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WALLET

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Fig. 1.

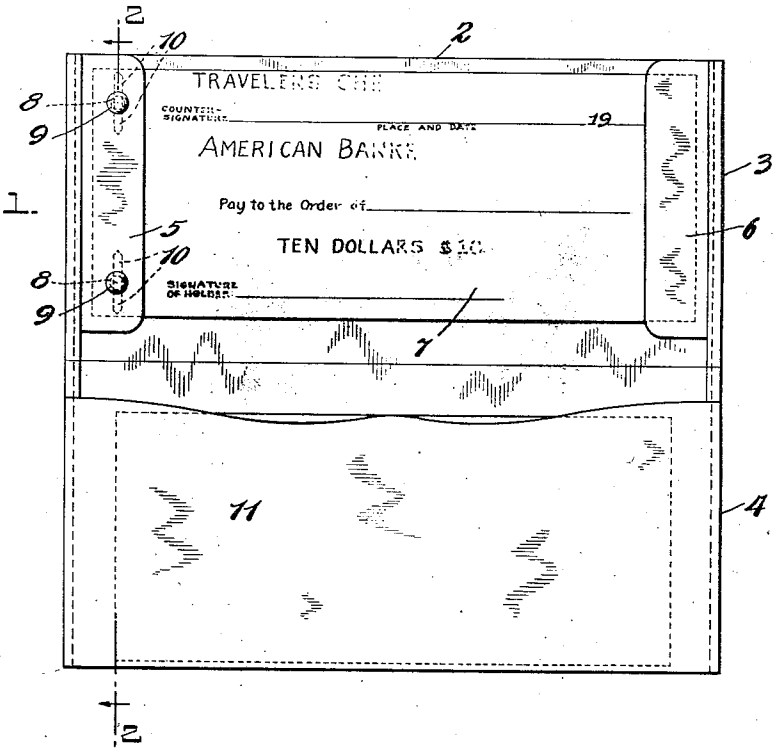
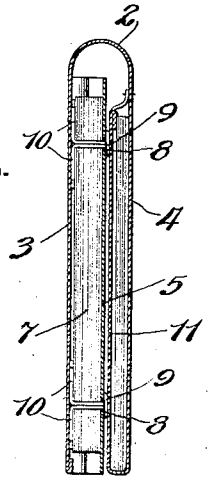


Fig. 2.



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This invention relates to wallets and is more particularly concerned with the provision of an improved wallet or case for the carrying of travelers' checks or the like. In the wallets heretofore provided for this purpose, it has been customary to carry the checks loosely in pockets provided in said wallets with the resultant disadvantage that checks may become lost from said pockets.

In my invention there is provided a wallet wherein travelers' checks are held securely and wherein there is avoided the danger of loss incident to the placing of such checks in the pockets which have heretofore been employed for their reception. My improved wallet further enables the checks to be counter-signed with greater facility than heretofore, and at the same time to be readily removed when desired. Other features of the invention will be hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings:

Fig. 1 is a plan view showing the wallet in open condition and with travelers' checks therein, said checks being diagrammatically indicated as of standard form.

Fig. 2 is a transverse vertical sectional view of the wallet when closed, said view being taken on the plane indicated by line 2—2 in Fig. 1.

Referring to the drawings, the numeral 2 designates generally a wallet comprising leaf portions 3, 4, foldable into either open or closed position. On the leaf 3 I provide flaps 5, 6, respectively for the reception of travelers' checks 7, said checks being positioned with their end portions beneath the respective flaps. The flap 5 is shown provided with holes 8, 8, for the reception of paper fasteners 9, 9, which are passed through the checks 7 to secure the latter to said flap. The fasteners 9, as shown, may be of the well-known type comprising portions 10, 10 foldable against the checks for receiving the latter, as indicated, but it will be understood that any other suitable or convenient means may be employed for fastening said checks to said flap 5.

The leaf 4 of the wallet is provided with a pocket 11 in which may be carried notes or bills obtained by the cashing of the checks 7.

In accordance with the well-known practice attending the cashing of said checks, each check must be countersigned by the holder in the presence of the cashier. It will be evident from my arrangement wherein the checks are carried with the face of the upper-most check exposed, this counter-signing may be conveniently and expeditiously accomplished while the check is in position in the wallet. After a check has been countersigned, it may be readily detached from its fastening means. To facilitate removal the checks may, if desired, be scored or perforated along the line of the flap 5.

While the invention has been specifically described in conjunction with travelers' checks, it will be apparent that the utility of the invention is by no means restricted thereto and that checks, slips, or the like, of various types, may be readily carried in lieu of travelers' checks in the improved wallet which I have provided.

The terms and expressions which I have employed are used as terms of description and not of limitation, and I have no intention, in the use of such terms and expressions, of excluding any equivalents of the features shown and described or portions thereof, but recognize that various modifications are possible within the scope of the invention claimed.

I claim:

1. A wallet adapted for the carrying of travelers' checks and comprising a leaf portion, flaps on said portion for receiving said checks, and means for securing the checks to one of said flaps.

2. A wallet adapted for the carrying of travelers' checks and comprising a leaf portion, flaps on said portion for receiving the ends of said checks, and means for securing said checks to one of said flaps.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification this 17 day of February, 1930.

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