

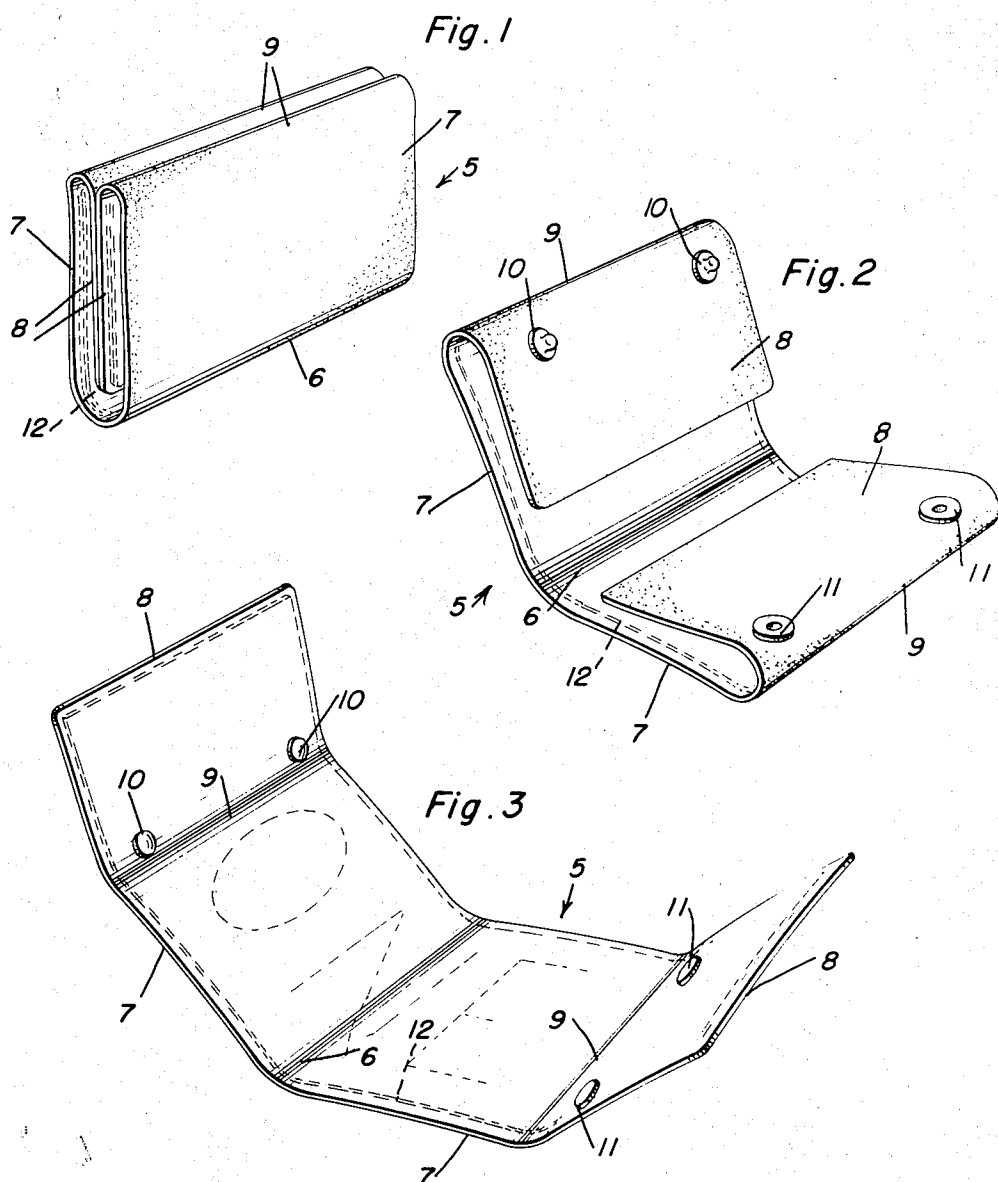
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The present invention relates to new and useful improvements in billfolds, and has for one of its important objects to provide, in an article of this character comprising means for positively securing the device in closed or folded position, a novel construction and arrangement whereby the fastening elements will not be exposed to wear out the pockets in which the article may be carried.

Other objects of the invention are to provide a billfold of the aforementioned character which will be comparatively simple in construction, durable, compact, attractive in appearance and which may be manufactured at low cost.

All of the foregoing and still further objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent from a study of the following specification, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing wherein like characters of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, and wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view, showing a billfold embodying the present invention in closed position;

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the device, showing same in partially opened position; and

Figure 3 is a perspective view, showing the billfold in fully opened position.

Referring now to the drawing in detail, it will be seen that the embodiment of the invention which has been illustrated comprises an elongated sheet 5 of leather or other suitable flexible material. Of course, the flexible sheet 5 may be of any desired length and width.

At an intermediate point, the sheet 5 is folded transversely on itself, as at 6, in a manner to provide hingedly connected sections or sides 7. At its ends, the sheet 5 terminates in intumed flaps 8 which fold on the transverse lines 9.

As illustrated to advantage in Figure 1 of the drawing, when the billfold is closed or folded, the flaps 8 extend inwardly in opposed, face abutting engagement with each other. To releasably secure the billfold in closed or folded position, conventional snap fasteners comprising complementary male and female members 10 and 11, respectively, are mounted on the flaps 9 adjacent the fold lines 9.

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It is thought that the manner in which the billfold is used will be readily apparent from a consideration of the foregoing. Briefly, the device is unfolded or opened to substantially the position shown in Figure 3 of the drawing and currency to be placed therein is laid longitudinally on the sheet 5. The construction and arrangement is such that when the currency is thus placed on the sheet 5, the fastening elements 10 and 11 are covered and concealed thereby. The currency is shown in broken lines and indicated by reference character 12. The end portions of the currency overlies the flaps 8. The flaps 8, together with the end portions of the currency, are then folded inwardly to the position of Figure 2 of the drawing, after which the sides 7 are folded on the line 6 to closed position. The elements 10 are then snapped into the elements 11 for securing the billfold in closed position.

As shown in Figure 1 of the drawing, when the billfold is closed, the elements 10 and 11 are concealed from view.

It is believed that the many advantages of a billfold constructed in accordance with the present invention will be readily understood, and although a preferred embodiment of the device is as illustrated and described, it is to be understood that changes in the details of construction may be resorted to which will fall within the scope of the invention as claimed.

What is claimed is:

A billfold comprising: an elongated flexible sheet foldable transversely on itself on folded lines at three longitudinally spaced intermediate points, the innermost fold line providing a pair of hingedly connected sides, the outermost fold lines providing hinged end flaps freely swingable on said sides and adapted to receive thereon, in the unfolded position of the billfold, the end portions of currency placed longitudinally on the sheet, said end flaps being foldable inwardly with the currency on said sides and being in outer face-abutting engagement with each other when said sides are closed, and pairs of coacting snap fastener elements on the opposed faces of said flaps adjacent to said outermost fold lines and the longitudinal edges of the sheet for releasably securing the billfold in closed position, said fastener elements passing through said flaps to the inner faces thereof.

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