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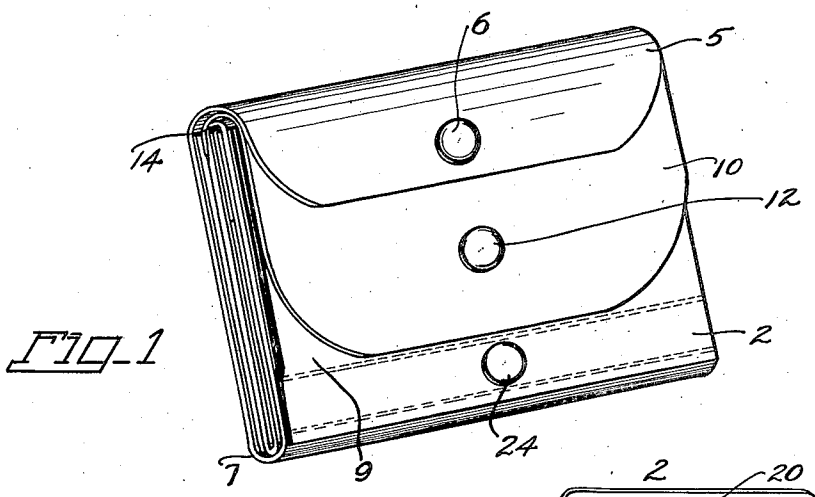


Fig. 1

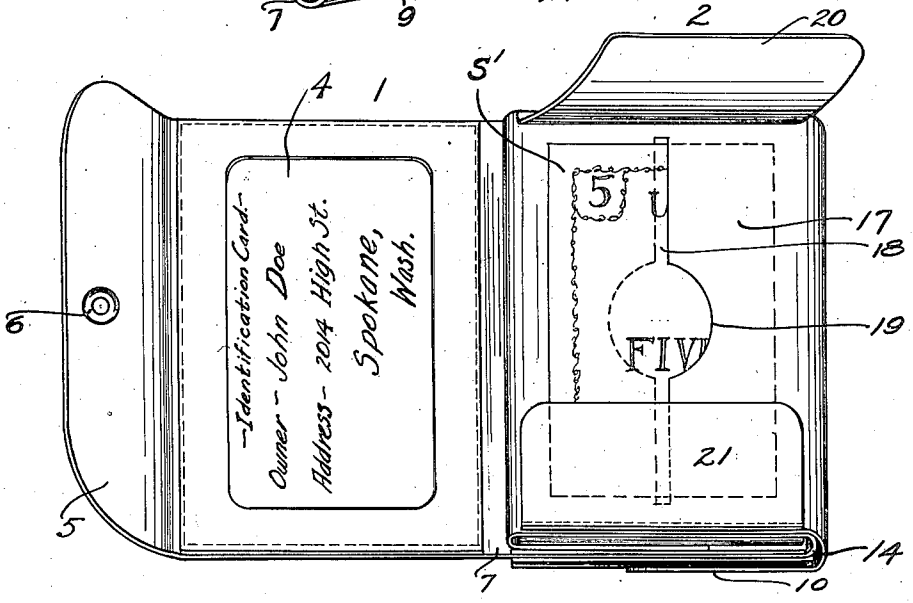


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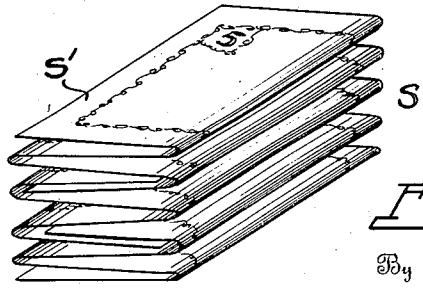


Fig. 3

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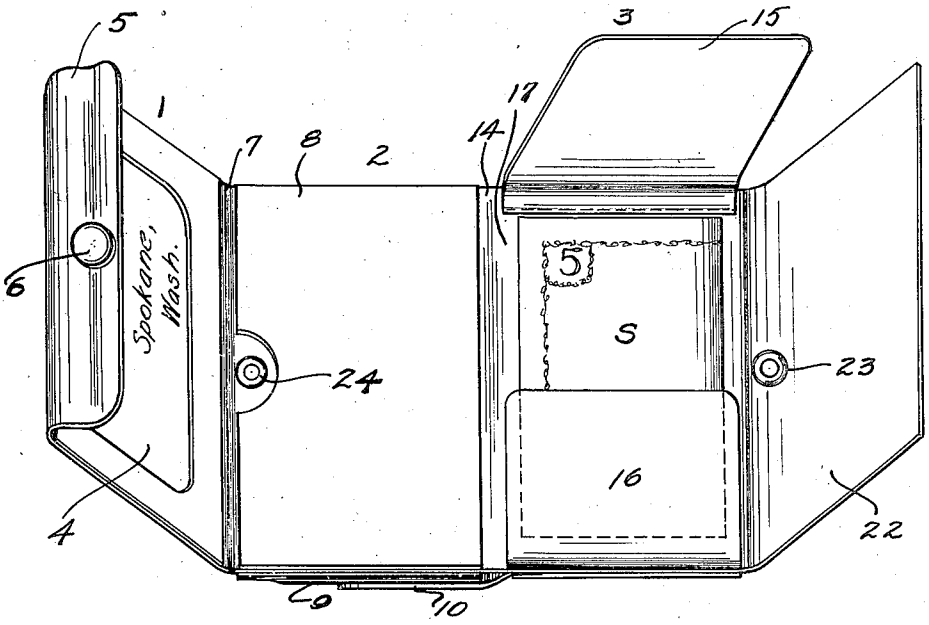


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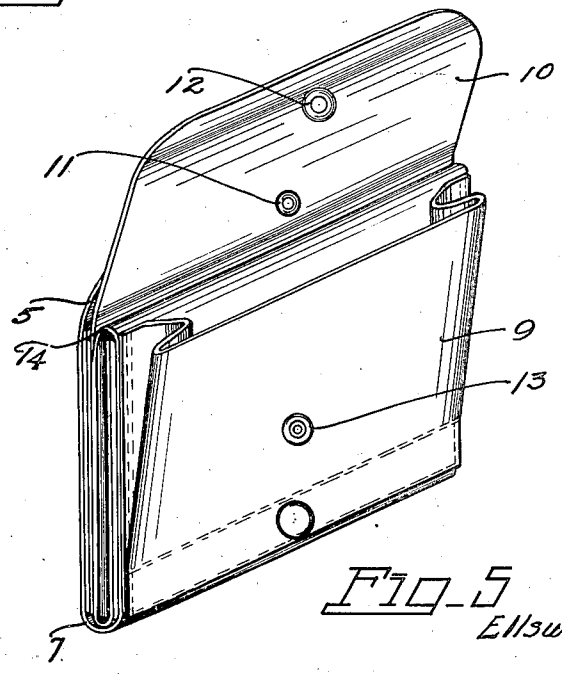


FIG 5

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELLSWORTH McGIBBON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Spokane, in Spokane county and State of Washington, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pocketbooks, of which the following is a specification.

My present invention relates to improvements in pocketbooks of that type of receptacles made of leather, cloth, or other suitable material and designed for practical and convenient use for carrying coins, bills etc. The primary object of the invention is the provision of a compactly arranged book or combination of compartments which may be securely closed for safety against loss therefrom of valuables and in which the parts are conveniently arranged in order that they may be readily accessible when required. The invention consists essentially in the combination and arrangement of a plurality of foldable compartments or pouches of special construction whereby bills or bank notes may be enclosed and safely retained and when desired may with facility and convenience be extracted from their container or pouch in regular and orderly manner. By the utilization of the features of my invention coin pockets are also provided in the pocket book in which coins may be retained with safety and from which they may be taken with convenience when required.

In the accompanying drawings I have illustrated one complete example of the physical embodiment of my invention wherein the parts are combined and arranged according to the best mode I have thus far devised for the practical application of the principles of my invention, and it will be understood that changes and alterations may be made therein, within the scope of my claims, without departing from the spirit of my invention.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a pocket book constructed according to my invention, showing the receptacle closed and fastened for carrying in the pocket.

Figure 2 is a view showing the card case portion of the pocket book opened back and disclosing the bill pouch with opening thereto for the fingers in extracting bills therefrom.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of a pile or stack of bills folded especially for deposit in the bill pouch in Figure 2, the end fold of one bill being inserted in the end fold of a preceding bill, as will be described.

Figure 4 is a view of the pocket book opened out to disclose the three compartments.

Figure 5 is a perspective view showing the pocket book in position for access to one of the coin pockets.

In the preferred form of the invention as shown in the drawing the receptacle may be made of leather, cloth, imitation material, or other material that may be folded with convenience and is of sufficient durability for the purpose. The pocket book is divided into three main divisions, as 1 for a card case, 2 for coin pockets, and 3 for a bill pouch, of which the card case has a transparent panel 4 to permit inspection of an identification card, or other data on cards inserted therein. At its open end the card case is provided with a flap 5 to which the socket member 6 of a fastening device, similar to a glove fastener, is fixed, and at 7 a bend or fold is provided between the card case and the coin compartment 2.

The intermediate division 2 of the pocket book is fashioned at each side thereof with an open-end coin pocket as 8 and 9, the open ends being provided at opposite ends of the pockets and closed by the foldable divisions 1 and 3 of the pocket book against loss of coin therefrom. The pocket 9 has a flap or closure 10 that is an attached part of the division 3, which, when the pocket book is folded and closed lies under the flap 5 which is the outer flap of the book, as in Figure 1, and also as shown in Figure 5. On the outer face of the second or inner flap 10 is fixed the stud or head 11 (shown on the inner side of flap 10 in Fig. 5) and it will be apparent that the folded pockets may be secured by snapping the socket 6 down over the head or stud 11.

The socket 12 on the inner face of the flap 10 is designed to snap over the head 13 of the coin pocket 9 and close the otherwise open end of this coin pocket as shown in Figure 5, and as shown the two snap fasteners 6—11 and 12—13 secure the pocket book in folded, closed and flat position as in Figure 1.

The division 3 when the book is opened as in Figure 4, is designed for the reception of a stack of folded bills or bank notes, as shown in Figure 3, and is joined to the interme-

diate section or division 2 by the bend 14. At what may be termed the inner side of the bill fold are two end flaps 15 and 16 folding toward the longitudinal center of the bill fold over the ends of the stack S resting against the wall or partition 17 which may form a part of or be secured to the bend 14. The wall 17 is fashioned with a longitudinal, central slot 18, and a centrally located opening of circular formation as 19, for access of the fingers when extracting a bill or note.

At the opposite or outer side of the wall 17 are a pair of end flaps 20 and 21, also folding toward the central opening or longitudinal center of the wall 17, for retaining the stack of bills as S in Figure 3. The stack of bills is placed in position within the fold by first opening out the flaps 15 and 16, then slipping the end S′ of the stack through the slot 18, pressing down on the stack and finally closing the two flaps 15 and 16 over the free end of the stack. At the opposite or front side of the pouch or bill fold as seen in Figure 2 the end S′ is retained by the two flaps 20 and 21, but by opening back these two flaps, the end S′ may be grasped between the finger and thumb, (the finger being placed in the opening 19) and the full length of the bill or note be pulled through the slot 18. As the inner end of this bill is withdrawn through the slot it brings with it the first end of the succeeding bill of the stack, and the second bill may then be withdrawn if desired, and so on to the end of the stack. When closing the pouch the two flaps 20 and 21 are turned down to the position of flap 21 in Figure 2. The two flaps 15 and 16 also have a retaining flap 22 that folds down over them and the stack of bills is securely held between these transversely folding flaps and the longitudinally folding, end flap 22. This end flap is provided with a head 23, which, when the flap 22 is folded over the flaps 15 and 16, is in position to have its complementary socket 24 of the coin pouch, snapped over it to retain the flaps over the bills.

When using the pocket book, it may be opened to extended position by two unfolding actions, the first action, after the fastener 6—11 has been opened, being to turn or open the book to position of Figure 2 in order that access may be had to the bill fold, and bills readily withdrawn from the slotted wall of the fold as described. The second unfolding action may be accomplished after the snap fastener 23—24 has been opened, thus permitting the bill fold to be turned back to position of Figure 4. In this position additional bills may be placed in the bill fold, or coin may be extracted from the pocket 8, which has been opened by unfastening the snap fastener. The pocket 9 may also be opened by unfastening the snap fastener 11—12 and turning back the flap 10. From the above description, taken in connection with my drawings it will be apparent that the pocket book so constructed is a convenient and accessible receptacle for the several articles designed to be carried therein, and provides a secure and compact device for performing its required functions.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

1. The combination in a foldable pocket book comprising a card case having an end flap, an intermediate coin pocket, and an end bill-fold, an inner closure-flap on the bill-fold and fastening means for securing said end flap and inner closure-flap, fastening means on said inner closure-flap and intermediate coin pocket, and fastening means between said bill fold and an intermediate coin pocket.

2. The combination in a foldable pocket book comprising a card pocket having an end flap, an intermediate section having pockets at opposite sides, and an end bill-fold, of an inner closure flap on the bill fold and fastening means for securing said end flap and inner closure-flap, fastening means on said inner closure flap and one coin pocket, a retaining flap for the bill-fold, and fastening means on said retaining flap and the other coin pocket.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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