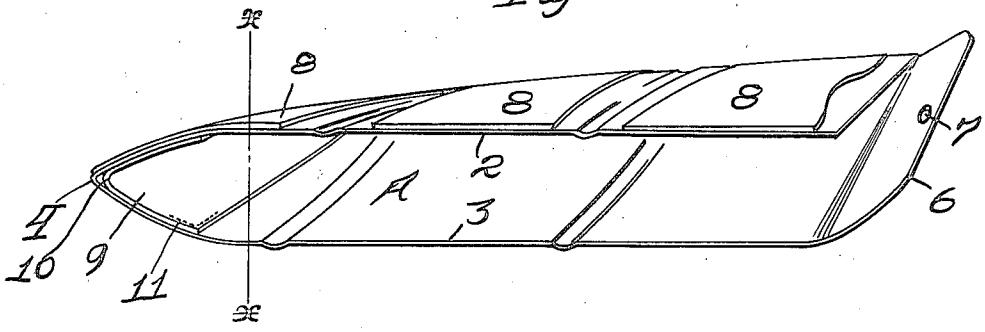
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Fig. 1.



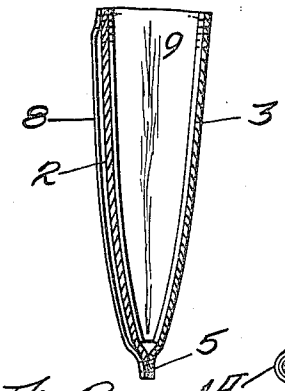


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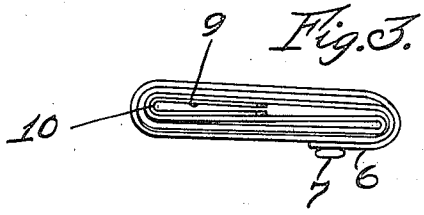


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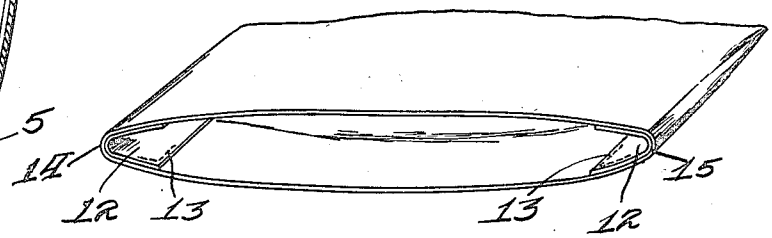


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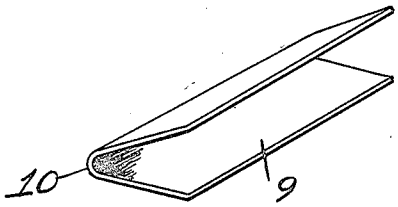


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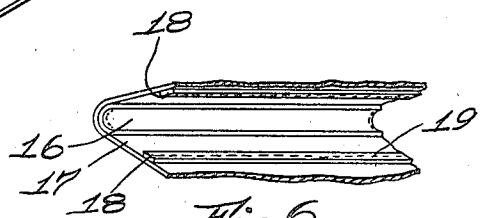


Fig. 6.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERMAN BOCK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Red Wing, in the county of Goodhue and State of Minnesota, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Bill-Folds and Card-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in bill holders of that type some times called bill folds, card cases, wallets, check book covers, etc.

Heretofore bill holders of the general type stated have been found objectionable, because of the difficulty in inserting bills between the flexible sides of the bill receiving pockets or receptacles, and particularly is this true when the bills are old and worn, the corners and edges crumpling and creasing and not sliding freely between said sides.

The primary object of this invention is to overcome this objection in a simple and effective manner.

A further objection has occurred due to the corners of the pockets of bill holders not spreading wide apart when the holder is opened for the insertion or withdrawal of bills, thus making it difficult to insert bills.

A further object is to overcome this objection and still further facilitate the insertion of bills in the pockets of holders of the general class stated.

With these and other objects in view, which will be apparent from the following description, my invention comprises the features of construction and combination of parts hereinafter more particularly described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective of a bill holder constructed in accordance with my invention; Fig. 2 is a cross section taken on the line X—X of Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is an edge view of the construction illustrated in Fig. 1 when the holder is closed; Fig. 4 is a perspective of a detail forming part of my invention; Fig. 5 is a perspective of a bill holder, illustrating an alternative construction of my invention, and Fig. 6 is a perspective of a detail illustrating another alternative construction.

In the drawing, A indicates a bill holder of usual type having two opposite sides 2 and 3 made from a single piece of flexible or other suitable material folded between its ends into an end corner 4 and said sides secured longitudinally along one edge by the seam of sewing 5 or other suitable means. The open end of the pocket is provided with the usual flap 6, which is secured by the snap button 7 over an adjacent side when the holder is folded into closed condition as illustrated in Fig. 3. The construction described produces an envelop between the sides of which bills can be placed in flat condition and held in the usual manner. The side 2 thus forms the outer wall of the envelop or pocket, and the side 3 of the inner wall. The inner wall can be provided with the usual flaps such as 8, for holding change, cards, stamps, tickets, etc.

Heretofore bill holders of the type stated have been found objectionable, due to the edges of the bills catching and crumpling when inserted along the end corner, such as 4, while the bills are being placed in the holder. This objection has resulted in the bills being held unevenly, thus producing a bulky and objectionable package. This objection I have overcome by securing an antifriction device along the end corner 4 of the pocket. This antifriction device may be in the form of a thin sheet 9 of celluloid or other suitable material having an inner antifriction surface. This strip is bent between its ends at 10, and its sides secured such as by seams of sewing 11 to the opposite sides 2 and 3 of the envelop. Other means of attachment may be employed, such as adhesive material or other means, or the seams may be disposed otherwise than as illustrated. The bent corner 10 of the strip 9 is laid along the corner 4 of the envelop and the inner antifriction surfaces of the sides of the strip 9 facilitate in guiding the ends of bills between the sides of the holder, thus preventing the bills from tearing or crumpling and causing them to lie smoothly in the holder in outstretched flat condition before the holder is turned into closed condition. The antifriction device described in addition to performing the function of guiding the edges of the bills into the holder without causing the bills to crumple or crease, also is resilient, and has sufficient spring tendency to spread the walls or sides of the holder into wide open position when the holder is in unfolded condition, thus aiding or facilitating the insertion of bills into the holder without causing the bills to crumple, crease or catch when being inserted. It will be observed also that the antifriction

device described assists in the ready withdrawal of a bill from the holder without molesting any remaining bills.

This invention is equally applicable to a holder, which is closed at both ends, such as is illustrated in Fig. 5. Antifriction devices 12, such as illustrated in Fig. 4 and described, are secured by the seams 13 along both end corners 14 and 15 of the holders. These antifriction devices accomplish the same results only in connection with both ends of the holder, instead of one as illustrated in Fig. 1.

In Fig. 6 the antifriction device is constructed by placing the strip of antifriction material 16 along the inner corner of the holder 17 in the same manner as illustrated in Fig. 1 and additional antifriction strips 18 are secured across each of the sides of the holder by seams 19 or other suitable means to also facilitate in guiding the sides of the bills into the holder.

In accordance with the patent statutes, I have described the principles of operation of my invention, together with the apparatus which I now consider to represent the best embodiment thereof, but I desire to have it understood that the construction shown is only illustrative, and that the invention can be carried out by other means and applied to uses other than those above set forth within the scope of the following claims.

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

1. A bill holder, comprising, an envelop forming a pocket having opposite sides and an end corner adapted to receive and hold bills in outstretched flat condition and an antifriction device secured along the inner surface of said corner, adapted to facilitate the insertion of bills into said envelop in outstretched flat condition.

2. A bill holder, comprising, an envelop forming a pocket between the sides of which bills may be inserted and held in outstretched flat condition and having an end corner and a lining secured along said end corner having an inner antifriction surface adapted to facilitate the insertion of bills into said envelop in outstretched flat condition.

3. A bill holder, comprising, an envelop forming a pocket and having an end corner, said pocket being adapted to receive and hold bills in outstretched flat condition, and a resilient lining secured along said end corner adapted normally to spread the sides apart and having an inner antifriction surface facilitating the insertion of bills into said pocket in outstretched flat condition.

4. A bill holder, comprising, an envelop having opposite sides and an end corner and a resilient antifriction device secured in said end corner and coöperating with said sides to spread them apart in open position, said device also facilitating the insertion of bills into said pocket in outstretched flat condition.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification.

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