

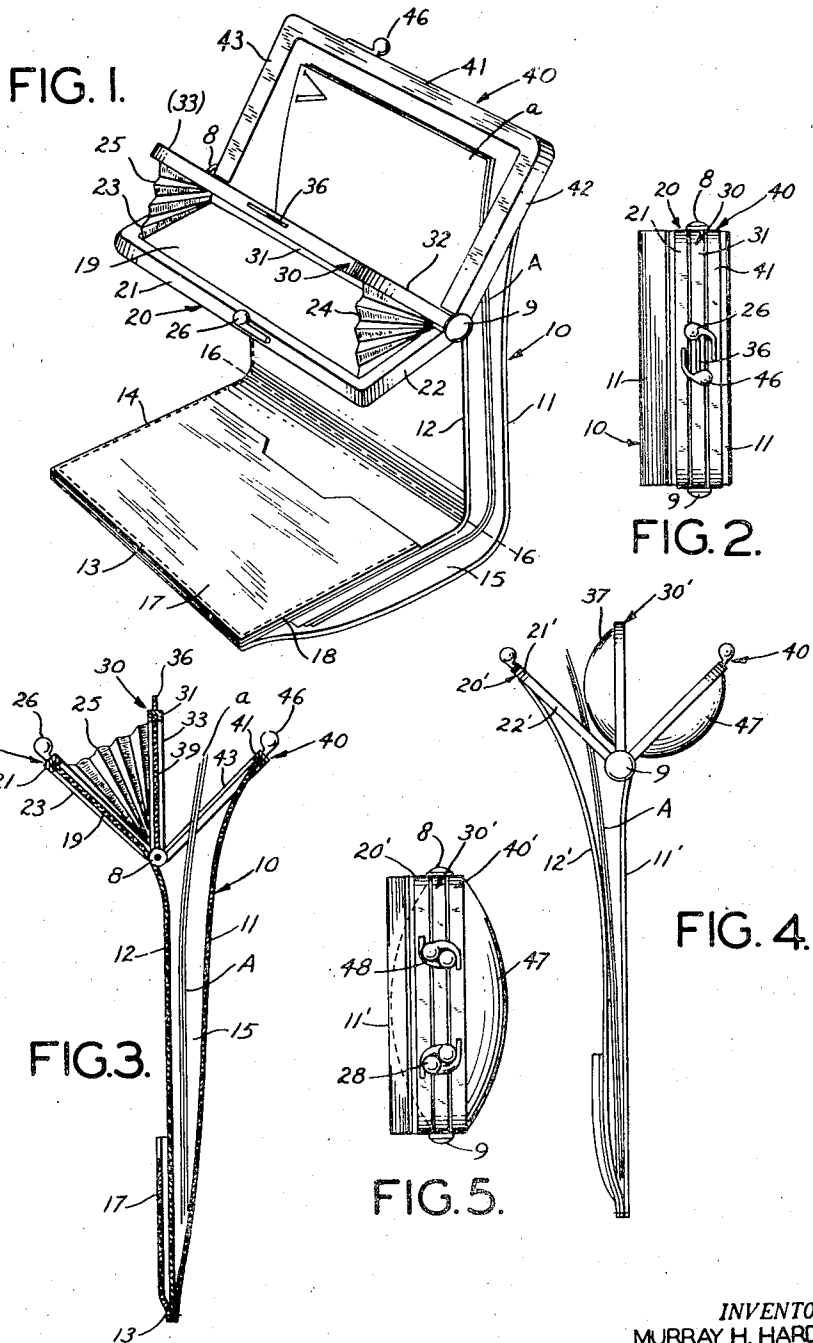
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This invention relates to a combination billfold and coin purse of the type having a long billfold compartment open along one longitudinal edge for insertion of bills, at one end of which is provided a coin purse which opens transversely and may be used when the device is in its normal condition with its billfold folded on a transverse line substantially centrally of its length. The invention relates, more particularly, to the type of combination billfold and coin purse described in which access to the billfold compartment is provided at the said coin purse and to reveal the ends of the bills (so that their denominations may be ascertained) and to enable one or more bills to be withdrawn endwise, the billfold remaining in its said normal, folded condition, without the need of reaching the bills through the aforesaid open longitudinal side of the billfold.

One of the principal objects of the invention is to provide a combination billfold and coin purse of the particular type described in which the aforementioned access to the ends of the bills and endwise withdrawal of single bills may be achieved without opening the coin purse. An allied object is to provide a device or wallet as described in which the end opening into the billfold compartment and the coin purse are entirely independent from one another. In the improved wallet, because of this independent construction, the contents of the coin purse will not be disturbed or revealed when the end opening of the billfold is used; that is, the bills may be examined, counted, or withdrawn from the end opening without opening the coin purse. Moreover, loose coins in the coin purse cannot possibly slip into the billfold compartment. On the other hand, the coin purse may be opened without at the same time gaining access to the billfold compartment or revealing the bills therein. In addition, the improved wallet has the advantage that either the coin purse or the end of the billfold compartment may be opened without opening the other.

A further object of the invention is to provide a wallet of the type described in which the said end access or opening into the billfold compartment will be unhampered and will be as wide as the width of the billfold compartment, and will reveal a considerable extent of the bills.

Further objects of the invention are: a combination wallet as described of a construction involving relatively few parts lending itself to economical production; a combination wallet of the type described which presents a neat and attractive appearance; a combination wallet having provisions for containing coins and bills,

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which is easy to manipulate and which will securely retain the coins and bills against accidental loss or displacement.

For the attainment of the foregoing and such objects of the invention as may appear or be pointed out I have shown two embodiments of my invention in the accompanying drawing, wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved device with the billfold compartment in partly folded position and with both the coin purse and the end opening into the billfold compartment in open position;

Figure 2 is a top view thereof, with the billfold in normal, folded position and both the coin purse and the end billfold opening in closed position;

Figure 3 is an elevational section through the device of Figures 1-2, the billfold being unfolded to its full length;

Figure 4 is an elevational view through a modified form; the billfold being unfolded to its full length; and

Figure 5 is a top view of the device of Figure 4 with the bill fold in normal, folded position.

Referring to Figures 1 and 3, the billfold compartment 10 of the improved wallet is formed of two strips 11, 12 of flexible material such as natural leather, artificial leather, textile fabric or the like, of substantially equal transverse width, Figure 1, and of substantially equal length longitudinally, Figure 3. The two strips are secured together, by sewing, adhesive or other manner, along their lower, transverse edges, as indicated by the line of stitching 13, and along one of their longitudinal edges, as indicated by the line of stitching 14. The other longitudinal edges of the two strips are not secured together, thus leaving a longitudinal opening 15 through which bills A may be inserted into the billfold compartment 10. The billfold is in its out-stretched or full length position, as in Figure 3, to facilitate the insertion of bills therein; it is thereafter folded on a transverse, substantially central line 16-16, Figure 1, to give it a smaller, more compact size, as in Figure 2, for carrying in pocket or purse. When folded in this manner, strip 11 becomes the outer wall, and strip 12, the inner wall, of the wallet. Instead of being made of two strips, a single strip may be used, folded either on transverse line 13 or on longitudinal line 14, Figure 1. A card or stamp pocket may be provided by securing a strip of material 17 at the lower portion of inner wall 12, as by the stitching 13 and 14 referred to above, on two sides thereof, and by stitching 18 on the third side.

In addition to the two wall strips 11, 12, the

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improved wallet comprises a frame assemblage made up of three frames 20, 30, 40, each formed of metal, plastic or other rigid material in the form of an inverted-U having a transverse bar, respectively, 21, 31, 41, and dependent legs at each end thereof, the legs at the right, Figure 1, being designated, respectively, 22, 32, 42, and those at the left, respectively, 23, 33, 43. The distal ends of the right legs 22, 32, 42, are hingedly articulated together at pivot joint 9 while the distal ends of the left legs 23, 33, 43 are hingedly articulated together at the opposite pivot joint 8. The frames are channel shaped, see Figure 3, at all sections thereof, in their transverse bars and in their dependent legs, the opening of the channels facing inwardly of the frames, as shown in that figure.

The upper portion 19 of the inner strip 12 is secured to the inner one 20 of the three hinged frames; more particularly, this securement is made to the transverse bar 21 and to both dependent legs 22, 23. The edges of strip portion 19 are received within the opening of the channel presented by frame 20, as clearly seen in Figure 3, and firmly secured therein by crimping or in other suitable manner. A short strip 39 of fibre board, leather, textile fabric or the like is fitted in the channel opening of the middle frame 30, including its transverse bar 31 and two dependent legs 32, 33, and secured therein; short strip 39 thus becomes an intermediate partition between the inner frame 20 (and its closure 19) and the outer frame 40. Triangularly shaped end walls or gussets 24, 25, Figure 1, are placed between frames 20 and 30, the edges of the gussets being secured to the respectively adjacent dependent legs of the frames. The lower edge of strip covering 19 (of frame 20) and the lower edge of partition 39 (of middle frame 30) are sewed together and to the apices of triangular gussets 24, 25 to form a coin purse (20—30) which, shown in open position in Figures 1 and 3, has no communication whatsoever with billfold compartment 10.

The upper portion of outer strip 11 is secured to the outer one 40 of the three frames. The securement of outer strip 11 to outer frame 40 should be sharply distinguished from the securement of inner strip 12 to inner frame 20. Whereas the latter securement is made to the transverse bar 21 and to both legs 22, 23, the outer strip 11, on the other hand, is secured to transverse bar 41 and to but one of the two legs of the outer frame 40; as shown in Figures 1 and 3, the outer strip 11 is not secured to dependent leg 42 of outer frame 40. A second difference should be noted: Whereas inner strip 12, or rather, the lower edge of its upper portion 19 is secured to the lower edge of intermediate partition 39 (forming coin compartment 20—30), the outer strip 11 is in no way secured or connected to the intermediate partition 39. In consequence of the facts that the upper edges of outer strip 11 are secured only to transverse bar 41 and one leg 43 of outer frame 40 and that outer strip 11 is not connected at 39, the upper end of billfold compartment 10 is completely open, this opening or mouth being defined by outer frame 40 and middle frame 30. End mouth 40—30 of billfold compartment 10, when opened, as in Figures 1 and 3, provides unhampered access to the billfold compartment so that the upper portions of the bills may be readily ascertained, or the bills quickly counted, or one or more bills withdrawn endwise from the billfold compartment;

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all this may be done while the wallet is in its normal, folded condition, and entirely independently of the coin purse 20—30.

A clasp having three elements 26, 36, and 46, which are disposed on the transverse bars, respectively, 21, 31 and 41, of the three hinge frames, is provided so that manipulation of clasp elements 26 and 36, Figure 2, will open coin purse 20—30 and manipulation of elements 46 and 36 will open end mouth 40—30 of the billfold compartment.

It is thus seen that the coin purse 20—30 is entirely independent of the billfold mouth 40—30, and that the coin purse may be opened without opening end mouth 40—30 of the billfold compartment and vice versa. The improved wallet thus provides access to the coins (by opening 20, 30) without exposing or disturbing the bills, and provides access to the bills (by opening 30, 40) without exposing or disturbing the coins. It will also be seen that under no circumstance can coins in coin purse 20—30 find their way into the billfold compartment 10.

In the device of Figures 1—3, the coin purse 20—30 is disposed at the inner side (inner strip 12), i. e., at the side upon which the wallet is folded, see especially Figure 1. The coin purse may be disposed at the outer side, as in Figures 4—5, where many of the reference characters of corresponding parts are the same as in Figures 1—3 except that they have been primed. The coin purse 40'—30' is now disposed at the outer side (outer strip 11'). A further change has been made in the construction of the coin purse, in that the end gussets (24, 25, Figure 1) have been omitted. Instead, the covering or web 47 secured in outer frame 40' and the covering or web 37 secured in middle frame 30' are cupped outwardly to provide a depressed receptacle for holding the coins. In this case, outer strip 11' terminates at hinge pivot 9. The inner strip 12' is secured to the inner frame 20' in the precise manner in which the outer strip 11 is secured to the outer frame 40 in Figures 1—3; that is, inner strip 12', Figure 4, is secured to the transverse bar 21' and to one of the legs (not shown) but is not secured to leg 22'. Hence a wide mouth 20'—30' is provided into the billfold compartment (as in Figures 1—3). Instead of a triplex clasp (26—36—46, Figures 1—3), two separate clasps are shown in Figure 5, viz., one, 28, for the billfold mouth 20'—30', and the other, 48, for the coin purse 40'—30'.

In the above description, the invention has been disclosed merely by way of example and in preferred manner; but obviously many variations and modifications may be made therein which will still be comprised within its spirit. It is to be understood, therefore, that the invention is not limited to any specific form or manner of practicing the same, except in so far as such limitations are specified in the appended claim.

I claim:

A combination billfold and coin purse comprising three U-shaped frames hingedly articulated on a pivotal axis through the ends of their depending legs, two strips of limp material secured together along one of their end edges and along one of their longitudinal edges to form a billfold compartment, open along the other longitudinal edge for insertion of bills, one of the strips being secured to the two depending legs and connecting bar of an outer one of the said three hinge frames, a partition secured between the depending legs and connecting bar of the middle hinge frame, the lower edge of said partition and said strip

being secured together substantially along the said pivotal axis of the hinge frames to form with said partition a coin purse, the other of the said pair of billfold strips being secured to the connecting bar of the third hinge frame and its depending leg at said longitudinally secured edge of the strips to form a large opening into the billfold compartment when the said third frame and middle frame are in open relation, said opening affording unhampered access to the end of the billfold compartment.

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