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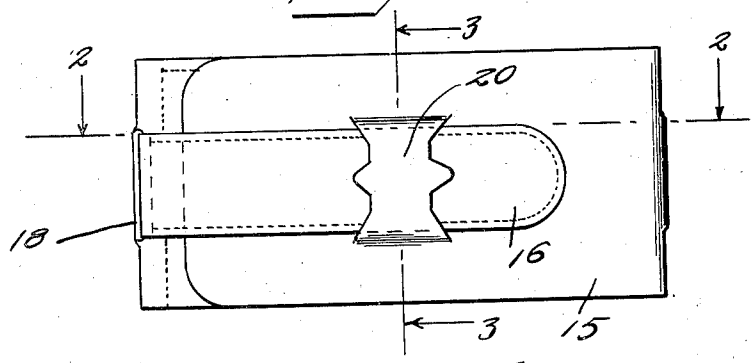


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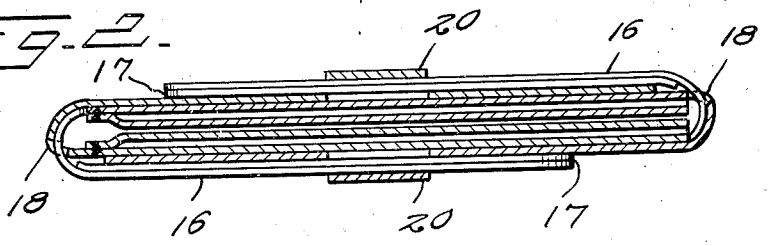


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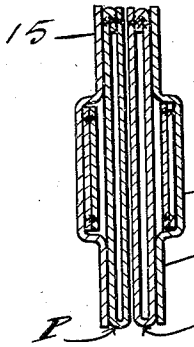


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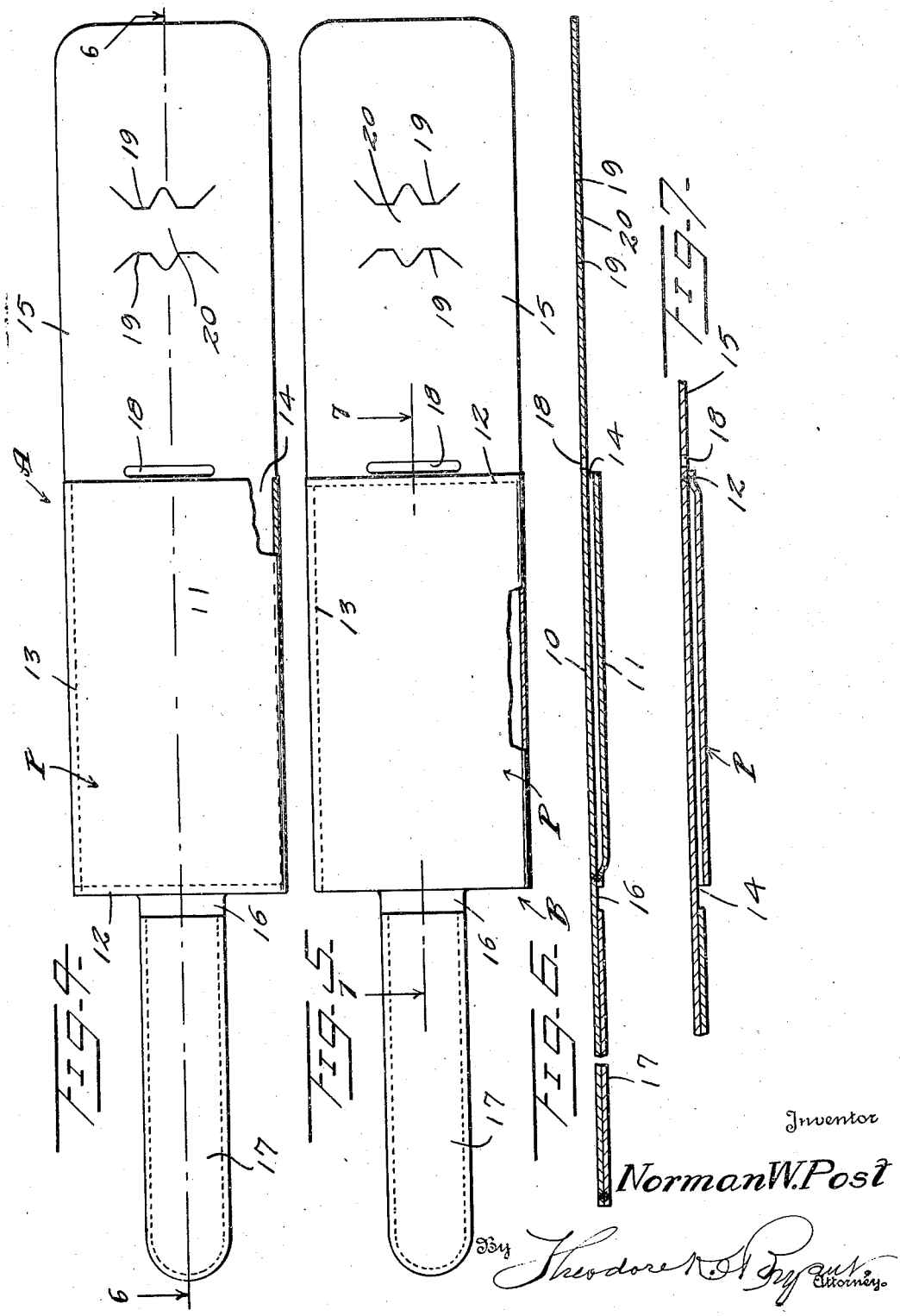
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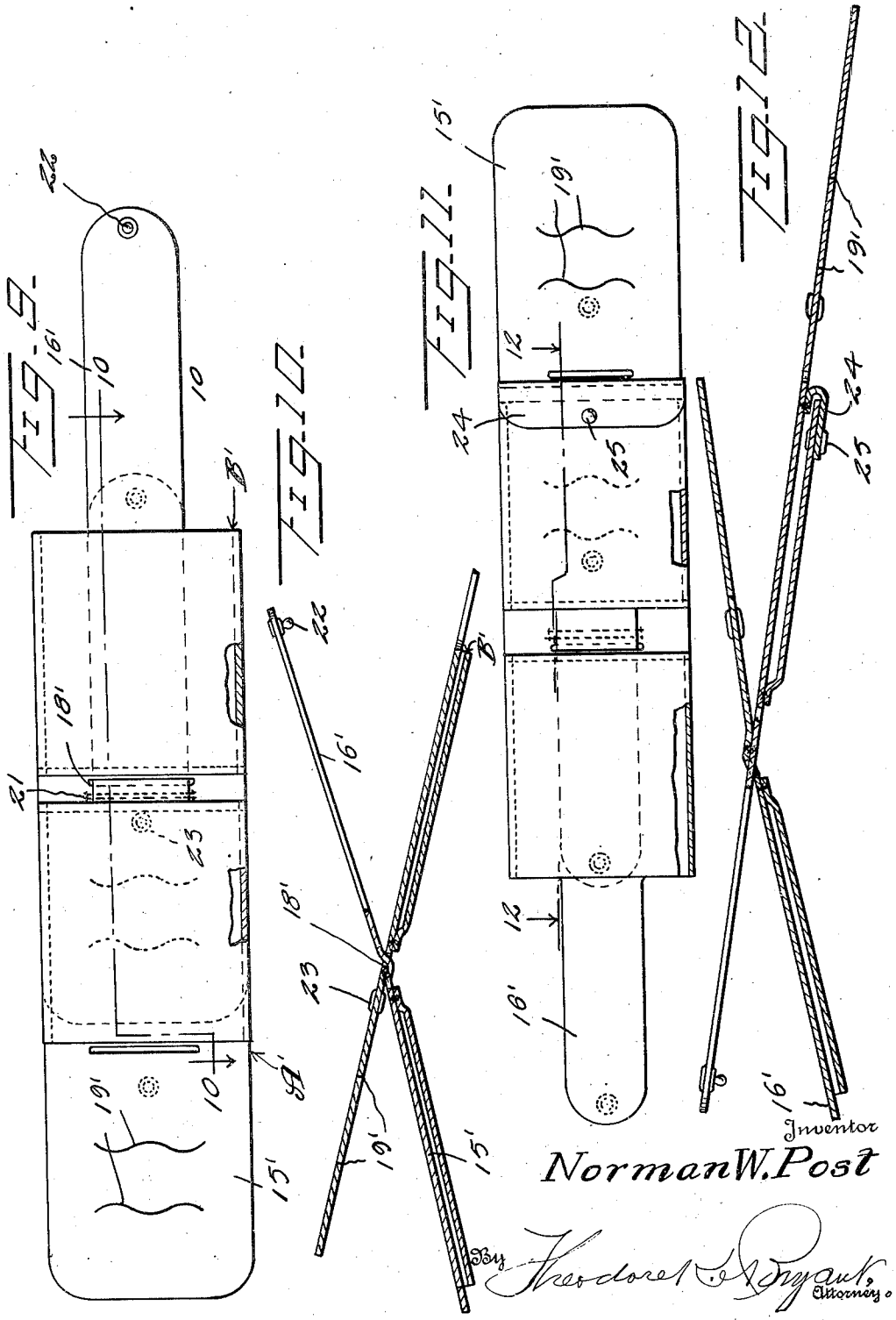
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This invention relates to pocket and personal articles and pertains especially to improvements in wallets or purses.

A principal object of the present invention is to provide a novel form of wallet which provides the utmost in safety in that when it is closed each of the pockets is covered and closed by an adjacent pocketed unit so that the two pocketed units of which the wallet is made up must be completely disconnected and separated, one from the other, in order that access may be had to the pockets. Thus the danger of any pocket coming open and bills, coins or other valuables being lost therefrom is entirely avoided.

Another object of the invention is to provide a wallet formed in two completely separable pocketed sections or units, with interlocking straps or tongues carried by the two units, joined in a novel manner to maintain the units securely together against accidental separation, but capable of being easily and quickly purposely separated so that access may be had to the pockets.

Still another object is to provide a novel wallet or purse of the character stated in which the units may be separated, within limits, without unjoining or disconnecting the interlocked straps, so that the wallet may be placed on the forearm in encircling relation therewith, to be conveniently carried in complete safety within a garment sleeve where it will be hidden from view, and safe from persons who might attempt to remove it from a pocket. Also when so carried it cannot be mislaid or overlooked during the changing of garments, so that it is of particular value to workmen or others who are required to change clothes several times a day.

The invention will be best understood from a consideration of the following detailed description when taken with the accompanying drawings, it being understood, however, that the invention is not confined to a strict conformity with the showing of the drawings but may be changed or modified so long as such changes or modifications do not depart materially from the invention as defined by the appended claims.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a view in plan of a wallet constructed in accordance with one embodiment of the present invention.

Figure 2 is a section taken on line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a transverse section taken on line 3—3 of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a view looking at the inner side of one of the two pocketed units making up the wallet.

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Figure 5 is a view of the inner side of the other pocketed unit.

Figure 6 is a section taken on line 6—6 of Figure 4.

Figure 7 is a partial section taken on line 7—7 of Figure 5.

Figure 8 is a side edge view of the wallet showing the two pocketed units in partly assembled relation.

Figure 9 is a plan view of a modified embodiment, showing the pocketed units fixed together and equipped with securing snaps.

Figure 10 is a partial longitudinal section taken on line 10—10 of Figure 9, and on an enlarged scale.

Figure 11 is a plan view of another embodiment.

Figure 12 is a partial longitudinal section taken on line 12—12 of Figure 11, and on an enlarged scale.

Referring now more particularly to the drawings and especially to Figures 1 to 7, inclusive, it will be seen that the invention comprises two separate and separable pocketed units A and B. Each of these units, made of leather or other suitable material, consists of a relatively long body of the material having a central section comprising a back panel 10 and turned inner panel 11, which is stitched to the back panel 10 across one end as indicated at 12, and along the free side edge as indicated at 13. The other end edge of the inner panel remains unattached to the back 10 to form the pocket mouth 14.

In one unit, here shown as unit A, the material extends from the mouth end of the pocket to form the flap 15, which is of a length about equal to that of the pocket, and at the opposite closed end of the pocket a relatively narrow tongue extension 16, of the material, is formed which is also of a lengh about equal to that of the pocket. This tongue may be reinforced or stiffened by an additional strip 17, of the material applied lengthwise thereto.

In the other unit all of the features are the same except that the pocket panel 11 is stitched to the back panel across the end nearest the flap 15 so that the pocket mouth is adjacent to the tongue 16.

In each unit the flap 15 has a tongue receiving slot 18, formed therein at its base or inner end. About midway of its ends each unit flap has two adjacent transverse slits 19, cut therein to form the loop 20, beneath which a tongue 16 is ex-

tended in the closed or folded wallet as shown in Figures 1 to 3.

It is believed that it will be readily obvious that in the process of closing or folding the wallet, the two units are placed together with the inner panels 11 of the pockets in opposed relation and with a tongue of one unit adjacent to the flap of the other unit.

This brings each tongue in position to be readily extended through a flap slot 18, thereby initially coupling the units in the manner shown in Figure 8. By then continuing the extension of the tongues through the slots the pockets will be brought together and by folding the tongues over the adjacent flaps and extending each tongue under the adjacent loop 20, it will be seen that each pocket mouth will be effectively closed and protected and the two units securely locked together as clearly seen in Figure 2.

Figures 9 to 12, inclusive, illustrate slightly modified forms of the invention as disclosed in the preceding figures and since the parts of the two units are the same as units A and B, such corresponding parts will be identified by corresponding reference characters primed.

In Figures 9 and 10, the units A and B are permanently joined by extending the tongue 16' of unit A through the flap slot 18' of the other unit and stitching the tongue at its base, to the base or inner end of the flap as indicated at 21. Thus the two units are held permanently together when the wallet is opened.

In order to further insure the tongues 16' and flaps 15' remaining joined together after the wallet is folded and the tongues are extended through the slits 19', snap fasteners are provided, the button 22 being applied to each tongue as shown and the socket 23 being secured to each flap. Thus it will be seen that when the flaps

and tongues are in interlocked relation as they are shown in Figures 1 and 2, the snaps may be secured.

In Figures 11 and 12, one of the pockets is provided with a mouth covering flap 24, which is secured in closed position by the snap fastener 25.

From the foregoing it will be seen that there is provided in the present invention a folding purse or wallet which is of relatively simple design and at the same time is of such form that when closed or folded it cannot easily come open and therefore may be safely carried in the pocket.

It will also be readily apparent that by slightly separating the units the hand and arm may be extended therebetween, so that the purse may be easily carried in encircling relation with and upon the forearm where it may be effectively maintained, concealed by the coat or shirt sleeve.

I claim:

1. A wallet of the character described, comprising two flat bodies each having a pocket with a mouth opening, on one side of the body, the bodies being designed to be placed together when in use with the pocket mouths upon the opposing sides of the bodies, a relatively long flap extending from one end of each body and having a slot cut therethrough adjacent to its attached end, a tongue extending from the other end of each body and adapted to extend through the slot of the flap of the other body, and means for connecting together the tongue and flap of each body across the back of the other body.

2. A wallet as set forth in claim 1, in which the base portion of one tongue is permanently secured, as by the use of stitching, to the flap through which it extends.

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