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Fig 1.

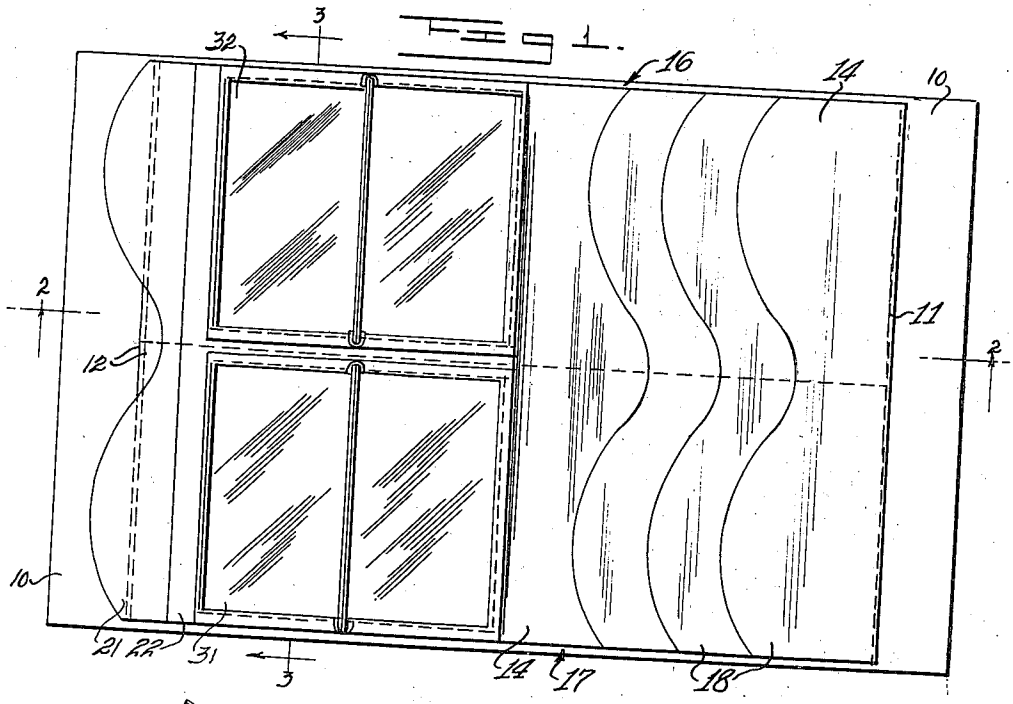


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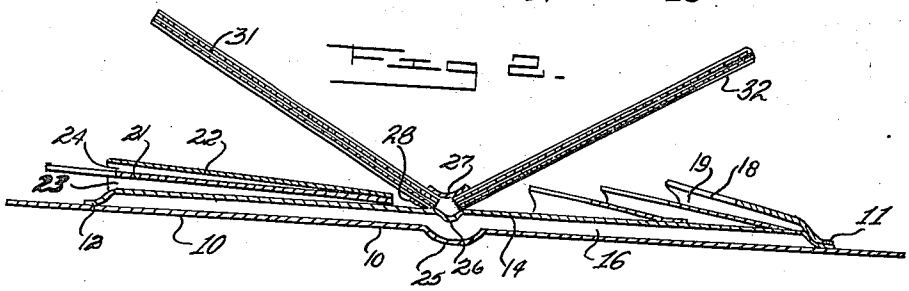
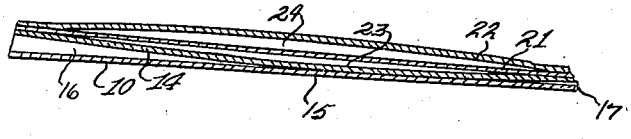


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This invention is a novel combined billfold and card retainer and is especially designed to provide a billfold and card case which will retain currency and cards, or the like, in separate compartments, each of which will be readily and separately accessible.

It is a major purpose of the present invention to provide a novel combined billfold and card retainer which will have a pair of compartments, separate from each other, intended for the reception of currency and accessible respectively from opposite edges of the billfold.

It is a further purpose of the present invention to provide in a combined billfold and card retainer, a plurality of pockets or compartments designed to receive cards therein in such a manner that a substantial portion of each of such cards will remain visible for the ready identification and convenient withdrawal thereof.

A still further object of the present invention is to provide a combined billfold and card retainer which will retain the contents securely and permit ready access to any compartment or pocket thereof without any necessity for disturbing the remaining compartments. Further objects of the invention will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

The accompanying drawing illustrates one practical combined billfold and card retainer embodying the invention which will be described in detail to enable others to understand and use the same, but the invention is not considered restricted to the specific construction shown in the drawings, and reference is therefore had to the claim for summaries of the essentials of the invention and of the novel features of construction and novel combinations of parts for all of which protection is desired.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a plan view illustrating the combined billfold and card retainer in open position;

Figure 2 is a longitudinal sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Figure 1, looking the direction of the arrows and illustrating certain of the compartments thereof in expanded position; and

Figure 3 is a transverse sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Figure 1, illustrating one of the bill-containing compartments in expanded position, the transparent card holders being omitted.

As shown in the drawings, the combined billfold and card container comprises an outer wall 10 and an inner wall 14, arranged in spaced superposed relation with respect to the outer wall 10, the inner wall 14 being secured at its opposite ends 11 and 12 to the adjacent face of the outer wall 10 in any desired manner as by stitching, cementing

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or the like. Preferably this inner wall is of slightly less length and width than the outer wall and is secured thereto along the ends of said inner wall as indicated at 11 and 12. The walls 10 and 14 are also secured together along a line intermediate the opposite sides thereof, as indicated at 15, to form compartments 16 and 17 for the reception of bills or currency therein.

A plurality of overlapping pieces 18 of any suitable ornamental configuration are secured to the inner face of the inner wall 14 adjacent one end thereof and in any desired manner to provide a series of card-containing compartments 19. These compartments are relatively shallow in depth and are so designed that a substantial portion of each of the cards placed therein will remain visible and such cards may be conveniently grasped for ready withdrawal when desired.

Adjacent the opposite end of the billfold, a pair of overlapping pieces 21 and 22 are secured to the inner wall 14 so as to provide pockets or compartments 24 and 25. It will be noted that the compartments 24 and 25 are of substantially greater depth than the compartments 19 and are designed to receive cards or other items of greater size than those intended to be disposed within the pockets 19 for ready visibility.

If desired the outer and inner walls 10 and 14 may be folded transversely intermediate the extremities thereof, as indicated respectively at 25 and 26. The fold thus created is located substantially centrally of the billfold and will in no manner interfere with items placed within the card-containing compartments.

As illustrated more particularly in Figure 2 of the drawings, two sets of Cellophane or transparent containers 31 and 32, may be secured to the inner wall 14 adjacent the fold 26 thereof in any suitable manner as by strips of adhesive or the like, 27 and 28. These containers are intended for reception of cards, photographs, etc., and the construction thereof is so well-known in this art that no particular discussion thereof is believed required. It will be noted that when the combined billfold and card container is closed or folded, the Cellophane containers 31 and 32 will overlie each other and will conveniently fit within the fold 26 of the inner wall 14.

The combined billfold of the present invention provides a pair of currency-retaining compartments disposed in longitudinal abutting relationship and separated only by the longitudinal securing means which fastens the inner wall 14 to the outer wall 10. These compartments are accessible, respectively, from the top and bottom

edges of the billfold and are entirely separate and apart from the plurality of pockets or compartments provided for the reception of cards, papers, or other items. Bills may be removed from either or both of the currency compartments without in any way disturbing the card pockets. In like manner cards may be conveniently inspected or withdrawn without any reference to the currency compartments.

I claim:

In a combined billfold and card retainer including an outer wall and an inner wall arranged in spaced superposed relation with respect to said outer wall and secured at its opposite ends to the adjacent face of the latter wall, both walls being of a width slightly in excess of twice the width of a piece of paper money, and of a length in excess of the length of such piece of paper money, the improvement consisting in securing said walls along a line intermediate the longitudinal edges of the outer wall to thereby form separate, lengthwise compartments for the reception of currency therein, attaching a plurality of overlapping pieces of pocket-forming material to the inner face of the inner wall adjacent one end of the latter and parallel to the line of securement at the longitudinal center of the billfold to provide a series of compartments for the reception of cards therein and attaching a pair of overlapping pieces of pocket-forming material, of a size larger than the first named pieces to the inner face of the inner wall adjacent the opposite end of the latter and parallel to the transverse edges of the billfold to provide a pair of pockets for the reception therein of articles of a size larger than those receivable in said compartments.

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