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Fig. 1.

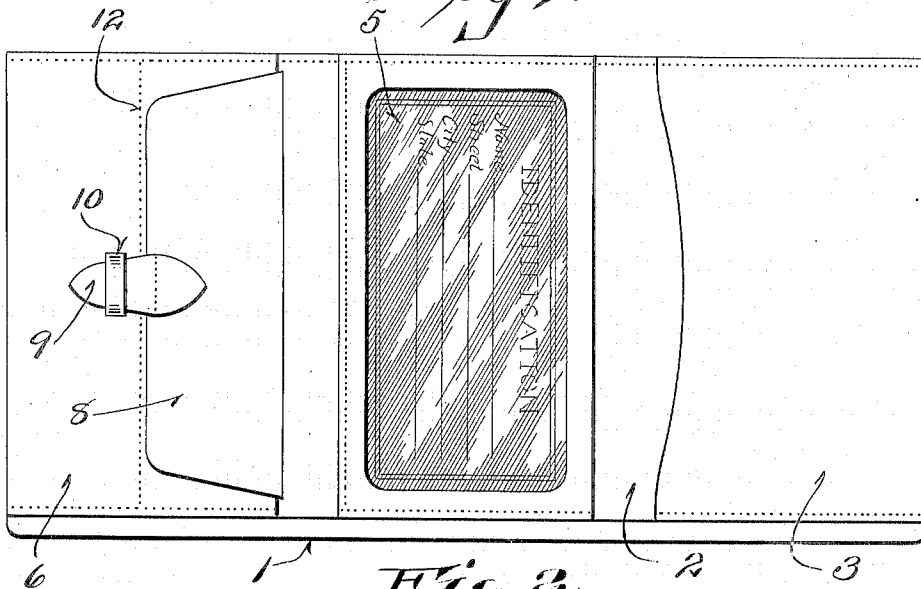
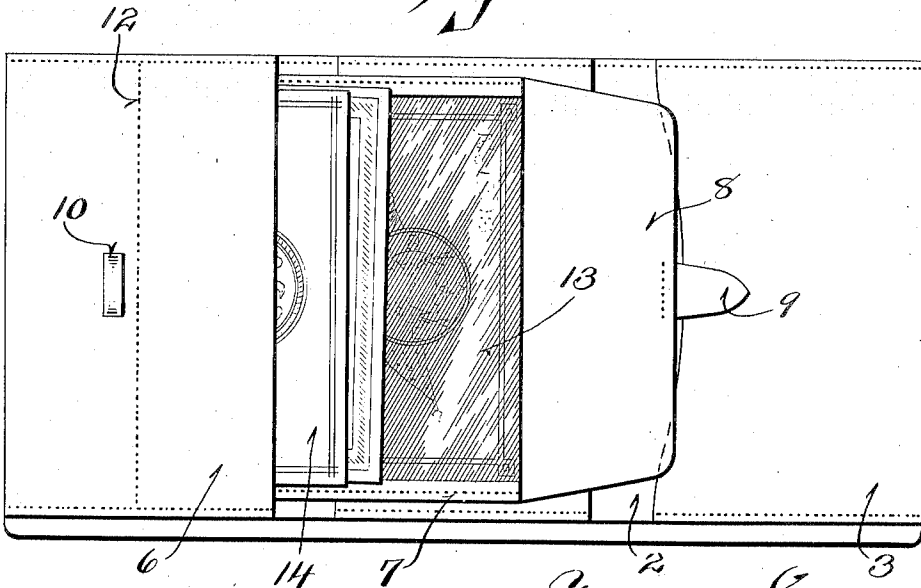


Fig. 2.



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Fig. 3.

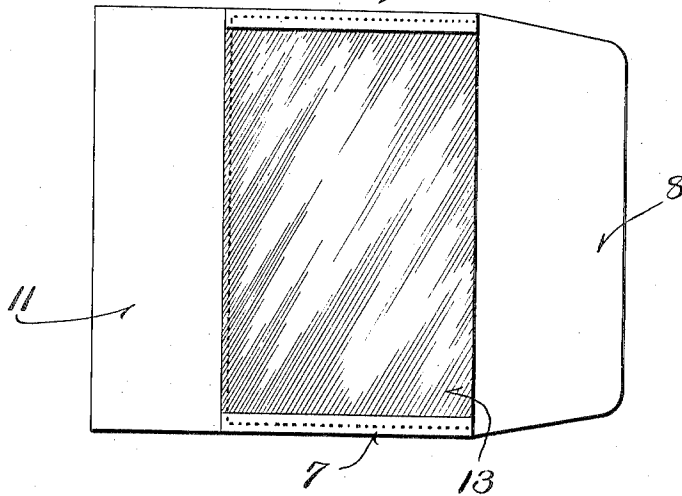


Fig. 4.

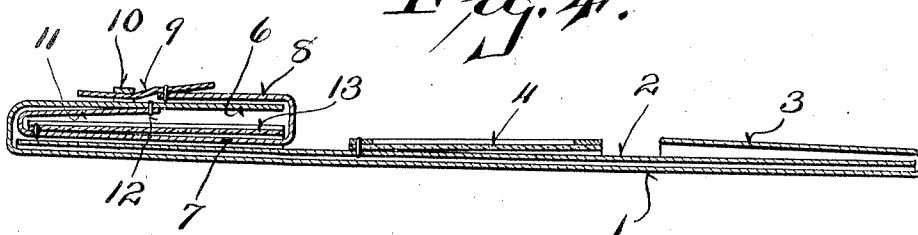
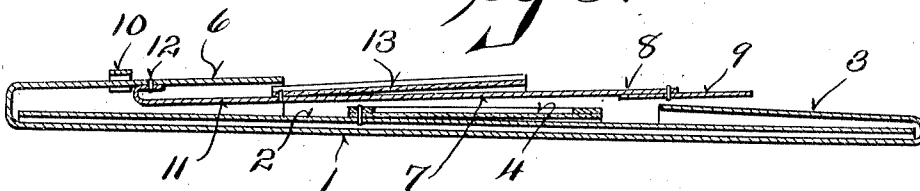


Fig. 5.



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This invention relates to bill folders.

Objects of this invention are to provide a novel form of bill folder in which a slidable member is normally carried within a pocket adapted to receive identification cards and transparent envelopes containing such cards, and to provide a member so constructed that it may be withdrawn from the pocket and display a transparent reenforced portion of such member behind which a card may be placed and also simultaneously expose one or more additional cards, and to so construct this member that the transparent portion acts as a reenforce for the member and permits the sliding of the member inwardly by a pressure applied directly to the member itself without requiring any pressure to be applied to the identification cards or envelopes containing such cards.

An embodiment of the invention is shown in the accompanying drawings in which:

Figure 1 is a view of the inner side of the bill folder laid out flat;

Figure 2 is a similar view with the slidable member withdrawn;

Figure 3 is a view of the slidable member detached from the bill folder;

Figure 4 is a sectional view through the bill folder when the slidable member is housed within the pocket;

Figure 5 is a similar view showing a section of the bill folder when the slidable member is withdrawn from the pocket.

The bill folder comprises a body portion composed of an outer member 1 and an inner member 2 forming between them a pocket adapted to receive bills. Further, the bill folder may have one or more pockets formed on its inner side as by means of the member 3, for instance, and by means of the transparent member 4. The transparent member 4 thus forms a pocket centrally of the bill folder and is adapted to receive an identification card, as indicated by the reference character 5 in Figure 1.

The bill folder is further provided with a pocket having a front wall 6 secured to the body of the bill folder. The slidable member consists of a flexible member 7 which is normally housed within the pocket, as shown in Figure 4. This flexible member has an outer flap 8 provided with a tab 9 adapted to cooperate with a securing loop 10 carried by the wall 6 of the pocket. Fur-

ther, the slidable member 7 is provided with a looped flap 11 having its free end secured to the wall 6 at the point indicated by the reference character 12, such point being intermediate the inner and outer edges of the pocket. The slidable member 7 is reenforced by a transparent sheet 13 which is secured thereto around three of its edges, as indicated in Figure 3. The transparent member 13 acts as a reenforce for the portion of the slidable member between the outer flap 8 and the inner flap 11. If desired, the member 7 may have its marginal edges folded over the transparent portion 13, as indicated in Figure 3.

The position of the parts under normal conditions is shown in Figures 1 and 4. When the parts are in this position one or more identification cards or envelopes provided with transparent faces containing such cards, as indicated by the reference character 14, is slipped into the pocket and has its inner edge seated upon the looped flap 11. Further, a card may be slipped into the pocket formed by the members 7 and 13.

When it is desired to simultaneously display the identification or other card carried by the slidable member 7 and the card 14, it is merely necessary to detach the members 9 and 10 and withdraw the slidable member 7. The looped flap 11 gradually pushes the envelope 14 containing the additional card outwardly but at approximately half the rate at which the member 7 is withdrawn. When it is desired to restore the parts the member 7 may be pushed back into position within the pocket by a pressure applied directly thereto, as it is reenforced by the sheet 13 and, consequently, will maintain its flat condition while at the same time causing the looped flap 11 to assume the position shown in Figure 4. During this restoring operation, it is to be noted that the natural way of handling the member 7 is to grip the outer flap 8 and pull downwardly thereon, thus imparting a direct pressure to the member 7. In doing this, it will be noted that the flap 8 is positioned over the outer end of the intermediate card or cards carried within the pocket and, consequently, such cards are simultaneously restored or repositioned in the pocket together with the member 7.

It is to be noted further that the transparent reenforcing sheet 13 may be formed

of celluloid, if desired, and consequently will materially reduce friction for the slidable member 7.

It will be seen that a novel form of bill folder has been provided by this invention which is well adapted for the display of a plurality of cards in a simultaneous manner and which is so constructed that all of the cards may be restored by applying a pressure directly to the slidable member itself.

It is to be noted in this connection that it is not necessary to press inwardly on the auxiliary or extra cards 14. If this were relied upon it is apparent that considerable pressure would have to be exerted upon the looped flap 11 by the cards 14 and, consequently, great danger of creasing or crumpling of the cards would exist. Instead of this, the pressure may be applied directly to the reinforced slidable member 7.

It will be seen, therefore, that this invention supplies a long felt need in the bill folder art, as it provides a bill folder having the characteristics enumerated above.

Although the invention has been described in considerable detail, such description is intended as illustrative rather than limiting as the invention may be variously embodied and as the scope of such invention is to be determined as claimed.

I claim:

1. A pocketbook having a pocket adapted to receive identification and similar cards, a member adapted to be withdrawn from said pocket and normally housed therein and having a flap positioned below the bottom edge of said cards and secured to a wall of said pocket, and a reinforcing sheet secured to said member and forming a pocket therewith, whereby said member may be freely pushed back into said pocket by a pressure directly applied to said member.

2. An article of manufacture adapted to be carried within a pocket and comprising a body portion having a pocket, a slidable

member normally housed within said pocket and having a flexible flap at its inner end secured to a wall of said pocket intermediate the inner and outer edges of said pocket, and a transparent reinforcing sheet secured to said member and forming a pocket therewith.

3. An article of manufacture adapted to be carried within a pocket and comprising a body portion having a pocket, a slidable member normally housed within said pocket and having a flexible flap at its inner end secured to a wall of said pocket intermediate the inner and outer edges of said pocket, a transparent reinforcing sheet secured to said member and forming a pocket therewith, and a separate and distinct envelope having a transparent face normally located within said pocket and resting upon said flap, whereby withdrawal of said member simultaneously displays the transparent reinforcing member and the transparent face of said envelope.

4. A bill folder comprising a body portion provided with a pocket, a slidable member normally housed within said pocket and adapted to be withdrawn therefrom, said member having a looped flap at its inner end secured to a wall of the pocket intermediate the inner and outer edges of said pocket and having a flap at its outer end adapted to be folded over the edge of the pocket, said pocket and said last mentioned flap having cooperating securing means, and a transparent reinforcing plate secured to said member between the flaps of such member and forming a pocket with said member, whereby said member may be withdrawn from said pocket and slid into said pocket by a pressure directly applied to said member.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand at West Bend, in the county of Washington and State of Wisconsin.

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