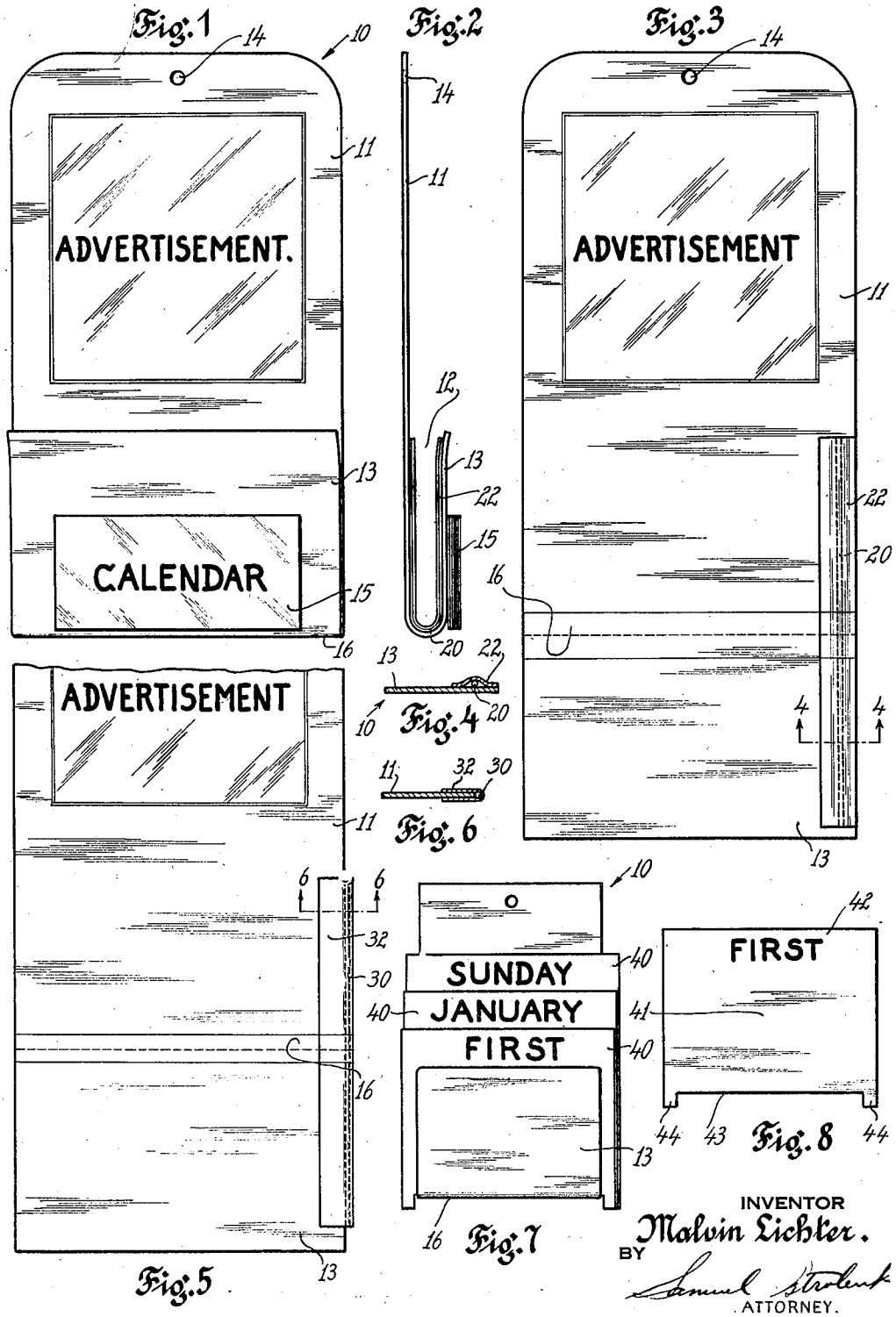
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My present invention relates to a simple wall pocket for retaining papers, notes and bills of various kinds.

Essentially, the present invention relates to a simple, flat sheet which may be folded to form a pocket or retaining portion and an advertising or indicia carrying portion. The wall pocket itself is preferably made of cardboard having a perforation or other suitable means for suspending the same on the wall, the bottom end of the cardboard being folded up to form the pocket.

However, where attempts have been made to utilize wall pockets of this type, it has been found that the elasticity of the cardboard and its tendency to return to its original shape as well as the relative weakness thereof around the fold line made the pocket created by the fold a highly temporary affair which lacked utility.

An object of the present invention is to reinforce the fold forming the wall pocket in such a manner that the folded bottom portion of the sheet will retain whatever shape is imparted to it. For this purpose, I prefer to use a simple wire reinforcement associated preferably with an edge or margin of the bottom portion of the sheet and so arranged that bending of the sheet will bend the reinforcement. This reinforcement, however, is not intended to have the elasticity of the sheet material and will retain whatever shape is imparted thereto, and while readily manually bendable, will have sufficient strength to prevent the folded or shaped cardboard sheet from being distorted out of the shape in which it is formed.

Still a further object of the present invention, therefore, is to provide a wire reinforcement securely attached to the edge or margin of the bottom portion of a cardboard or other fibrous sheet which is intended to form a wall pocket.

These and many other objects of the present invention will in part be apparent and in part pointed out in connection with the following specification and drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a front view of the wall pocket of my present invention after the same has been formed for use.

Figure 2 is a side view of the wall pocket of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a plan view of the wall pocket of Figure 1 before the pocket has been folded up into its final form suitable for hanging.

Figure 4 is a cross-sectional view taken on line 4—4 of Figure 5, looking in the direction of the arrows.

Figure 5 is a plan view corresponding to that of Figure 3 but showing a somewhat modified edge reinforcement.

Figure 6 is a cross-sectional view taken on line 6—6 of Figure 5, and looking in the direction of the arrows.

Figure 7 is a front view of a wall pocket showing an additional and modified use therefor.

Figure 8 is a plan view of one of the cards which may be used in connection with the construction of Figure 7.

Referring now to Figures 1 and 2, I have here shown a wall pocket consisting of the cardboard or other fibrous sheet 10 having a back portion 11 and a pocket 12 formed by folding up the front portion 13 into substantially parallel relation with the back portion 11. The back portion 11 may be provided with a perforation 14 or any other suitable means for hanging the same upon a wall.

The back portion 11 may have any suitable advertising matter or may carry instructions, directions, recipes, or other indicia. The portion 13 forming the front wall of the pocket may likewise carry suitable advertising or indicia and may, if desired, carry a calendar 15.

Since the wall pocket of my invention is made preferably of cardboard, which in itself is inherently flexible and elastic and which lacks any substantial strength against forces which may tend to unfold the same, I have provided a means for reinforcing the wall pocket which will permit the sheet to be bent to any desired pocket forming formation while at the same time, it will retain the sheet in the shape in which it is left.

For this purpose (see Figures 3 and 4), I have provided a means for securing a wire 20 to the sheet 10 along a margin thereof. The wire 20 is manually bendable but nevertheless is sufficiently inelastic that it will retain whatever shape it is given. The strength of the wire is preferably such that it will resist any tendency of the sheet with which it is associated to unfold or unbend.

The wire 20, as is seen in Figures 3 and 4, is secured to the sheet at a margin thereof and extends across from section 11 of the wall pocket onto section 13 thereof and thus extends over the area 16 which defines the bottom or bend of the pocket. The wire 20 is secured in position by the adhesive strip 22, which is adhesively secured to the sheet 10 thereover, thus forcing the wire to remain in predetermined relation to the sheet. Now when the sheet of Figure 3 is bent up into the form shown in Figures 1 and 2

and the wire is likewise bent, the wire will serve to hold the shape of the formed wall pocket.

Obviously, a wire **20** and adhesive securing means **22** may be provided not merely at one margin of the sheet, but at both margins on either face of the sheet. Nor is the position of the wire limited to the margin of the sheet; it may extend across the bottom **16** of the pocket at any intermediate portion of the sheet. Nor need it necessarily extend parallel to the edges of the sheet; but it may extend at an angle thereto.

The only necessary factor is that a portion of the wire extend onto the area **13** of the sheet **10**; that another portion of the same wire extend onto the area **11** of the sheet **10**; and that a portion of the wire cross the bottom or fold area **16** of the pocket. Preferably, and for ease of manufacture, the wire should be straight and should be a single wire but it is obvious that the wire may have any sinusoidal or other shape which may be desired. And the adhesive strip need not necessarily be a strip and need not necessarily extend for only a very short distance on either side of the wire, but it may, if desired, be a relatively wide strip which may, if necessary or proper in a particular case, constitute the front lamination of the sheet.

Also, it will be obvious that when the wall pocket having the construction of Figures 1 and 2 is hung on a wall, it will provide suitable means for holding bills, reminders, notes, recipes or other papers which it may be necessary to preserve in the household or office.

In Figures 5 and 6 I have shown a slightly modified form of a construction wherein the wire **30** is not secured to a face of the sheet **11** but is mounted adjacent an edge thereof; the securing strip **32** is then mounted over the wire and secured to opposite faces of the sheet in order to hold the wire in place.

The wire, however, as is now obvious, operates in exactly the same manner as the wire **20** of Figure 3. It will be clear that the securing strip **32** of Figures 5 and 6 need not necessarily be merely a strip, but may actually be wrapped around the entire sheet **11**, should that be desired, or may be wrapped around a portion of the sheet; or the front or rear lamination of the sheet may extend beyond the edges of the other laminations so that the extensions may be wrapped around the wire and secured to the opposite face of the sheet and thus provide a mounting means for the wire.

Any suitable fold line predetermining means may be used where it is desired that the fold be made at a particular area. Thus the sheet may be scored or double scored or a plurality of scores may be provided to define exactly the bottom **16** of the wall pocket and the front **13** and back **11**.

In certain modifications, all of the laminations of the sheet but one may be completely cut through leaving a single facing lamination connecting the front and back of the wall pocket. In this case, reliance must be placed on the reinforcing wires or a plurality of reinforcing wires to maintain appropriate relation between the front and back of the wall pocket and to prevent the front from being torn away from the back.

In Figure 7 I have shown a wall pocket **10** of my invention which may be formed from a sheet having either the construction of Figure 3 or Figure 5 where instead of requiring that a calendar **15** of the type of Figure 1 be secured to the wall pocket, additional calendar indicating cards **40** are provided. These cards, as is seen in Figure 7, may constitute a series lettered according to the days of the week, a series of 12 lettered according to the months, and a series lettered numerically.

The appropriate arrangement of one card from each of the series as is seen in Figure 7 will make it possible to use the wall pocket as a calendar, it being necessary to shift the cards daily. All of the cards may be retained if desired in the wall pocket, in which case it will be necessary merely to place the card which should be visible at the front of each stack.

Or if necessary, the cards may be kept in any other suitable manner, and only the particular cards necessary for the particular daily indication may be withdrawn for use.

Each card **40**, as is seen in Figure 8, has a body portion **41**, a space **42** having appropriate indicia, a bottom edge **43** which rests upon the bottom **16** of the wall pocket, and positioning leg members **44, 44** which extend beyond the edges of the wall pocket and serve accurately to position the cards. The legs **44** in addition to positioning the cards, ensure that the cards will not be accidentally displaced or accidentally removed from the wall pocket since the legs **44** embrace the edges of the wall pocket. These legs since they are not confined by the wall pocket, may be of any desired length or width to provide appropriate reinforcement.

In the foregoing, I have described the essential elements of my invention in connection with certain modifications thereof. Various other modifications of my invention should now be obvious to those skilled in the art. I prefer therefore not to be bound by the specific disclosures herein, but only by the appended claim.

I claim:

A wall pocket having a back wall and a front wall, means on said back wall for suspending said wall pocket; said back wall and said front wall being formed from a single continuous sheet bent into pocket defining relationship; a reinforcing member stiffening said back wall and front wall in said wall defining relationship, and calendar sheets for cooperating with said pocket; each of said calendar sheets having a base resting on the bottom of said pocket and legs extending beyond the base, said sheets being wider than said pocket, said legs extending beyond the bottom of said pocket the inner edges of said legs abutting against the edges of the bottom of said pocket.

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