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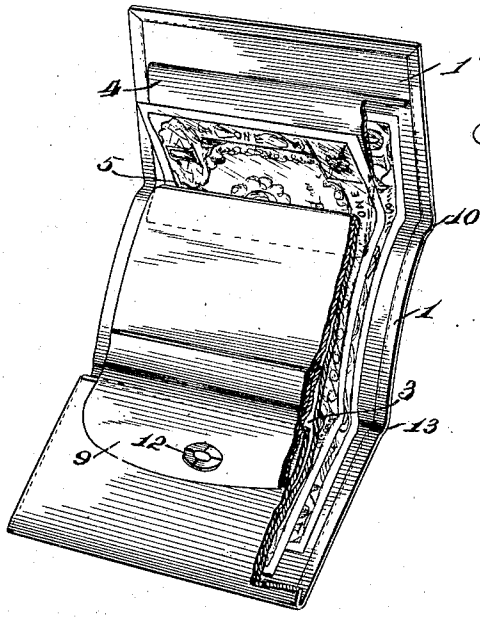


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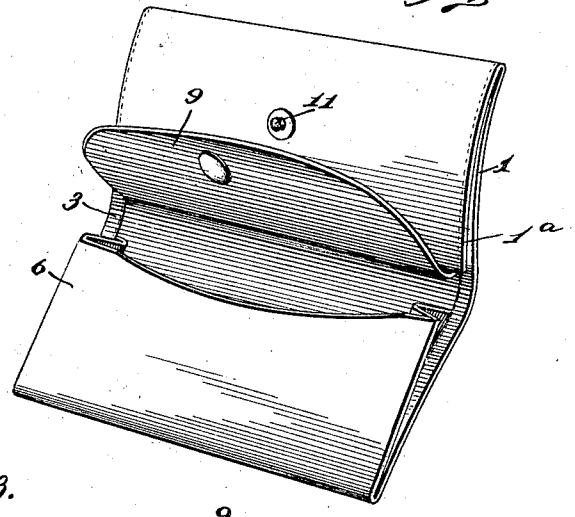
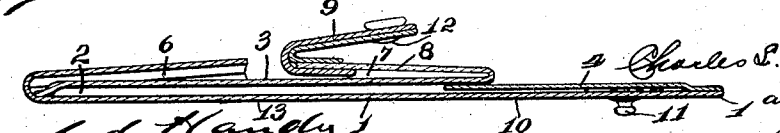


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES L. HILLE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pocket-Books; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to improvements in pocket-books, card-cases, or the like, and especially to that class of pocket-books which is adapted for carrying bills of various denominations, as well as valuable papers, cards, and the like.

It consists in a pocket-book or card-case for carrying money or valuable papers having the cover or back extended at one end to form a flap adapted to fold over and protect the opening of a pocket in the body of the book or case.

It consists in a pocket-book or card-case provided with a pocket, a flap projecting beyond the pocket for closing and protecting it, and having a second flap for concealing the projecting ends of bills, valuable papers, or the like, while a portion of the bills may be allowed to extend over said flap, so as to be exposed for use when the pocket-book is opened.

It also consists in certain other novel constructions, combinations, and arrangements of parts, as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a pocket-book or card-case made in conformity with the present invention, the pocket-book being laid open and a portion of the pockets removed to show the interior of the pocket-book. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the pocket-book partially closed. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal central section through the pocket-book when opened and extended to its full length.

The pocket-book or card-case forming the subject-matter of this invention is designed to make it possible to carry bills, valuable papers, and the like and yet prevent them from being exposed when the pocket-book is opened, and at the same time permitting of bills of small denomination having their ends projecting from the bill-pocket, so that they can be easily extracted for use.

The pocket-book is preferably of a folding type, a portion of it being well adapted for use as a card-case or for holding other things besides bills.

As indicated in the drawings, the back 1 of the pocket-book is formed of ample length to receive ordinary bills or papers of a like size at their full length when the pocket-book is opened and extended, as shown in Fig. 3. The back portion is formed at one end on its inner side with a pocket 2, extending about two-thirds the length of the back, having a front wall 3, and being closed at the sides or edges of the pocket-book. The opposite end of the back is extended to form a flap 1^a for closing the said pocket by folding it over the mouth of the same. The end flap 1^a carries on its inner face a second flap 4, which is made of sufficient length to have its free end tucked into the mouth of the pocket 2. In this way the flap 4 can be made to cover bills which are spread full length in the pocket 2, the ends extending also behind the flap. At the same time the ends of some of the bills can be allowed to project in front of the flap 4, as indicated at 5. These bills, which would preferably be of a low denomination, would thus be in position to be easily taken from the pocket-book when needed in making purchases or the like. Upon the front wall 3 of the pocket 2 are arranged two other pockets, as 6 and 7, the said pockets being arranged at each end of said wall and opening toward each other, as clearly shown in Fig. 3. The outer wall 8 of one pocket is extended to form a flap 9, which folds back from said wall 8 and may receive beneath it the flap end of the back 1, which folds at a point, as 10. The back 1 preferably carries upon its flap 1^a one member of a fastener—as, for instance, a stud 11—which when the flap 1^a of the pocket-book is folded beneath the flap 9 is engaged by a socket member 12, carried by said flap 9. In this manner the bill-pocket will be closed and fastened, leaving the remainder of the pocket-book in the form of a card-case or open pocket-book, as shown in Fig. 2. The pocket-book may again be folded, as at 13, so as to make it convenient for carrying in the pocket of the owner. The pock-

ets 6 and 7 are thus of easy access for use as a card-case or for holding other small articles which it may be desired to carry. When it is desired to obtain a bill from the pocket-book, it is only necessary to loosen the clasp or fastener 12, when the flap 1ª of the pocket 2 may be straightened out, which will bring to view the bills at 5, which extend above the flap 4. The flap 4 will of course be in a position to completely cover and hide from view bills of a high denomination which are kept beneath the same, and thus bills need not be exposed unless it is needful to obtain one of a higher denomination than those exposed within the flap 4. When it is necessary to reach these bills, the flap 4 can be easily withdrawn, so as to expose the ends of the bills lying against the back 1 of the pocket-book.

A pocket-book of this kind will be found a safe means for carrying money, since the owner can always keep a few bills—as, for instance, one-dollar bills—exposed above the flap 4, so that he can reach them readily for obtaining ordinary small change without exposing the bills or valuables carried beneath the flap 4. The flap 4, it will thus be seen, is practically a partition between the ends of the bills and extending a short distance into the pocket 2.

Of course it will be understood that I can vary the size and structure of the pocket-book in minor details without departing from the spirit of the invention, the principal features of the book being the provision of a pocket with an end flap to fold over and protect the bill-pocket and a partition-flap for preventing the exposure of all the valuables contained in the principal pocket thereof.

It will be observed that the pocket-book, as above described, is provided with an outer pocket and closing-flap 1ª, formed by the end of the back 1, a second inner flap carried thereby, as 4, and a third inner flap, as 9. These flaps are all held in place by the catches or clasps 11 and 12. It will be apparent that the pocket-books may be formed of a sufficient size to hold documents much larger than greenbacks, if desired.

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

1. A pocket-book, card-case or the like provided with a pocket, a flap for closing the said pocket, and a partition-flap carried by the pocket-closing flap for use in dividing the contents of the pocket.

2. A pocket-book, card-case or the like comprising a back or cover portion formed with a pocket upon its inner face capable of being opened only at one end, the back extending beyond the pocket at one end and forming a flap for covering the opening of the pocket the back and pocket being also folded a second time.

3. A pocket-book comprising a back portion having an elongated pocket formed upon its face said pocket being entirely closed except at one end, one end of the back being extended beyond the open end of the pocket to form a flap for closing the mouth of the pocket, a second flap for engaging the end flap and means for locking them together.

4. A pocket-book comprising a back portion having an elongated pocket formed therein, one end of the pocket-book being extended beyond the pocket and forming a flap, the said flap folding over the mouth of the pocket, a second pocket inside of the first pocket and flap projecting from the inner wall of said second pocket and arranged to fold over the first flap when in its folded position and a fastener or clasp for holding the two flaps together.

5. A pocket-book comprising a back having a pocket formed on the inner face thereof, an extension upon the back at one end forming a flap for closing said pocket, other pockets formed on the inner face of the first pocket, a flap carried by the walls of one of said inner pockets and arranged to hold the end flap in its folded position the pocket-book further folded to close the inner pockets.

6. A pocket-book, card-case or the like comprising a back or cover portion formed with a pocket therein, one end of the pocket being extended to form a pocket-closing flap, a partition-flap carried upon the inner surface of the pocket-closing flap for dividing the contents of the pocket when desired.

7. A pocket-book formed with an elongated pocket, a flap for closing the mouth of the pocket, a second flap at the same end of the pocket-book for covering bills, papers or the like projecting from said pocket, the end of the second flap being adapted to extend a short distance into said pocket for hiding portions of the contents of the pocket but exposing other parts thereof.

8. A pocket-book formed with a back portion extending the full length thereof, a pocket formed near one end of said back, a flap formed at the other end thereof for closing the pocket, a partition-flap secured to the outer end of the said covering-flap upon the inner surface thereof and extending a short distance into the pocket.

9. A folding pocket-book for bills and the like, comprising a folding back portion, a pocket formed upon one end of the same, a partition-flap carried by the other end thereof and extending partially into said pocket, open pockets formed upon the front wall of the back pocket, a flap carried by one of said pockets for receiving the end of the back carrying the back flap, the whole pocket-book being capable of folding to a convenient shape and size.

10. A pocket-book comprising an elongated back portion, a pocket extending approximately two-thirds the length thereof, a flap at the other end of the back extending toward the pocket and being of sufficient length to project slightly into the mouth of the same, open pockets upon the front of the back

pocket forming a card-case, a flap carried by one of said open pockets having a catch or fastener, and a coöperating fastener carried by the back so that the end of the back pocket may be closed and fastened, the partition-flap at the back forming a separating medium for bills of various denominations.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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