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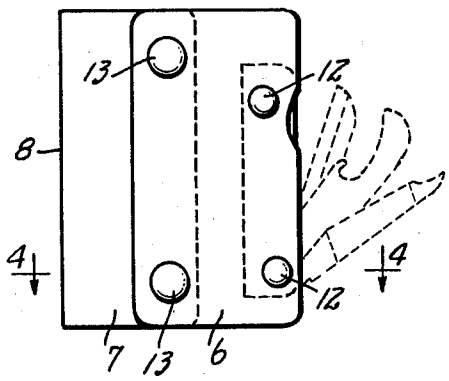


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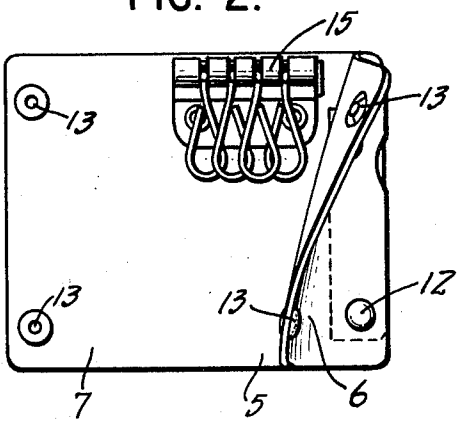


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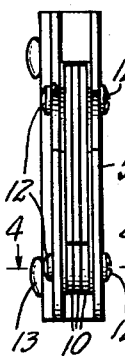


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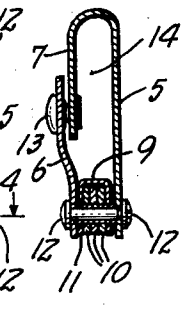


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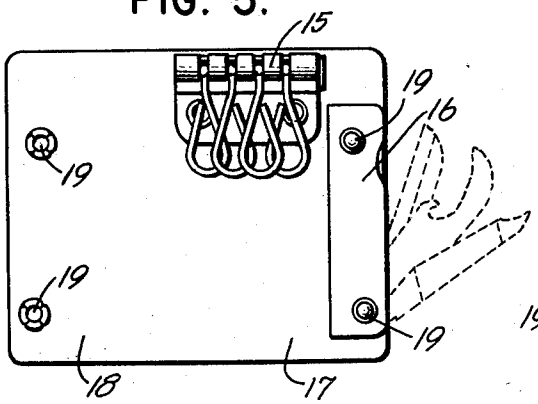


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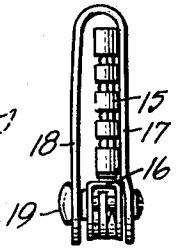


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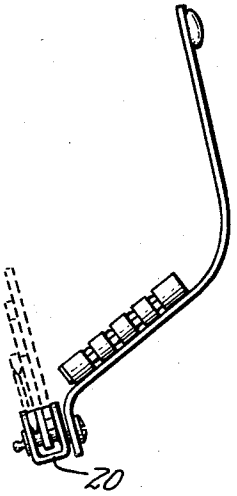


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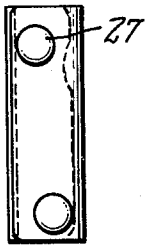


FIG. 10.



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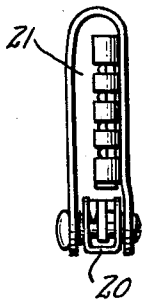
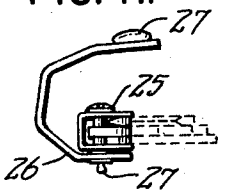


FIG. 11.



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My invention relates to a case for tools or the like. Tools and various other articles are often carried in a pocket or pocketbook and the cases are often formed of leather and become much crumpled and out of shape after use in the pocket or pocketbook. This application is a division of my copending application Serial No. 674,506, filed July 26, 1957.

My invention relates particularly to a novel case of leather, or like material, having one or more pockets therein for receiving one or more articles, one of which is preferably stiff and permanently secured in the case so as to form a stiffening member to hold the case in shape during use and after considerable wear.

It is a general object of the invention to provide an improved case for holding one or more articles.

It is another object to provide an improved case having sheet and flap means foldable on a line generally parallel to a knife case permanently attached to at least one of said sheet and flap means and serving as a stiffening member for the case.

It is a further object to provide an improved case formed by a knife member held in a pocket in the case and serving as a stiffener for the case and serving to hold other articles in the case in proper shape.

It is still another object to provide a case of the character indicated, including sheet or flap means for enhousing a knife and being foldable on lines generally parallel to the knife and at least partly surrounding the same when the case is closed.

Another object is to provide a case embodying a knife permanently secured thereto and opening inwardly of the case when the latter is in closed position.

Another object is to provide a case of the character indicated which comprises a knife permanently secured between a back sheet and a front flap and a side flap foldable on a line parallel to the knife case and means for detachably securing the side flap and said cover flap to each other, and forming a pocket rearwardly to said knife case.

Other objects and various features of novelty and invention will be hereinafter pointed out or will become apparent to those skilled in the art.

Briefly stated, in a preferred form of the invention, my improved case is formed of leather, or like material, and preferably consists in one form of a back sheet having an integral side flap thereon and a front cover flap or sheet for detachable connection with said side flap. Between the back sheet and the cover flap, a knife with one or more blades, is enhoused and permanently secured to said back sheet and said cover flap. When the side flap is folded along a line parallel to the knife case and detachably secured to the front flap, a substantial pocket is formed between the back sheet, the side flap, the front flap and the back of the knife. In that pocket, various articles or tools may be held or secured. For example, keys or any other articles desired may be held therein. Various modifications may be made in that in some cases one of the flaps may be done away with and another flap so increased in size as to form with the back sheet a housing for any articles to be housed therein. If only a knife is to be enclosed in the housing, the housing may consist of a single sheet permanently secured to the knife casing and folded about the knife so as to cover at least the blade portion thereof when in closed position so as to prevent accidental opening in the pocket.

In the drawings, which show for illustrative purposes only, preferred forms of the invention:

Fig. 1 is a view in front elevation of a case illustrating the invention, several blade members of a knife being indicated in partially open position;

Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1 illustrating the case in open position and showing an article, such as a key carrying means, in the pocket formed behind the knife;

Fig. 3 is a view in right-hand side elevation of the case shown in Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is a sectional view taken substantially in the plane of the line 4—4 of Fig. 3;

Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 2, but illustrating a modification in which no front flap is required;

Fig. 6 is a top plan view of the case shown in Fig. 5, but is closed position;

Fig. 7 is a view similar to Fig. 6 but illustrating a slight modification wherein the knife opens inwardly rather than outwardly;

Fig. 8 is a top plan view in open position of the case shown in Fig. 7, several of the blades being shown in partially open position and inwardly in the case.

Fig. 9 is a view in front elevation of a casing secured to the knife itself, the core being detachably held in closed position so as to cover at least the blade portion of the knife;

Fig. 10 is a top plan view of the case shown in Fig. 9;

Fig. 11 is a view similar to Fig. 10, but showing the housing or casing in open position.

In the form shown in Figs. 1 to 4, the case consists of a back sheet **5**, a front flap **6** and a side flap **7**. The side flap is foldable along the line **8** which is parallel to a knife-like member carried by and forming part of the case. In the form shown, this knife-like member comprises a channel-shaped metal or like case **9** having one or more blades **10** therein. These blades are pivoted on a hollow pivot member **11** passing through apertures in the blades and through the sides of the channel case **9** and are riveted over so as to hold them and the blades securely in the case. The case **9** has further apertures at the opposite end and means, such as screws or the like **12**, pass through the hollow pivot **11** and also through the other apertures in the case **9** and also through the back sheet **5** and the front flap **6**. Thus, the knife is permanently held between the back sheet and the front flap and serves as a stiffener in a vertical direction, as viewed in Figs. 1 and 2.

When the side flap **7** is folded over, as stated, along the line parallel to the knife, the front flap **6** then engages with the side flap and through detachable fasteners **13** the two flaps are detachably held together and form a housing **14** (Fig. 4) in back of the knife and between the back sheet **5** and the side and cover flaps **7—6**.

In this housing, formed by the knife itself and the back sheet and cover flaps, various articles may be placed. In the form shown, a key-retaining device **15** is secured in that pocket.

In the form shown in Figs. 5 and 6, the knife **16** is permanently secured to the back sheet **17** by means of screws or the like, as heretofore described, and the side sheet **18** is wide enough to completely overlap the back sheet **17** and is detachably secured to the knife itself as by means of snap fasteners, or the like, **19** which are fastened to the side sheet **18** and to the knife itself. Here again, the knife is held in place by the screws or the

like passing through the hollow pivot and through apertures in the knife case. The screws may have on one end the male portion of a snap fastener.

In the form shown in Fig. 7, the parts are exactly the same as those shown in Figs. 5 and 6, except that the knife **20** opens inwardly, that is, when the case is closed, as shown in Fig. 7, the knife blades open into the pocket **21** and not outwardly away from the pocket, as shown in Fig. 5. Thus, the knife can never come open in the pocket or pocketbook, and never do any injury so long as the case is closed. Clearly, the knife in the form shown in Figs. 1–4 could be turned so the blades open inwardly.

In the form shown in Figs. 9, 10 and 11, the knife **25** has a sheet **26** attached thereto and this sheet may be folded along lines parallel to the knife and be detachably held in closed position, as by means of glove or other fasteners **27** on the sheet or on the knife and the sheet. Thus, the knife when in closed position, may be completely enclosed, as shown in Fig. 10, and in any event, it is sufficiently enhoused so as to cover the blades to the extent at least as shown in Fig. 9. Thus, in the form shown in Figs. 9, 10 and 11, only the knife itself is enclosed in a housing permanently attached to the knife. In all of the other forms, the knife forms part of the housing and is permanently secured therein and serves as a stiffener to maintain the case in shape when in the

pocket or pocketbook. Various articles may be held in the pocket formed between the various sheets and flaps and the knife, as heretofore described.

While the invention has been described in considerable detail and preferred forms illustrated, it is to be understood that various changes and modifications may be made within the scope of the invention, as defined in the appended claim.

I claim:

In a case of the character indicated, sheet means of relatively flexible material and including a back sheet having a plurality of elongated edges, a knife-like tool having an elongated relatively stiff channel-shaped casing defining opposed side walls, said tool being secured to said sheet means with one of said side walls adjacent said back sheet, the outer elongated edge of said one side wall being substantially flush with one edge of said back sheet, said tool including blade means pivotally mounted in said elongated casing and free to swing outwardly from said casing and outwardly from said one edge, said back sheet being folded along a line offset from and parallel to said elongated casing to define a closure flap extending over at least a part of said casing, and means detachably holding said closure flap in secured relation with said casing when overlapped with said part of said casing.

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