap 11 and locks the folder

in closed position, thus preventing loss of loose contents from the folder while the notebook is being used.

5 Pocket 13 is preferably of such size that it folds into the space under member 15 when the billfold is closed, as shown in Figure 3. While I prefer to provide web 15 with a slit, as mentioned, whereby a notebook cover may be inserted therethrough when the central portion 10 of the holder is depressed, as shown in Figure 5, it is obvious that other means such as transverse straps or suitable clips may be employed to removably fasten the notebook thereto.

15 A blank of stiffening material may be inserted between blanks 16 and 17 if desired. The use of such a blank enables the holder member 15 to be fabricated from thinner material than would otherwise be required, thereby reducing the cost of manufacture.

20 I claim:

1. A notebook holder having two major flaps joined together along a fold line, each of the

flaps having free margins, a web flexibly secured adjacent the free margin of one of the flaps whereby it may be swingably positioned between the flaps of the closed folder or laid 5 against the outside surfaces of either of the flaps, a notebook to be attached to the web, said web and said notebook having interengageable means alternatively interengageable upon either face of the web.

2. A notebook holder having two major flaps 10 joined along a common flexible fold line, a web flexibly secured adjacent a margin of one of the flaps opposite said fold line, said web being of sufficient length to snub about the corresponding margin of the other flap to dispose the web 15 on the outer face of said other flap, said web being provided with spaced slots to receive a notebook holder cover upon either face of the web, and a notebook provided with a cover receivable through said slots. 20

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