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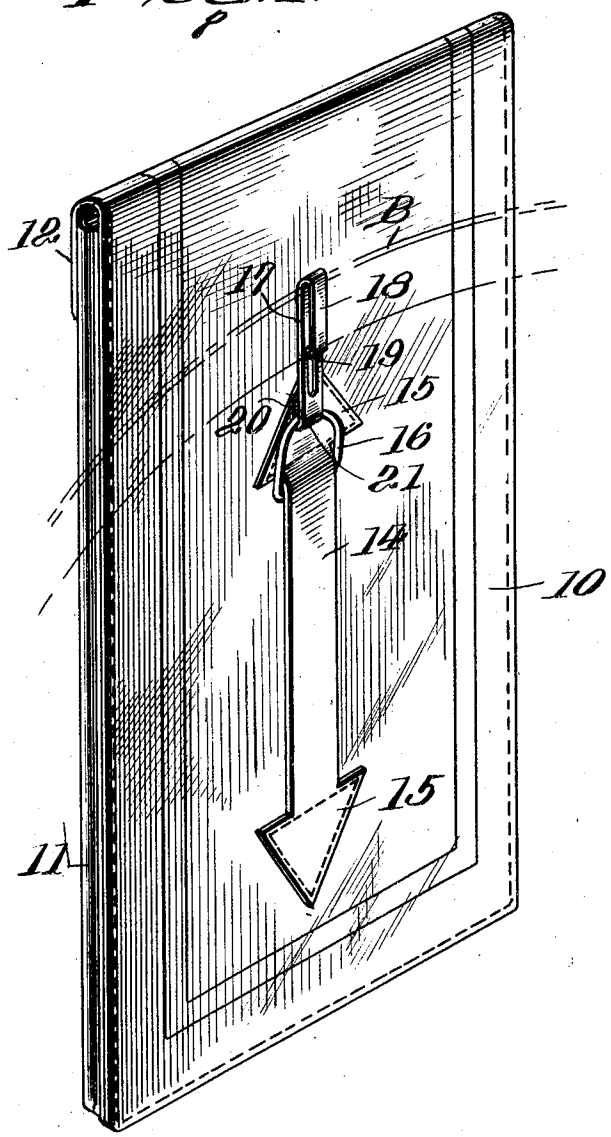
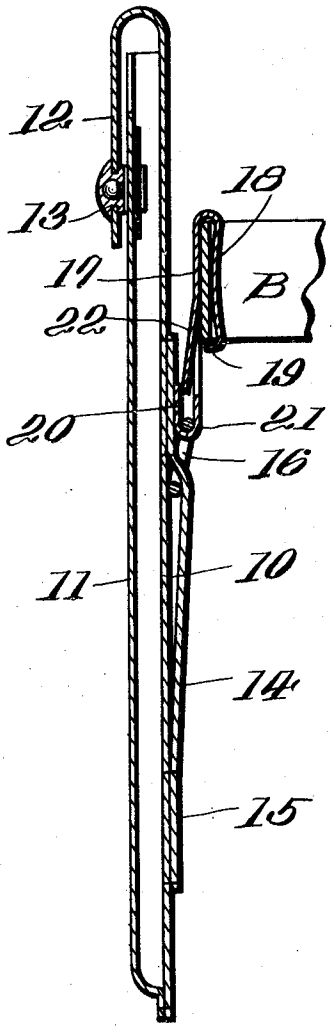


Fig. 2.



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This invention relates to improvements in wallets, more particularly of the type which are to be carried on the belt.

One of the objects of this invention is to provide a wallet construction and suspension by which the wallet is removably secured to the wearer's belt, and by which it is capable of movement to adjust itself to the position of the wearer's body.

Another object is to simplify the construction of the several parts whereby the encumbrance is reduced, the parts are simply and cheaply made, and the device is free from objectionable bulging or stiffness which would attract attention and cause discomfort.

Other objects of the invention will appear in the course of the following specification, taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings which represent by way of illustration one form of construction of the device according to this invention.

In these drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the rear of the wallet, showing the suspending means and in dotted lines is illustrated the position of the wearer's belt.

Fig. 2 is a sectional view through the wallet and belt.

In these figures, the wallet is illustrated as provided with a back 10 and a front 11 which are securely sewed together at the sides and bottom, and the back extends over and is folded down over the front as a cover 12 which is fastened to the front 11 by a glove snap 13 in the illustrated form, thus forming a closed pouch having a top which may be covered by the cover 12.

Securely sewed to the back 10 of the wallet is a leather or similar strap 14 which has the sewing pads 15 at its ends for this purpose. The strap 14 itself is free of the back 10 and supports a D-shaped sliding link 16 which can move from end to end of the strap 14. It is preferred that the upper sewing pad 15 shall be located above the center of gravity of the wallet when empty, and since papers are usually located in the bottom of the wallet, hence also above the center of gravity of the wallet and its contents.

The wallet is adapted to be detachably connected to any suitable supporting means attached to a belt or to the garment of the wearer. In the drawings, I have shown one form of well known supporting means which includes a flat portion 17 and a second portion 18 which is slightly concave outward, and has at its end an inturned hook 19. The flat portion 17 extends beyond the hook 19 and is provided with a re-bent end 20 forming a bight 21. The flat portion 17 is also provided with a stamped out tongue 22 which is resilient, and is adapted to engage against the re-bent end 20, so as to form a snap hook to receive the D-shaped ring 16. As noted, other types of supporting devices may be used, but it is preferable to use a snap hook of some desired construction, so that the ring may be readily detached, if desired, but which will be securely retained unless the wearer manipulates the parts for detaching the wallet.

When the wearer sits down, the wallet can slide upward as the strap 14 moves upward in the ring 16. If the wearer stands again, the wallet slides downward by its own weight. The entire device is very thin, and forms no considerable bulge under the clothing, and therefore, does not attract attention.

When it is desired to consult the contents of the wallet, it may be readily removed from its supporting means for this purpose. The device is found to be of value as a means of carrying on the person, various papers, books, etc., which, by reason of their size, volume and weight, are undesirable in the pockets of the clothing. It permits the collection of necessary papers in a definite place without the necessity of continually changing from pocket to pocket, and furthermore, it provides a concealed container for papers, and is advantageously used by salesmen, since they are thus enabled to make approaches without carrying their data sheets in view.

It will be understood, of course, that the wallet may be changed as to construction, and also that the supporting means may also be varied without departing from the spirit of the invention as set forth in the appended claim.

Having thus described the invention, what

I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters-Patent, is—

In a wallet, a receptacle of flexible material having closing means, a strap attached at each end to the wallet receptacle at spaced points one adjacent the top and the other adjacent the bottom thereof so as to extend longitudinally of the receptacle and lie substantially flat against the receptacle, and a supporting member slidable longitudinally upon said strap and adapted to detachably engage a supporting means carried by the wearer, said slidable member operating when at the upper end of the strap for supporting the receptacle and permitting the receptacle to slide upward and downward on said supporting member to accommodate itself to the posture of the wearer.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature.

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