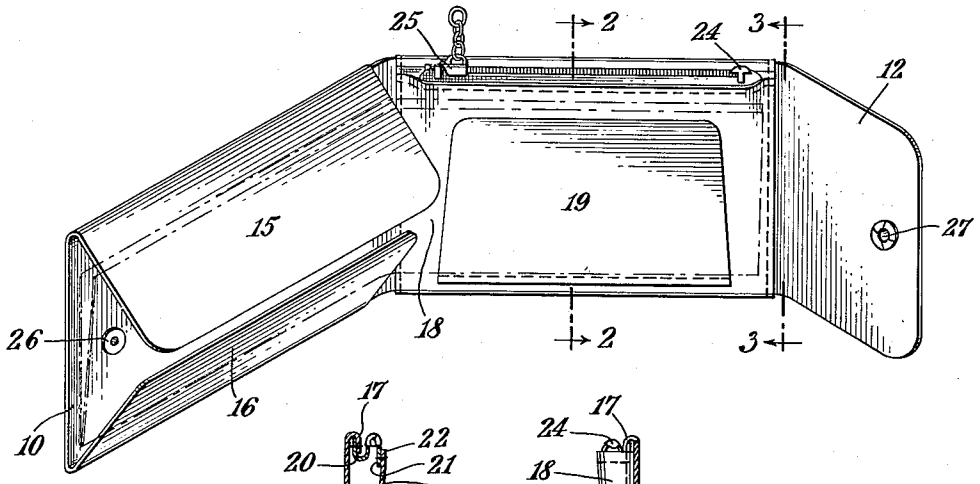
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Fig. 1.



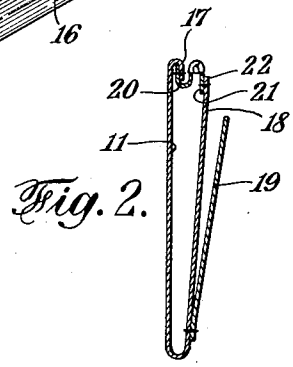


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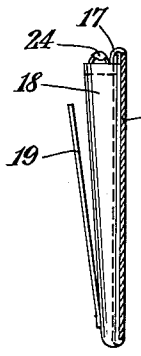
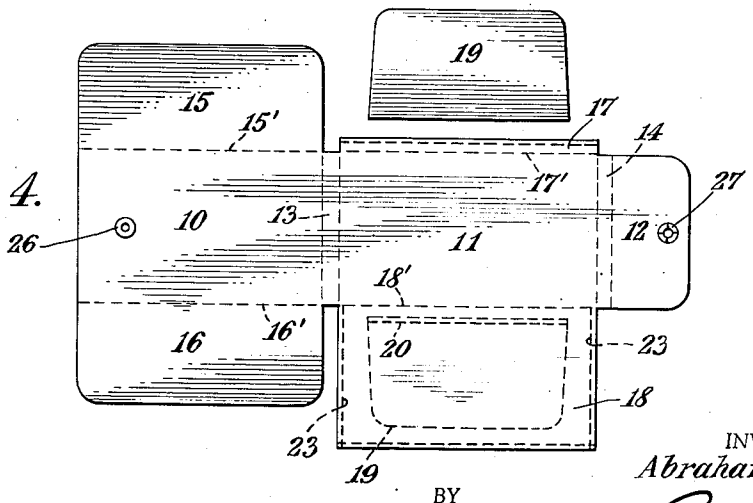


Fig. 3.

Fig. 5.

Fig. 4.



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This invention relates generally to a combination billfold or wallet and change purse, and particularly to a device generally known as "tightwad," wherein bills to be placed therein are required to be first folded longitudinally before their insertion.

One of the objects of the present invention is to provide a simple, inexpensive and highly effective combination wallet and purse of relatively small dimensions, and fabricated substantially from one-piece of material, which latter feature reduces the manufacturing cost of the device to a minimum and prevents undue waste of material.

Another object of this invention is to provide a combination wallet and purse which is so designed that when the device is in its closed position the purse may still be independently operated, but wherein such purse operation is somewhat restricted to provide safety against spilling of the contents of the purse.

The foregoing and still further objects of this invention will become more fully apparent from the ensuing description of the accompanying drawing, in which

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my device in an open position, and wherein a bill held in the device is indicated;

Figure 2 is a vertical cross-sectional view taken on line 2—2 of Figure 1;

Figure 3 is an end view, partially in section, taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 1;

Figure 4 is a plan view of the wallet material in spread position; and

Figure 5 is a bill holding flap, cut from the spread material.

Referring specifically to Figures 4 and 5, the structure of my device and the mode of its assembly to a finished product will become presently understood.

From a suitable piece of wallet material, the shapes shown in Figures 4 and 5 are cut, preferably by a suitable die. This cut-out shape comprises an elongated center area which is divided into three major area portions, that is, a relatively long end portion 10, a middle portion 11, the length of which latter approximates the length of end portion 10, and a small end portion 12 which serves as a closure for the wallet. Between long end portion 10 and middle portion 11, there is a folding area 13, and between short end portion 12 and middle area 11 there is another folding portion 14.

Adjoining middle portion 10, and arranged symmetrically thereto, there are provided integral extensions 15 and 16 in the form of flaps, adapted to fold over one another about their folding lines 15' and 16', respectively. From middle portion 11, and integral therewith, extend a narrow flap 17 and a wide flap 18, the latter being substantially of the same width as the width of area 11. It will be observed that flaps 15 and 16 are spaced from flaps 17 and 18 by the folding area 13.

Cut from the same wallet material, and preferably at the same time when the aforesaid wallet structure is cut, is a short bill holder 19, shown separately in Figure 5, and indicated beneath wide flap 18 in broken lines in Figure 4. This bill-holding flap 19 is substantially centrally secured to flap 18 by stitches 20 running parallel and in near proximity to folding line 18' of flap 18. The attachment of flap 19 to flap 18 is accomplished prior to the formation of the purse of the device.

It will be observed that flap 19, being of a substantially trapezoidal formation, is relatively small and is considerably shorter than flap 18. Due to its central location in respect to flap 18, its short inclined sides are generously spaced from folding areas 13 and 14. Especially important is the spacing of flap 19 from flap pair 15 and 16, in that this spacing provides ample facilities for folding of even a large number of bills held by said flap pair, and engaged by flap 19, in the vicinity of folding area 13.

The purse structure, clearly seen in its finished form at Figures 1, 2 and 3, is produced in the following manner. First narrow flap 17 is folded along its folding line 17', against the interior surface of area 11. Before flap 17 is permanently secured by stitching or cementing to the upper edge of area 11, one half 20 of a slide fastener is inserted beneath flap 17 (see Figure 2). The other half 21 of the slide fastener is attached to the future free edge 22 of wide flap 18. Now this wide flap is bent along line 18' against the interior surface of area 11, and the end edges of the flap are either cemented or sewed to along line 23 to the body of the device. Thus the pocket or purse is formed.

Now two corresponding ends of the slide fastener portions 20 and 21 are drawn together and held in that position by an end stop 24 for the slide member 25 (see Figures 1 and 3).

For the purpose of holding the device in folded, closed position, I provide near the end of area 10 the male portion 26 of a snap fastener, while in area or flap 12 the female member 27 of the snap fastener is arranged. When the longer end portion, with its flaps 15 and 16 overlying one another, is folded against the middle portion of

the device, flap 12 is placed over the exterior portion of area 10 and snap fastener members 26 and 27 are pressed together. In that position the device is closed and ready to be carried about.

While the device is in this closed position, the purse formed therein may be still operated by sliding slide member 25, along the two fastener halves. Due to the fact, however, that the wallet portion of the device is in its closed position, the opening of the purse will be limited, and the interior of the purse will be made only accessible by slightly squeezing the ends of the closed body.

The finished article requires very little pocket space, and in itself is inobtrusive and handy. It affords quick operation as to either the removal or insertion of change in the purse, or the removal or replacement of bills in the billfold. The fact that flap 19 is secured to the exterior surface of wide flap 18, and is independent of flaps 15 and 16, it will hold securely one end of bills placed thereunder, even if flaps 15 and 16 are unfolded.

As has been stated before, my device is extremely simple, both as to its manufacture as well as to its operation. The elimination of waste in the production and the limited amount of handling required reduces the manufacturing cost of the device to a minimum. While only one form of my device is illustrated, it is quite obvious that changes and improvements may be required when the billfold is to be adapted for holding different currency, and I therefore reserve for myself the right to make changes and improvements therein without departing from the broad scope of my invention as expressed in the annexed claims.

I claim:

1. In a combination wallet and purse, made from a substantially one-piece structure, the latter consisting of a central elongated area and a plurality of integral and co-related extensions, a pair of flaps, adapted to fold over one another, forming free side extensions of one end portion of said central elongated area, a pocket-forming large flap and a slide fastener-attaching smaller flap forming extensions of an adjacent portion of said elongated area and being united therewith, but being bodily spaced from said pair of folding-over flaps, a relatively short bill-holding flap, made from said one-piece structure, secured along one of its edges near the folding line of the pocket-forming flap, and being substantially centrally located in respect to the latter flap, a slide fastener held by said smaller flap and attached to the opening edge of the large flap, said central, elongated area terminating in a closure flap, adapted to overlap and interlock with the folded-over pair of flaps, when the latter are brought to an adjacent position with the pocket-forming flap, the shortness of said bill-holding flap and its location affording a substantial folding space for paper bills held by said pair of flaps and engaged by said bill-holding flap.

2. In a combination wallet and purse, a substantially one-piece structure consisting of a longitudinal center area divided into a long end portion, a middle portion and a short end portion, a pair of folding-over flaps forming free side extensions of the long end portion, a narrow and a wide flap, forming side extensions of the middle portion, the narrow flap being sewed to one side of the middle portion, one half of a slide fastener held by the sewed-on narrow flap, the wide flap being sewed with its short sides to the ends of the middle portion, the other half of the slide fastener secured to the free, long edge of the wide flap, a relatively short, substantially trapezoidal bill-holding member sewed to the wide flap along the folding area thereof, and being disposed centrally in respect to said wide flap, whereby a generous space is provided between said member and said folding-over flaps, said short end portion of the structure forming a closure for the device, when the long end portion is brought to an adjacent position in respect to the middle portion.

3. In a combination wallet and purse, a substantially one-piece structure consisting of a longitudinal center area, divided into long and short end portions and a middle portion, and a plurality of integral and co-related extensions, a pair of folding-over flaps forming side extensions of the long end portion, a pocket-forming wall secured along three of its edges to the middle portion, the fourth edge being located along one long side thereof and defining therewith the opening of the pocket, a slide fastener for closing the pocket, one half of the slide fastener being secured to the long edge of the middle portion and the other half to the fourth edge of the wall, a relatively narrow flap carried by the middle portion, forming a bill-holding member, and being disposed to provide a substantial space along the folding area between the long end and center portions, the short end portion of the center area forming the closure for the wallet, when the long end portion is folded against the pocket, said slide fastener being operable while the wallet is either open or closed.

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