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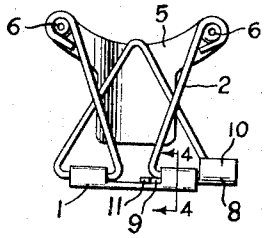


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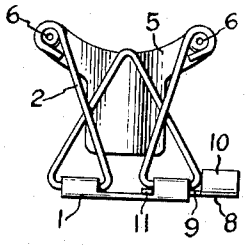
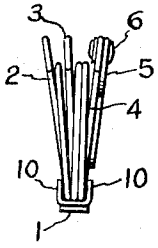


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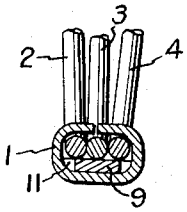


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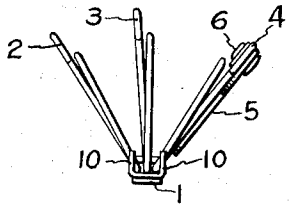


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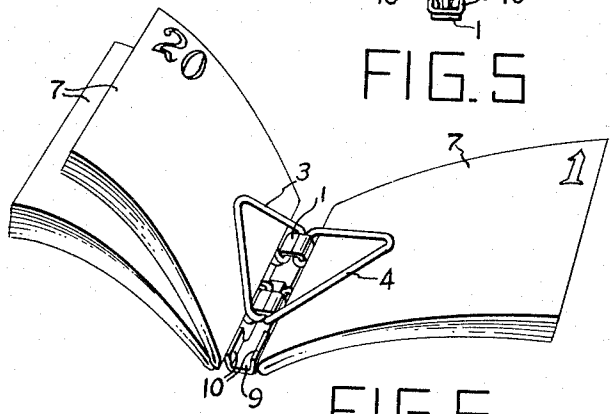


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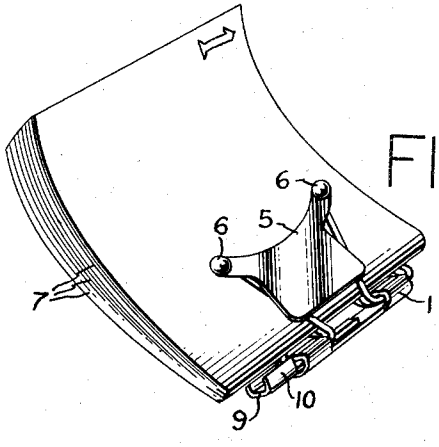


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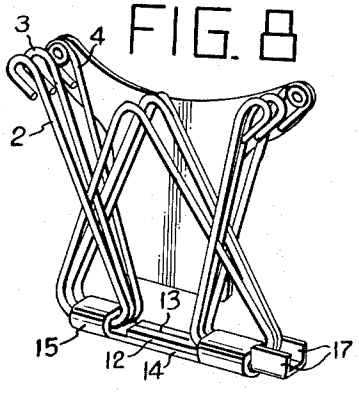


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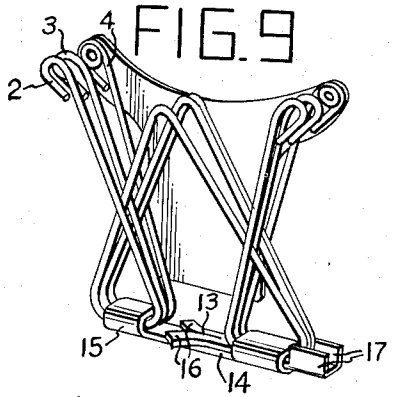


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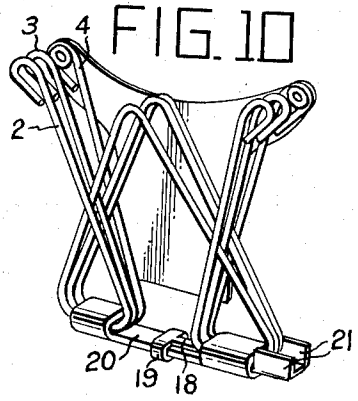


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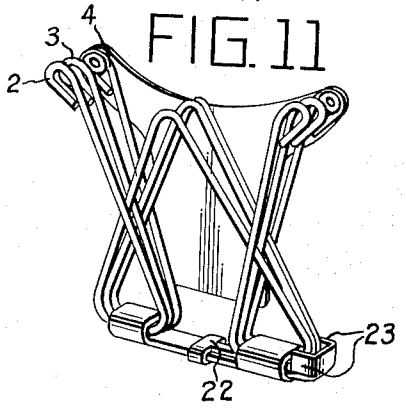


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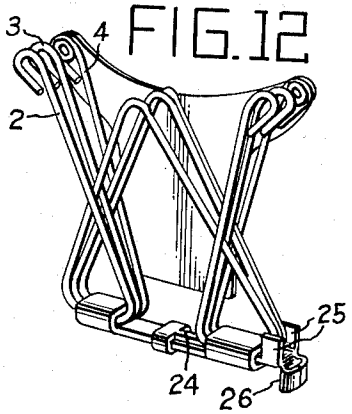
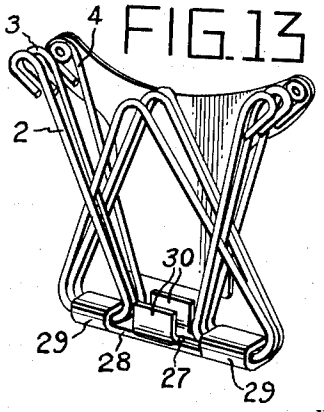


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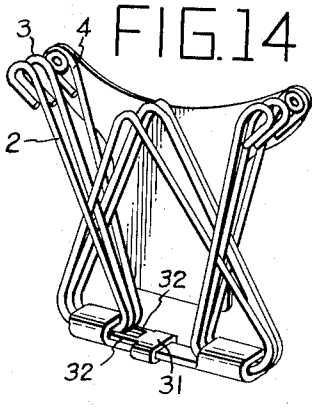


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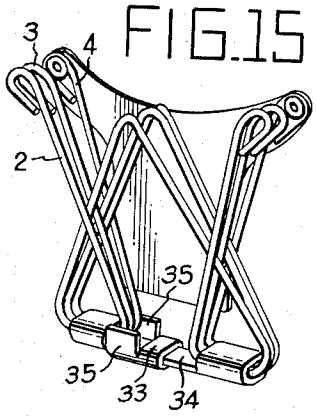
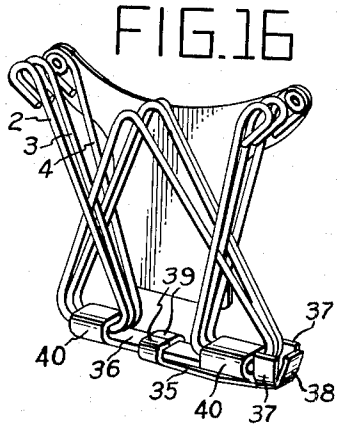


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The invention relates to money carriers suitable for carrying paper money and capable of being locked together.

More specifically, the invention relates to money carriers provided with a plurality of compartments, held together to provide a unit and which compartments are separable for better access to insert or withdraw bills or other objects clamped into the various compartments. Such multiple clip unit which opens and closes together similar to the pages of a notebook lacks means to prevent the unit from undesired self-opening when carried in a pocket or purse. Especially when such money carriers in a pocket or in a lady's purse, keys, pocket-knives, handkerchiefs, etc., or in cases where the unit is carried in a lady's handbag, lipsticks, powder-compacts, etc. are apt to result in the undesired opening of the multiple clip device.

I have now invented means to carry such multiple clip safely in a pocket or in a lady's purse without having to fear that the various compartments will open. The means according to the invention are attached to the multiple money-carrier and prevent undesired opening but on the other hand they allow a simple opening of the multiple money carrier in order to gain access to the various compartments when desired.

With my invention I have solved in a practical way the problem of holding together various compartments in a money clip, in which various denominations of money are separated from each other, by locking the compartments together until the user wants to unlock them. I have accomplished this by creating a locking means on the money clip. A money clip for instance consisting of three different clip-compartments without such lock means when handled, will naturally immediately open up and expose the contents of all three compartments.

An outer compartment for instance containing the one-dollar bills, the opposite outer compartment containing the five-dollar bills and the center compartment containing the higher denominations as for instance, ten, twenty or hundred dollar bills, are all visible when the money carrier is opened. If a person, however, uses a money clip in accordance with my invention where the entire unit of multiple money-carrier compartments are locked together until the user wants to unlock the device, then the user can keep the bills fully hidden in the center compartment because he can insert and withdraw bills from the two outer compartments without disturbing or exposing the bills in the center compartment as long as he has not unlocked the entire unit. He can for instance carry in one of the outer compartments, papers, tickets, etc. so that actually only the compartment with the single bills is visible and the center compartment, carrying the larger bills, can remain locked. This is an advantage in addition to the heretofore described great advantage to prevent a multiple money-clip from undesired opening up when carried in a pocket or purse.

The locking means on multiple money carriers in accordance with my invention can be created in various forms and styles and the drawings show a number of preferred forms.

Further objects will be apparent from the following description when considered in connection with the accompanying drawings in which:

Figure 1 is a front face view of the money carrier showing the locking means in locked position;

Fig. 2 is a front face view similar to Fig. 1 which shows the locking means in unlocked position;

Fig. 3 is a side view of the carrier showing the clips in closed position;

Fig. 4 is a cross-sectional view taken on line 4—4 of Fig. 1 in the direction of the arrows;

Fig. 5 is a side view of the carrier similar to Fig. 3 showing the clips in open or spread position;

Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the money carrier showing bills in the three clips and the latter open or separated position;

Fig. 7 is a perspective view of the carrier showing bills in the clips and the latter in closed position;

Fig. 8 is a perspective view of the carrier showing a modified locking means showing the locking element in unsecured position;

Fig. 9 is a perspective view of the carrier of Fig. 8 with the locking element in the secured position;

Figs. 10–12 are perspective views of three further modified locking means operative on one end of the clips;

Fig. 13 is a perspective view of another modified locking means operative between the clips;

Fig. 14 is a perspective view of a further modified locking means; and

Figs. 15 and 16 are perspective views of two additional modified locking means mounted to slide adjacent the hinge of the carrier.

The drawings show in all of the modifications a shackle or yoke-like hinge member **1** which is attached to and pivotally secures a plurality of bill-holding clips **2**, **3** and **4**, or more if desired, with one end clip **4** preferably provided with a name plate **5** secured thereto by rivets **6** or by any other suitable means. Figs. 6 and 7 show packs of bills **7** secured in the respective clips **2**, **3** and **4**.

A preferred lock means **8** is shown in Figs. 1 to 7 where there is provided a slider which consists of a bar **9** inserted as shown between the clips **2** to **4** and the hinge **1** and acting on the bottom of the three bill-clip compartments **2**, **3** and **4**. This slider bar **9** has at one projecting end, two downward or upward directed lock cheeks **10**, one at each side, as shown in Figs. 3 and 5. These cheeks **10** will hold and lock together, in the locked position, the multiple clip compartments on for instance the edge of the clips, Fig. 1, and thus prevent a self or undesired opening of the carrier because it is necessary to unlock the carrier by pulling the slider bar **9** outwardly, Fig. 2, so that the clip compartments are free to permit ready opening as shown in Fig. 6. The lock and unlocking slider in accordance with the invention can be provided with means to prevent a complete pulling out of the slider bar **9** by having its inner end extensions **11** either bent or larger or thicker, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. Such enlarged extensions **11**, when the slider **8** is pulled into unlocked position, Fig. 2, hit against the hinge of the multiple money carrier and prevent the further pulling out of the slider bar **9**. The slider **8** as shown, can be inserted before the hinge means extends around and is secured on the clip compartments.

The insertion of the slider bar **9** under the clip elements **2** to **4** is especially safely guided and held in position if, as illustrated, the slider bar **9** acts adjacent another bar, for instance the bar of the hinge **1** with which the multiple clip compartments are held together.

Figs. 6 and 7 illustrate more clearly the function and operation of the locking and unlocking slider. The entire unit acts as a book in that the hinge holds the clips **2** to **4** pivotally movable around the bars or loops of the clip compartments to allow a pivotal opening of the entire unit like the pages of a notebook and, as stated, in case the lock slider has an extension beyond the width of the bar of the hinge **1** or is thicker at its inner end it is obvious that such slider with extensions at its end will be inserted before the bending together of the hinge cheeks during assembly. Also the lock slider as shown in Fig. 7 whose ends are not bent may be removed if desired.

Figs. 8 and 9 show a modified slider in which a slider bar **12** has in its bar a slot **13** and such slider can be inserted into the multiple clip unit after the various clip compartments **2** to **4** have been assembled in the hinge **1**. The slider bar **12** will be pushed over the hinge bar **14** in the closed cheeks **15** of the hinge and a complete pulling out of the slider bar **12** is prevented by opening up the slotted part **13** to be expanded as arms **16**, Fig. 9. Such expanding of the arms **16** is simply accomplished by spreading the slotted part **13** apart so that the spread apart arms **16** of the slider bar **12** will hit against one of the hinge means **15** for the clip compartments **2** to **4** depending on which side the lock slider is attached, and thereby prevents a total pulling out of the lock slider.

It is obvious that my lock slider in accordance with my invention can be employed on any kind of a multiple clip device other than those shown in the drawings.

Gripping means such as **26** are extended, for instance, outwards and preferably below the slider where for example the bills could cover up the upwardly extending lock cheeks in order to provide a good and free grip for sliding the lock slider into locking or unlocking position.

The upwardly directed lock cheeks may be opened only to an extent to embrace and to house the wire compartment edges for locking together purposes and are otherwise at the end for instance closed, as shown in Figs. 11 and 16, in order to prevent a projection of the bills into the lock cheeks. These lock cheeks can be opened if desired at the ends. When the lock cheeks are partly closed at the lower ends then they hold the contents, clipped into the clip compartments away from entering into the lock cheeks and also spaced away from and covering up the outer surfaces of the lock cheeks to leave thereby the outer surfaces of the lock cheeks uncovered for a perfect and free grip to move the lock slider in and out of locking position.

Fig. 10 shows a lock slider bar **18** having at its ends a ribbon-like part **19** extending around the hinge bar **20** in order to prevent a total pulling out of the lock slider and this ribbon-like part **19** offers a good grip to move the lock cheeks **21** in and out of locking position. Here the grip for the movement of the lock slider is accomplished by means of the ribbon located on the hinge bar **20** and is always free from being covered by the objects which might have been placed in the clips since it extends under the hinge bar.

Fig. 11 shows the lock slider **22** acting so that its cheeks **23** hold the clip compartments **2** to **4** together. I am not limiting my invention to a certain location or position or direction of movement where the lock slider is acting to lock and hold the various clip compartments together. In Fig. 11 the bar **22** of the lock slider is arranged so that the lock cheeks **23** are slidable over a part of the clips, as shown, in order to lock the compartments together.

Fig. 12 shows a slider bar **24** similar to Fig. 11 except that the bar adjacent the lock cheeks **25** is provided with a gripping lug or lip **26** to provide a means to easily operate the lock and unlocking device.

Fig. 13 shows a modification of the lock slider in which such slider **27** is provided to slide on the hinge member **28** between the hinge encircling portions **29**. The slider **27** is provided with cheeks **30** which latter are adapted

to slide adjacent to the clip members **2** and **4** to thus lock the compartments together.

Fig. 14 shows the slide **31** provided with two arms or forks **32** which cooperate with the clips as shown which can wedge between the hinge members and the clips.

Fig. 15 shows the slide **33** gripping around the center part **34** of the hinge and provided with the locking cheeks **35**. Fig. 15 shows the compartments in the locked position. The slider bar acts underneath the hinge bar for better guidance.

Fig. 16 shows the locking slider **35** mounted on top of the hinge bar **36** and as shown this modification has two locking cheeks **37** and an end stop plate **38**. The slider **35** is held on the bar **36** by means of the two encircling members **39** sliding on the bar **36** between the hinge members **40**.

The best guidance for holding in position to give a tight and snug fit to hold and close together the various clip compartments is accomplished when the lock slider acts between the hinge bar and the clips or any other bar, as in Figs. 1 to 14, which gives a double secure holding down of the lock slider so that the various compartments can not be opened up other than by pulling the slider out of the locking position. In accordance with the invention, to hold the various compartments of a multiple money clip together against undesired self-opening I have described and shown various lock means attached on or about the hinge part and being slidable in operation, for instance sideways.

Any type of clip can be used as the shape of the clips can assume any desired configuration.

It is expressly emphasized that the scope of this invention is not to be construed as being limited by the drawings or by the description but that on the contrary the claims submitted individually define the protective scope of this invention.

I claim:

1. A money carrier for bills and the like comprising a plurality of clips each adapted to hold a plurality of bills, a hinge bar connected to the clips so that they may be pivotally moved relative to each other, and a sliding lock mounted adjacent and in contact with the hinge and slidably movable in a straight line relative thereto, said lock having a pair of cheeks adapted to contact at least two of said clips to hold all the clips in position adjacent to each other and when out of contact permitting the clips to fan out around the hinge with the clips in spaced relationship.

2. A money carrier according to claim 1, in which each clip is composed of a single length of metal wire and the sliding lock is provided with means embracing the hinge bar and forming sliding connection for the sliding lock.

3. A money carrier according to claim 1, which the sliding lock is mounted on the inside of the hinge bar and between the hinge bar and the plurality of clips.

4. A money carrier according to claim 1, in which the sliding lock is mounted on the outside of the hinge and is provided with an encircling member slidably mounted around the hinge bar.

5. A money carrier according to claim 1, in which the sliding lock is mounted between the hinge bar and the clips and is provided with a U-shaped outer end portion to engage the clips when the latter are in the folded position and the inner end is forked so that the sliding lock cannot be pulled completely out of the carrier.

6. A money carrier according to claim 1, in which the sliding lock is mounted on the hinge bar with an encircling portion.

7. A money carrier according to claim 1, in which the sliding lock is mounted on the inside of the hinge bar and has a U-shaped outer end portion to contact the clips in the folded position of the carrier.

8. A money carrier according to claim 1, in which the sliding lock is mounted on the inside of the hinge bar

and has a U-shaped outer end portion to contact the clips in the folded position of the carrier, and in which the inner end portion of the sliding lock is provided with a band encircling the hinge bar and slidable thereon.

9. A money carrier according to claim 1, in which the sliding lock is provided with a U-shaped element which is adapted to contact the clips in the folded position of the clips of the carrier.

10. A money carrier according to claim 1, in which means are provided to prevent the separation of the sliding lock from the clips.

11. A money carrier according to claim 1, in which said sliding lock has a portion which contacts and slides on the inside surface of the hinge between such surface and the clips.

12. A money carrier according to claim 1, in which said sliding lock has a portion which contacts and slides on the inside surface of the hinge between such surface and the clips, and having another portion extending beyond the hinge which contacts the clips in the adjacent position of the latter.

13. A money carrier according to claim 1, in which means are provided adjacent the cheeks to prevent and hold the bills from contact between the cheeks by preventing undesired entry of the bills between the cheeks.

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