

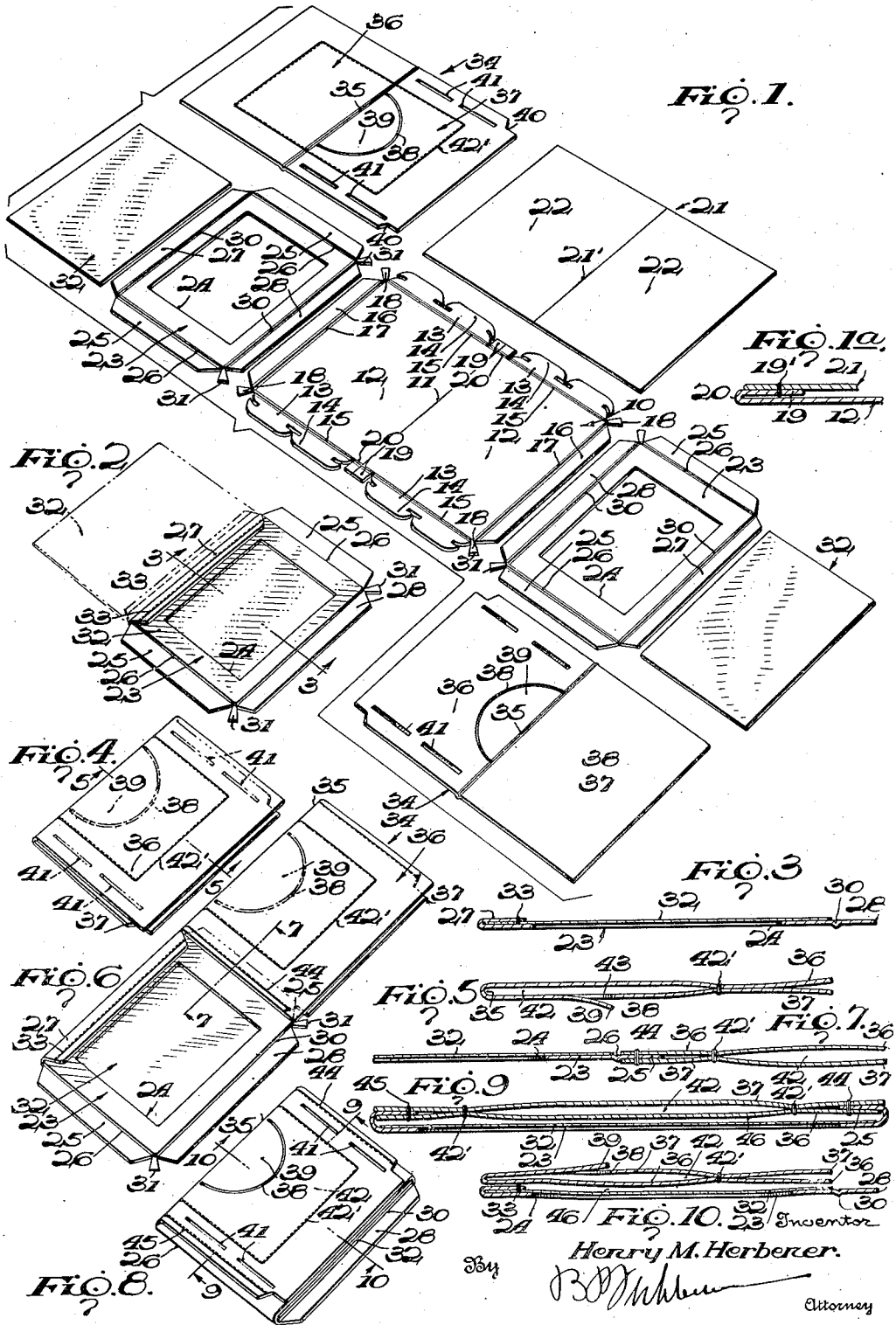
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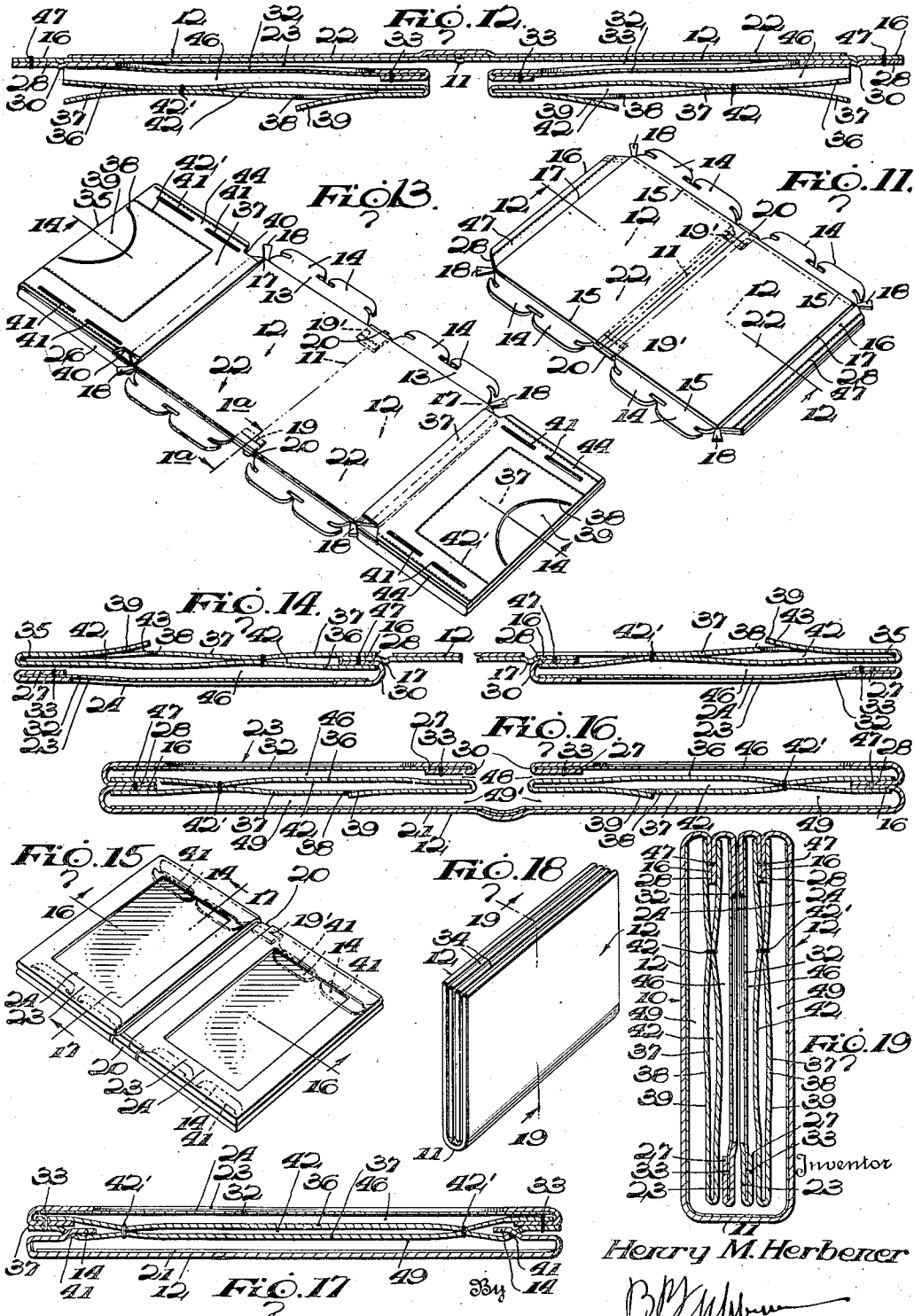
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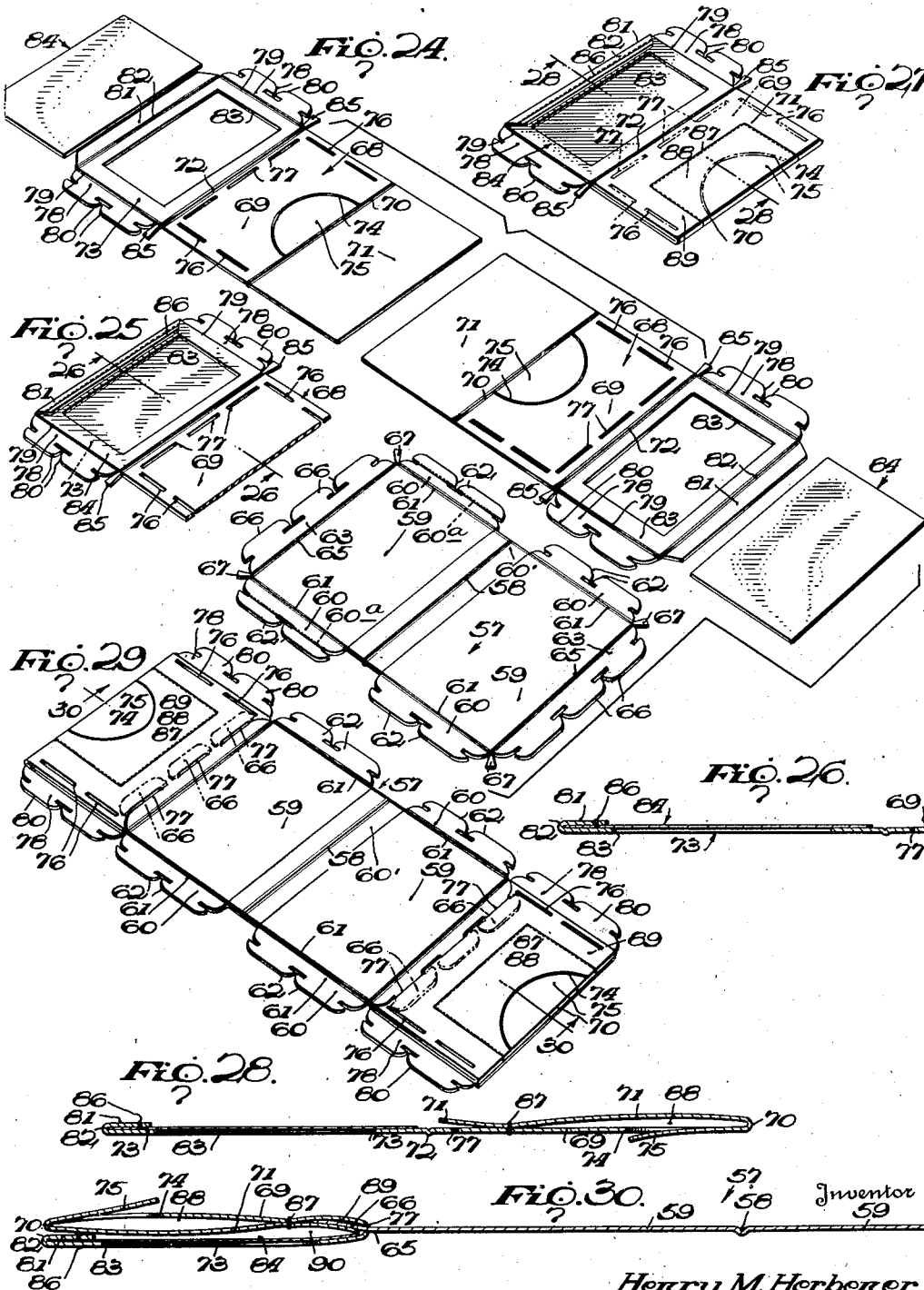
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My invention relates to folders, pocket folders, bill folders and pocket constructions.

An important object of the invention is to provide means whereby the folder or the like will be free from outside stitching which is unsightly and also tends to wear.

A further object of the invention is to provide means whereby the locking tongues are formed from the heavy or strong stock of the outer blank.

A further object of the invention is to provide means whereby the inner blanks are formed separate from the outer blanks and may be made from lighter or cheaper stock, thus reducing the cost of the product.

A further object of the invention is to provide means whereby stitching will be reduced to the minimum.

A further object of the invention is to produce a pocket with a bellowslike construction so that the pocket has the ability to expand when filled with cards, papers, etc.

A further object of the invention is to provide a pocket construction having the maximum holding capacity, in the minimum space and for producing a beautiful finished article.

A further object of the invention is to provide a pocket construction having the maximum number of turned or folded edges as against the ordinary cut edges, with the minimum visibility of exposed stitching.

A further object of the invention is to provide means whereby the units of the folder may be secured together by tubular stitching before the insertion of the locking tongues.

A further object of the invention is to provide a secret pocket construction so constructed that it will not interfere with the insertion of the locking tongues.

A further object of the invention is to provide means for covering the locking tongues so that they will not interfere with the use of a pocket or pockets.

A further object of the invention is to provide a pocket having a width corresponding to the width of the folder.

A further object of the invention is to provide a bill holding pocket which will extend for the entire length and width of the folder, and other pockets having a width for the entire width of the folder.

A further object of the invention is to provide a pocket having its bottom closed by locking tongues where the strains are at a minimum.

A further object of the invention is to provide a bill folder having its ends stitched and its bottom

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end closed by locking tongues where the strain is at a minimum.

A further object of the invention is to provide a method of connecting adjacent parts by folding the locking tongues between adjacent faces or sides and then inserting the tongues through slits in one of the sides, thereby utilizing the tongues not only to connect the sides, but to form a bellowslike construction.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent during the course of the following description.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this application and in which like numerals are employed to designate like parts throughout the same,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the several blanks from which the folder is made,

Figure 1<sup>a</sup> is a section on 1<sup>a</sup>—1<sup>a</sup> of Figure 13,

Figure 2 is a perspective view of pocket forming blanks, showing the same assembled,

Figure 3 is a longitudinal section taken on line 3—3 of Figure 2,

Figure 4 is a perspective view of a folded pocket forming blank,

Figure 5 is a longitudinal section taken on line 5—5 of Figure 4,

Figure 6 is a perspective view illustrating a step in connecting the assembled pockets,

Figure 7 is a transverse section taken on line 7—7 of Figure 6,

Figure 8 is a perspective view of the superposed connected pockets,

Figure 9 is a transverse section taken on line 9—9 of Figure 8,

Figure 10 is a longitudinal section taken on line 10—10 of Figure 8,

Figure 11 is a perspective view of the main blank having the assembled pockets arranged beneath the same for stitching,

Figure 12 is a longitudinal section taken on line 12—12 of Figure 11,

Figure 13 is a perspective view of the connected main blank and pockets swung upwardly to extend in the plane of the main blank,

Figure 14 is a longitudinal section taken on line 14—14 of Figure 13.

Figure 15 is a perspective view showing the pockets swung upon the upper face of the lining of the main blank and the locking tongues inserted in the slots,

Figure 16 is a longitudinal section taken on line 16—16 of Figure 15,

Figure 17 is a transverse section taken on line 17—17 of Figure 15,

Figure 18 is a perspective view of the completed folder closed,

Figure 19 is a transverse section taken on line 19—19 of Figure 18,

Figure 20 is a perspective view of blanks for forming a modified form of folder,

Figure 21 is a perspective view of the assembled blank for forming a pocket,

Figure 22 is a longitudinal section showing the pocket units applied to the main blank,

Figure 23 is a transverse section through the completed folder when closed,

Figure 24 is a perspective view of the blanks for forming a third modified form of the invention,

Figure 25 is a perspective view, parts broken away, showing the first step in assembling the pocket forming blank,

Figure 26 is a longitudinal section taken on line 26—26 of Figure 25,

Figure 27 is a perspective view showing the further assembling of the pockets forming blank,

Figure 28 is a longitudinal section taken on line 28—28 of Figure 27,

Figure 29 is a perspective view of the main side showing the step of attaching the same to the pockets units,

Figure 30 is a longitudinal section taken on line 30—30 of Figure 29,

Figure 31 is a perspective view showing the main sides attached to the pockets units and illustrating the next step of inserting the locking tongues of the pockets units into the slots,

Figure 32 is a transverse section taken on line 32—32 of Figure 31,

Figure 33 is a perspective view of the completed folder, showing the same open, and illustrating the step of inserting the locking tongues of the main sides into the slots,

Figure 34 is a transverse section taken on line 34—34 of Figure 33,

Figure 35 is a longitudinal section taken on line 35—35 of Figure 33,

Figure 36 is a perspective view of the completed folder closed,

Figure 37 is a transverse section taken on line 37—37 of Figure 36.

Attention is called to Figures 1—19 inclusive, showing the first form of the invention. The numeral 10 designates an outer blank which is formed of suitably stout stock, such as leather, artificial leather or other suitable flexible material. This blank is foldable upon a transverse line 11 for forming sides 12. Each side 12 carries flaps 13 at its longitudinal edges and these flaps are provided with locking tongues 14. The flaps 13 are foldable upon longitudinal lines 15. Each side 12 is provided at its outer end with a transverse tongue 16, foldable upon a transverse line 17. At the outer corners of each side 12 are small tapered flaps 18, foldable inwardly upon the inner face of the side 12 to provide blunt turned-edge corners. Between the flaps 13 of the two sides 12 are flaps 19, carried by the longitudinal edges of the sides 12, and foldable upon longitudinal lines 20. The folding line 11 passes through the longitudinal center of the flaps 19.

The numeral 21 designates a lining blank foldable upon a transverse line 21', for providing sides 22. The lining 20 may be formed of lighter stock than the main blank 10 and is preferably formed of leather, artificial leather or the like.

The first step in assembling the folder comprises folding the tongues 19 inwardly upon the lines 20, so that they are arranged upon the upper face of the sides 12, and the lining blank 21 is

then positioned upon the sides 12, the sides 22 substantially registering with the sides 12. The blank 21 is then stitched to the tongues 19 at 19' and these stitches pass through sides 22 and tongues 19, but not through the sides 12, Figures 1<sup>a</sup> and 13.

The numeral 23 designates a blank which is preferably formed of stock lighter than the blank 10. The blank 23 may be formed of leather, artificial leather or any other suitable flexible material. The blank 23 constitutes a side having a window opening 24. The blank or side 23 is provided at its longitudinal edges with longitudinal tongues 25, foldable upon lines 26. The blank or side 23 is provided at its ends with transverse tongues 27 and 28, foldable upon transverse lines 30. At its inner corners, the side 23 has small flaps 31, foldable inwardly upon the side 23 to form blunt turned-edge corners. The numeral 32 designates a transparent side or sheet, formed of Cellophane or the like.

The next step in assembling may consist of arranging the tongue 27 under one end of the transparent side 32 and while the side 23 and side 32 are in the flat position, stitching the tongue 27 to the side 32 by a line of stitching 33. The side 32 may then be folded over the side 23 and the tongue 27 will then be arranged upon the upper face of the side 32. The transparent side 32 then covers the window opening 24, Figure 3.

The numeral 34 designates a pocket forming blank, preferably formed of lighter stock than the blank. The blank 34 may be formed of leather, artificial leather or any other suitable material. The blank 34 is foldable upon a transverse line 35, forming sides 36 and 37. The side 37 has a generally U-shaped slit 38, forming a tongue 39. The outer corners of the side 37 are cut away, as indicated at 40. The side 37 has longitudinal slits 41, spaced inwardly from the longitudinal edges of the side 37, as shown. Either side is then folded over the other upon the line 35 and the flat superposed sides are then stitched together by a U-shaped line of stitching 42', passing through the sides 36 and 37 and forming a secret pocket 42, Figures 4 and 5. When the flap 39 is opened, it provides an opening 43 which leads into the pocket 42. The stitching 42' defines the edges of the pocket 42.

The pocket unit, including the pocket 42, may now have one end arranged adjacent to one end of the side 23 and the adjacent tongue 25 is passed between the upper side 36 and the lower side 37, and these superposed elements are secured together by a line of stitching 44, Figures 6 and 7. The pocket unit, including the pocket 42, is then swung over the side 23, Figure 8, and the remaining tongue 25 passed between the then upper side 37 and side 36 and these elements are stitched together by a line of stitching 45, which passes through side 37, tongue 25 and side 36 only, as shown in Figures 8 and 9. The side 36 forms with the side 23 and sheet 32 a pocket 46, arranged in overlapping relation with the pocket 42, Figures 9 and 10.

A unit including the pockets 42 and 46 and shown in Figure 8 may now be arranged beneath each side 12, Figures 11 and 12, with the side 23 uppermost and the transverse tongue 28 arranged beneath the transverse tongue 16 and the tongues 16 and 28 are secured together by a transverse line of stitching 47. The two pocket units are thus attached to the outer ends of the sides 12, and these pocket units may then be swung upwardly in the plane of the sides 12, Figures 13

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and 14. The superposed pair of tongues 16 and 28 are now inserted between sides 37 and 36, since the inner end of side 37 may be flexed upwardly, due to the cut-away portions 40, Figure 14. Each pocket unit is then folded over its adjacent side 12, Figures 15 and 16, and the locking tongues 14 are inserted into the slots 41 and are arranged within the closed passage defined by the U-shaped stitching 42'. These locking tongues are therefore covered by the side 37 and do not project into the secret pocket 42. This arrangement is shown in Figures 15, 16, and 17. As clearly shown in Figure 16, the pocket 46 is in the upper position and has its entrance opening 48 at its inner end. The pocket 42 is now beneath the pocket 46. The side 37 forms with the side 12 a main pocket 49, having an inner opening 49'. There are two main pockets 49 having their inner ends open, as shown. The folder may next be swung to the closed position, Figure 18.

The pocket 46 may be employed to hold cards or the like, which will be visible through the transparent side 32, when the folder is opened, Figures 14 and 16. Access may be had to the pocket 46 through the inner opening 48. The secret pocket 42 may be used for holding any desired articles, and when the folder is open, Figures 13 and 14, the flap 39 may be moved to the open position and access had to the pocket 42 through the opening 43. The pocket 49 is the main pocket and access can be had to the same through the opening 49', at its inner end, when the folder is open, Figures 15 and 16. The flaps 13 and tongues 14 form a bellowslike construction at the longitudinal edges of the main pocket 49 and the transverse tongues 16 and 28 form a bellowslike construction at the closed end of the main pocket 49. The edges of the main pocket are therefore in the form of a bellowslike construction and this main pocket can therefore be expanded for increasing its depth for holding varying amounts of material. Each main pocket 49 extends throughout the entire width and length of its side 12. The pocket 46 extends through the entire width and length of the side 23, whereby these pockets have the maximum capacity.

In Figures 20 to 23 inclusive, I have shown a modification of the invention, wherein the window pocket is omitted, thus omitting side 23 and transparent side 32 and elements carried thereby. The pocket side 36, Figure 20, is now provided at one end with a transverse tongue 50, foldable upon a transverse line 51 and provided with longitudinal tongues 52, foldable upon longitudinal lines 53. At its outer corners, the side 36 has small tapered flaps 54, producing blunt turned-edge corners.

The sides 36 and 37, Figure 21, are now arranged in superposed relation and stitched together by the U-shaped line of stitching 42', as described in connection with the first form of the invention. The assembled sides 36 and 37 forming the secret pocket 42 are now disposed beneath each main side 12, as illustrated in Figure 12, and the tongues 16 and 50 are secured together by a line of stitching 55, Figures 22 and 23. The connected tongues 16 and 50 are now inserted between the free ends of the sides 36 and 37, Figures 22 and 23, and the pocket unit folded over the side 12. The next step in assembling is to insert the locking tongues 14 into the slits 41. This provides a main pocket 56, open at its inner end 57. The secret pocket 42 is provided as de-

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scribed in connection with the first form of the invention. The locking tongues 14 form a bellowslike construction at the longitudinal edges of the main pocket 56, while the connected transverse tongues 16 and 50 form a bellowslike construction at the closed end of the main pocket. This main pocket may therefore expand for receiving material of varying thickness.

A third form of the invention is shown in Figures 24 to 37. The numeral 57, Figure 24, designates a blank, preferably formed of heavy stock, such as leather, artificial leather or other suitable flexible material. This blank is foldable upon a transverse line 58, forming main sides 59, connected by an intermediate folding portion 60'. Each side 59 is provided at its longitudinal edges with flaps 60, foldable upon longitudinal lines 61 and having locking tongues 62. Each side 59 is provided at its outer end with a flap 63, foldable upon a transverse line 65 and having locking tongues 66. Each main side 59 also has tapered flaps 67 at their outer corners, forming blunt turned-edge corners.

The numeral 68 designates a blank for forming pockets. This blank includes a side 69, foldable upon a transverse line 70 for producing a side 71 and foldable upon a transverse line 72 for producing a side 73. The side 69 is provided with a curved or U-shaped slit 74, forming a flap 75 and opening to afford access to a secret pocket, to be described. The side 69 has longitudinal slits 76 and transverse slits 77. The side 73 is provided with longitudinal tabs 78, foldable upon longitudinal lines 79 and carrying locking tongues 80. The side 73 is provided at its outer end with a transverse tongue 81, foldable upon a transverse line 82. The side 73 has a window opening 83. The numeral 84 designates a transparent side or sheet to cover the window opening 83, as will be described. The side 73 is provided adjacent to the folding line 72 with tapered tabs 85, producing turned-edge blunt corners.

In assembling, the tongue 81 is placed below the side 84 and these elements are stitched together by a transverse line of stitching 86, and the side 84 may be folded over the side 73, Figures 25 and 26. The sides 69 and 71 are now arranged in superposed relation and these sides are stitched together by a U-shaped line of stitching 87, forming a secret pocket 88 and a covered passage 89, for receiving the various locking tongues, Fig. 29.

With the parts thus assembled, the transverse tongues 66 are now inserted into the transverse slits 77, Figures 29 and 30, and are projected into the covered passage 89. The pockets forming unit is therefore attached to each end of the main blank 57. The transparent side or sheet 84 is now over the inner face of the side 73 and the locking tongues 80 extend outwardly. The sides 84 and 71 are now folded onto sides 73 and 69, respectively, which in turn are folded into overlapping relation and the locking tongues 80 are now inserted into the longitudinal slits 76, Figures 31 and 32. This forms a window pocket 90 between the transparent side 84 and side 71, and this window pocket will be open at its inner end in the completed folder. This window pocket extends for the entire width and length of its sides. The next step is to swing the assembled pockets unit over the adjacent main side 59, to a more or less closed position, and the locking tongues 62 are now inserted into the longitudinal slits 76, already receiving the locking tongues 80, Figures 33, 34 and 35. This provides a main

pocket 91 between the side 59 and the side 69. This main pocket extends for the entire width and length of its sides. The locking tongues 62 form a bellowslike construction at the sides of the main pocket 91, while the locking tongues 66 form a bellowslike construction at the outer closed end of the main pocket. This main pocket may therefore be expanded for receiving different thicknesses of material.

In this form, the lining is preferably omitted but may be used if desired, as indicated in connection with the first form of the invention.

I also contemplate arranging the side 73 beneath the side 59 and connecting them at the tabs 73 and 60 by a line of stitching 60a passing through these tabs. The tongues 66 have not as yet been inserted into the slots 77. The unit formed by the sides 73 and 59 is now turned right-side-out and the connected sets of tongues 80 and 62 are now inserted into the slots 76. Thus the ends of the pocket are not only secured together by the tongues but also by the stitching for extra strength. The tongues 66 are now inserted into the slits 77.

It is to be understood that the forms of my invention herewith shown and described are to be taken as preferred examples of the same and that various changes in the shape, size and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of my invention or the scope of the subjoined claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

1. A folder, comprising connected main sides foldable one over the other, each main side carrying locking tongues adjacent to its longitudinal edges, a pocket unit for each main side, each pocket unit including connected inner and outer sides, each inner side of the pocket unit having openings adjacent to its longitudinal edges, a line of stitching connecting the inner and outer sides of the pocket unit inwardly of the openings of the inner side of the pocket unit to form a pocket between the inner and outer sides of the pocket unit, means connecting the adjacent ends of each pocket unit and main side, the pocket unit being foldable over the main side, the locking tongues of each main side being foldable inwardly between the main side and the inner side of the pocket unit and inserted within the openings of the inner side of the pocket unit and projecting into the space between the inner and outer sides of the pocket unit outwardly of the line of stitching, the inner side of the pocket unit and main side forming a main pocket, the locking tongues forming bellowslike constructions at the edges of the main pocket and the connecting means forming a bellowslike construction at the bottom of the main pocket.

2. A folder, comprising connected main sides foldable one over the other, each main side having longitudinal locking tongues near opposed edges and transverse locking tongues near its outer end, a pocket unit forming blank for each main side, said blank including an intermediate side and first and second end sides, the first end side being foldable over the intermediate side and secured thereto by a generally U-shaped line of stitching for forming a pocket and a covered space outwardly of the line of stitching, the intermediate side being provided outwardly of the line of stitching with longitudinal openings and transverse openings and also having an opening leading into the pocket, the second end side having longitudinal locking tongues and a window opening, a

transparent side covering the window opening, the second end side being foldable over the first end side for forming a pocket, the locking tongues of the second end side being folded over the longitudinal edges of the intermediate side and first end side and inserted into the longitudinal openings of the intermediate side, the transverse locking tongues of the main side being inserted into the transverse openings of the intermediate side, the pockets forming unit being foldable over the main side so that the intermediate side forms a main pocket with the main side, the longitudinal locking tongues of the main side being folded inwardly between the main side and intermediate side and inserted into the longitudinal openings of the intermediate side, the longitudinal and transverse locking tongues of the main side forming bellowslike constructions.

3. A combination wallet, comprising connected main sides foldable over each other, each main side having extensions at its longitudinal edges, a pocket unit for each main side, each pocket unit including inner and outer sides, the inner and outer sides of the pocket unit being stitched together near and inwardly of their marginal edges, forming a pocket inwardly of the stitching, one side of the pocket unit having an opening leading into the pocket, means connecting the adjacent ends of each pocket unit and main side, the extensions of each main side being foldable inwardly of such main side and inserted between the inner and outer sides of the pocket unit outwardly of the stitching and secured to one side of the pocket unit and outwardly of such stitching.

4. A combination wallet, comprising connected main sides foldable over each other, each main side having longitudinally extending tongues and a transverse end tongue, a pocket unit for each main side, each pocket unit including inner and outer sides, longitudinal and transverse stitching connecting the inner and outer sides of the pocket unit and forming a pocket between the sides of the pocket unit and arranged near and inwardly of the longitudinal and transverse edges of such sides, one side of the pocket unit having an opening leading into the pocket, a transverse end tongue connected with the end of each pocket unit and secured to the transverse end tongue of each main side, the connected transverse end tongues being inserted between the inner and outer sides of the pocket unit outwardly of the transverse stitching, the longitudinal tongues of each main side being foldable inwardly over such main side and passed between the inner and outer sides of the pocket unit and arranged outwardly of the longitudinal stitching of the pocket unit and secured to one of such sides.

5. A pocket unit including a blank folded upon itself to provide opposed sides and a folded edge, a generally U-shaped stitching connecting the opposed sides and including longitudinal and transverse lines of stitching, the transverse line of stitching being arranged remote from the folded edge, the longitudinal and transverse lines of stitching being arranged near and spaced inwardly from the marginal edges of the opposed sides, the stitching forming a pocket between the opposed sides, one opposed side having a generally U-shaped slit leading to the folded edge providing a flap which is foldable upon the folded edge, the flap when opened providing an opening leading to the pocket, a third side for co-action with the pocket unit for forming a pocket there-

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with, said third side having longitudinal tongues which are foldable inwardly upon the third side and inserted between the opposed sides of the pocket unit outwardly of the longitudinal lines of stitching and secured to one opposed side outwardly of the longitudinal lines of stitching.

6. A combination wallet, comprising connected main sides, each main side having longitudinal side locking tongues and an end transverse tongue, a pocket unit for each main side including a blank folded upon itself to provide opposed sides and a folded edge, the opposed sides of the pocket unit having longitudinal and transverse stitching, the transverse stitching being arranged remote from the folded edge, the stitching being arranged inwardly of and near the marginal edges of the opposed sides and forming a pocket between the opposed sides, the opposed side of the pocket unit which is next to the main side in the assembled wallet having an opening formed therein leading into the pocket, a flap carried by the folded edge of the pocket unit to cover the opening, each inner opposed side of the pocket unit having openings formed therein outwardly of the longitudinal stitching, the longitudinal side locking tongues of each main side being folded inwardly and passed through the openings in the inner

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opposed side and projecting between the opposed sides outwardly of the longitudinal stitching, a third side for co-action with the pocket unit for forming a pocket and having longitudinal side tongues which are folded inwardly and inserted between the opposed sides of the pocket unit outwardly of the longitudinal stitching and secured to one opposed side outwardly of the longitudinal stitching, and a foldable transverse tongue carried by the third side of each pocket unit and stitched to the adjacent end transverse tongue, the stitched tongues being inserted between the opposed sides of the pocket unit outwardly of the transverse stitching.

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