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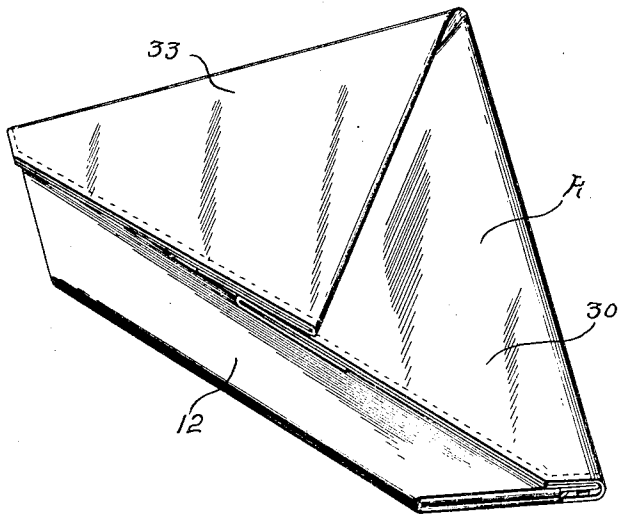
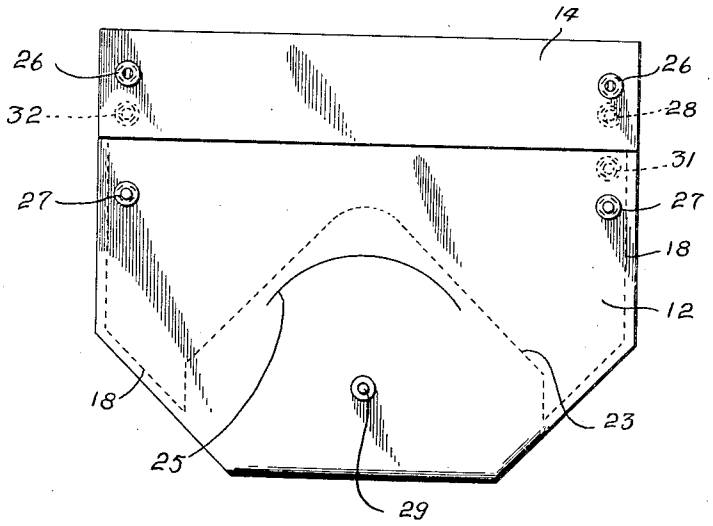


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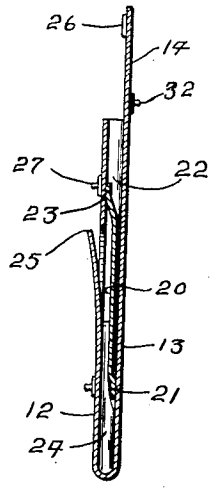


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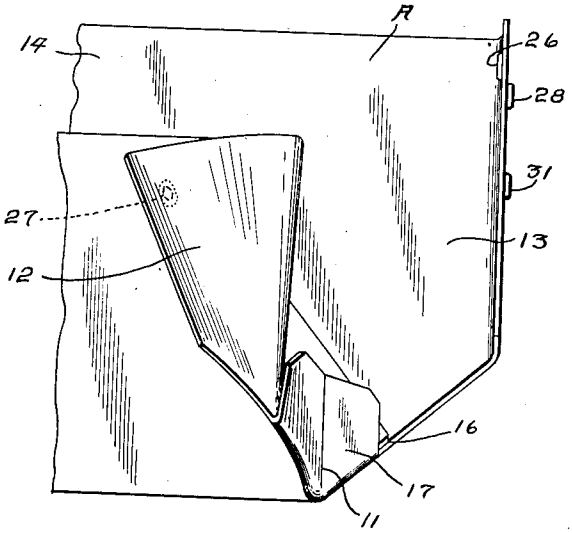


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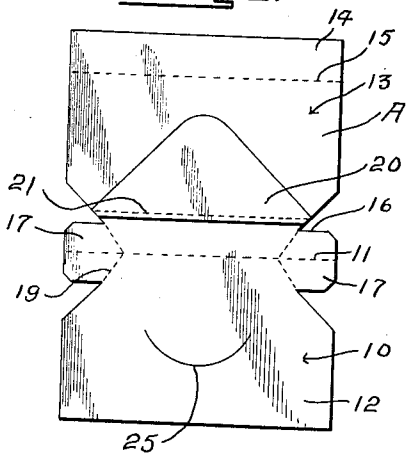


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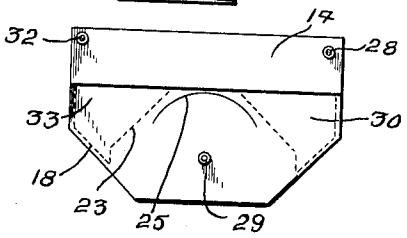


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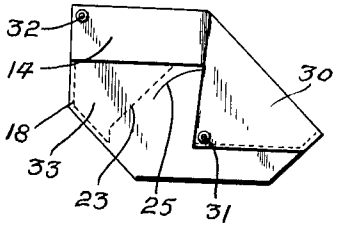
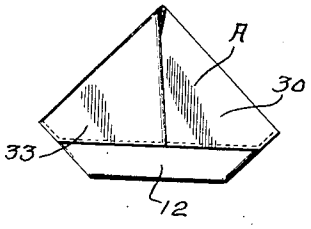


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT H. McFARLAND, a citizen of the United States, residing at Wichita, in the county of Sedgwick and State of Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pocketbooks, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to pocket books and the primary object of the invention is to provide an improved pocket book, which is so formed that a minimum amount of leather will be used in the construction thereof and which can be quickly and easily made.

In the manufacture of pocket books, wallets, and the like much difficulty is experienced in making them of substantial and simple construction and owing to the increased cost of leather there is an immediate need for a pocket book constructed so as to provide a complete container for money with a minimum amount of leather.

It is therefore another object of this invention to provide an improved pocket book which includes a pair of compartments, one for coins and the other for paper currency, which uses a minimum amount of leather and which can be so folded as to form a complete container for the money, and thereby prevent the loss of the same from out of the pocket book.

A further object of this invention is to provide an improved pocket book which will be of extremely light weight and flexible, so as to conform to the configuration of the pocket and which can be readily folded so as to occupy the least possible space in the user's pocket.

A still further object of the invention is to provide an improved pocket book of the above character, which will be durable and efficient in use, one which will be simple and easy to manufacture, and one which can be placed upon the market at a reasonable cost.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in the novel construction, arrangement and formation of parts, as will be hereinafter more specifically described, claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which drawings,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved pocket book, showing the same in folded condition.

Fig. 2 is an elevation of the same, showing the same open ready to receive coins and paper currency.

Fig. 3 is a transverse section through the improved pocket book showing the coin and paper currency compartments therein.

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary enlarged perspective view illustrating the method of forming the pocket book.

Fig. 5 is an elevation of the pocket book showing the cover flap in its folded position.

Fig. 6 is a similar view showing the pocket book partly folded.

Fig. 7 is an elevation of the pocket book showing the same in its complete folded position, and

Fig. 8 is a plan view of the blank from which the pocket book is formed.

Referring to the drawings in detail, wherein similar reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several views the letter A generally indicates the improved pocket book, the body portion of which, as clearly shown in Fig. 8 of the drawings, is formed of a substantial rectangular blank of material 10. The blank 10 is preferably formed of soft flexible leather, so that the same can be readily folded to form the pocket book. The blank 10 is adapted to be folded on a transverse line 11 to form the front and rear walls 12 and 13. The transverse line 11 on which the blank is folded is relatively nearer the marginal transverse edge of the front wall 12 than the transverse marginal edge of the rear wall 13, so that a portion of the material will be left to form a cover flap 14 for the bill fold compartment which will be hereinafter more specifically described. The flap 14 is folded on a transverse line 15 adjacent to the marginal transverse edge of the rear wall 13, as clearly shown in Fig. 8 of the drawings. The longitudinal marginal edges of the blank are at opposite sides thereof and at a point slightly spaced from the transverse line 11, provided with substantially triangular shaped cut out portions 16 which define the side gussets 17 for the pocket book, which are adapted to be folded inwardly, as shown in Fig. 4 of the drawings.

When the blank is folded on its transverse line 11 to form the front and rear walls 12 and 13 the side gussets 17 are folded inwardly as stated and the walls are secured together along their marginal edges by stitching 18 and the gussets are also stitched in place. As shown in Fig. 8 the gussets are folded on diagonal lines 19, which extend outwardly from the transverse line 17.

To provide a pair of compartments, a partition 20 is provided. This partition 20 is also preferably formed of some flexible leather, and is of substantially triangular shape and the base or lower edge thereof is secured by means of stitches 21 to the rear wall 13 adjacent to the connection of the gussets 17 thereof. This spaces the lower edge of the partition plate from the transverse line 11 which forms the bottom wall of the pocket book. This has been provided for the purpose, so that a relatively large straight bottom wall will be formed for the bill fold compartment 22. The side edges of the partition 20 are secured by means of stitches 23 to the front wall 12 and this forms a complete compartment 24, which is adapted to be used for coins or the like. To permit access to the coin compartment 24, an arcuate cut 25 is formed in the front wall adjacent its upper edge and this arcuate cut provides an entrance slot or cover.

In use of the improved pocket book the inner face of the cover flap 14 carries adjacent to its side edges the female members 26 of snap fasteners which are adapted to receive the male members 27 of the snap fasteners, which are secured to the outer face of the front wall 12. This effectively holds the cover flap in position against accidental displacement and prevents the loss of the currency therefrom. The outer or rear face of the cover flap 14 adjacent to one side edge is provided with the female portion 28 of a snap fastener and is adapted to engage the male portion 29 thereof which is arranged substantially at the longitudinal center of the pocket book. After the flap 14 has been folded as shown at Fig. 5 of the drawings, the pocket book is folded along a diagonal line as shown in Fig. 6 and the female portion 28 of the snap fastener is placed over the male portion 29 thereof, which forms a triangular wing 30, which partially covers the arcuate slot 25. The rear wall 13 has the outer surface thereof directly in rear of the female portion 28 provided with the female portion 31 of another snap fastener, which is adapted to receive the male portion 32, which is carried by the outer face of the cover flap 14 opposite to the female portion 28. The corner of the pocket book opposite to the flap 30 is also adapted to be folded on a diagonal line to form a second triangular flap 33, as clearly shown in Fig. 7 of the drawings and this flap is adapted to completely hide the arcuate slot 25.

It can be seen from the foregoing, that an exceptionally simple pocket book has been provided in which a complete casing has been formed for the coin and paper currency, which is so constructed that a minimum amount of leather will be used. It also can be seen that by merely opening the side triangular flap 30 and 32 that the coins can be readily removed from the coin compartment 24.

Owing to the soft, flexible structure of the leather used in making the pocket book, the same can be still further folded to form a smaller article if so desired.

Changes in details may be made without departing from the spirit or scope of this invention, but what I claim as new is,

1. A pocket book comprising front and rear walls, a partition arranged intermediate the walls to form a pair of compartments, one of the walls being slotted to provide an entrance to one of said compartments, a cover carried by one of the walls arranged to overlie the other wall to form a cover flap for the other compartment, the pocket book being adapted to be folded on diagonal lines to form overlapping portions for overlying the entrance to the first mentioned compartment.

2. A pocket book comprising a front and a rear wall connected together at one edge, a cover flap carried by the edge of one wall and arranged to overlap the free edge of the other wall, means for detachably securing the flap to the last mentioned wall, a partition arranged intermediate the front and rear walls and secured thereto to form a pair of compartments, one of the walls having a slot therein forming an entrance to one of the compartments, the side edges of the pocket book being folded to form a pair of wings arranged to overlie the slot, and means for connecting the wings together and to the front wall.

3. A pocket book comprising front and rear walls secured together at their transverse edges and at one longitudinal edge, the rear wall having a cover flap formed thereon arranged to overlie the disconnected edge of the front wall, a partition arranged intermediate the front and rear walls forming a pair of compartments, the front wall having a slot formed therein to form an entrance opening to one of the compartments, overlapping wings arranged to overlie the slot formed in the front wall, and detachable fastening elements for holding the cover flap and wings in their folded condition.

4. A pocket book comprising a front and rear wall integrally connected at one edge, a cover flap formed on one wall and arranged to overlie the free edge of the other wall, snap fasteners arranged to hold the cover flap in its folded condition, a triangular shaped partition arranged intermediate the front and rear walls and secured thereto to form a pair of independent compartments, the front wall having an arcuate slot formed therein to provide an entrance opening to one of the compartments, the side edges of the pocket book being folded to

form a pair of triangular shaped wings arranged to overlie the slot, means for connecting one wing to the front wall, and means for connecting the other wing to the first mentioned wing.

5. A pocket book formed of soft, flexible leather, comprising a rectangular shaped body including front and rear walls, the rear wall having a cover flap formed thereon arranged to overlie the free edge of the front wall, an independent partition disposed intermediate the front and rear walls and secured thereto to form a coin compartment and a paper currency compartment, the front wall having a slot formed therein to form an opening to the coin compartment, triangular shaped folding wings arranged to overlie the front wall and the slot therein, the wings being adapted to overlap, and snap fasteners arranged to hold the cover flap and the wings in their folded condition.

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