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Fig. 1.

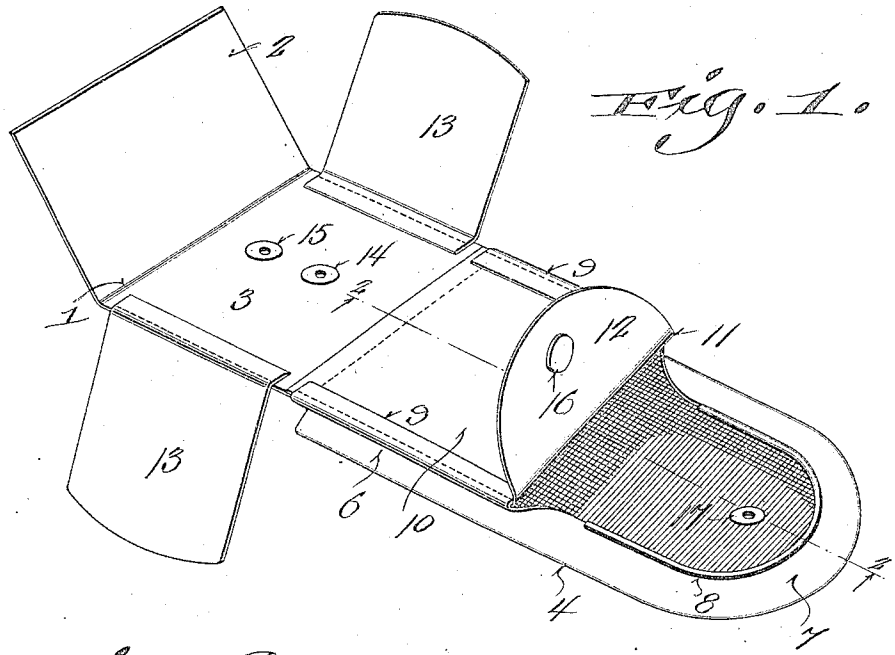
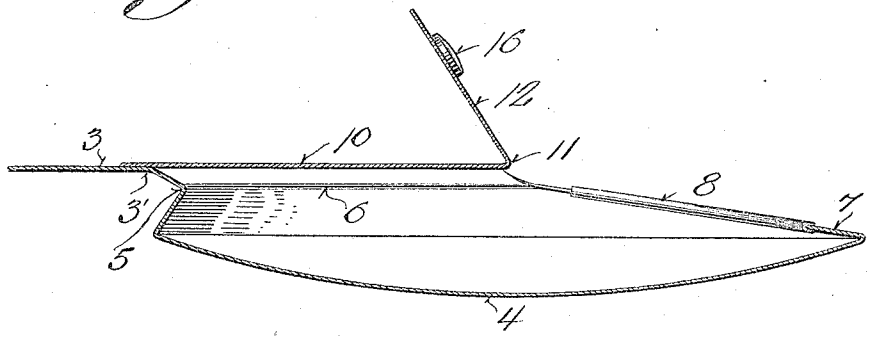


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANTON GUENTHER, a citizen of the United States, and resident of West Bend, in the county of Washington and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pocket-Books; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

This invention relates to the subject of combined bill folds and coin purses, and the primary object of the same is to produce a bill fold and coin purse that is strong, serviceable and attractive, requiring but a small amount of material in its manufacture, and one in which the purse portion is of such a nature that the coins therein may be viewed for selection purposes without danger of the coins being accidentally displaced from the purse.

A simple and practical embodiment of the invention is shown in the accompanying drawings wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved bill fold and purse. Fig. 2 is a sectional view taken substantially on the line 2—2, Fig. 1.

The improved bill fold and purse is preferably formed of leather or other suitable material that is capable of being folded without danger of breaking or being otherwise damaged, and comprises in its general organization a body strip that is provided with a transverse fold line 1 at one portion, arranged so that an end flap 2 is formed, and suitably spaced from the fold line 1, another fold line 3 is provided. This arrangement subdivides the body strip into three sections, the three sections being the end flap 2, foldable body section 3, and the stationary body section 4. The stationary body section 4 is longer and wider than the section 3 and flap 2, and at its junction with section 3, is shaped to produce a bellows fold 5, such fold being continued for a portion of each longitudinal edge or side, as indicated at 6. Forward of the fold 6, the section 4 is rounded and inturned to produce a shield 7 that overlaps the outer end portion of the section 4 in spaced relation, and the edge portion of the shield 7 is reinforced and stiffened by a metallic guard that is nickeled or otherwise ornamented. The guard 8 is U shaped in cross section to permit the edge of the shield to be clamped within the guard. The use of the bellows folds 5 and 6 disposes the body section 4 in a different plane than the section 3, so that a coin compartment is provided in the form of a pocket that is comparatively deep and which is guarded at its edge portions by the folds 5 and 6 and the overhanging shield 7. The bellows folds 6 are provided at their free ends with narrow flaps 9 that overlap and are stitched or otherwise fastened to a cover 10, the cover being also stitched or otherwise fastened to the body section 3 adjacent the fold line 3. The cover 10 extends to the forward ends of the folds 6, and at such point is provided with a fold line 11 from which extends a locking flap 12, the free end of which is preferably rounded.

The body section 3 has side flaps 13 stitched or otherwise fastened thereto, and centrally is provided with regularly spaced stud members 14 and 15, the flap 12 carrying a socket member 16, and the body section 4 carrying a socket member 17. The socket members 16 and 17 are complemental to, and adapted to engage with the stud members 15 and 14 respectively. The portion of the body section 4 inclosed by bellows folds 5 and 6, and the cover 10 forms a pocket for the reception of coins, and the other or forward portion of said body section 4 that is surrounded by the shields 7 forms an inspection compartment to permit the coins to be selectively removed therefrom, the shield 7 preventing accidental dislodgement of the coins from the inspection compartment.

The bills are placed on the section 3 and cover 10, the side flaps 13 are folded on to the bills, and the flap 2 is folded onto the side flaps; the section 4 is then folded onto the cover 10, and cover flap 12 is then folded over the outer surface of section 3, and the fastener members 15 and 16 "snapped" together. The inspection compartment is then folded onto the section 3, and the flap 12, and its fastener member 17 "snapped" into engagement with the fastener member 14 of said section 3, thereby securely and compactly folding the bill fold and purse so that neither the bills nor the coins can be accidentally lost therefrom. In this connection it should be noted that the arrange-

ment of the inspection compartment relative to the coin pocket is such that the act of folding said compartment causes the coins to flow into the pocket. And similarly the act of unfolding the compartment causes the coins to flow from the pocket to the compartment, thereby exposing the coins to view, so that selection of the coins is facilitated. The guard 8 of the shield 7 is a continuous one and serves to prevent said guard becoming buckled or otherwise defective.

I claim:

1. A combined bill fold and coin purse comprising a body strip formed in two sections, the sections having a bellows fold connection to dispose the sections in different planes, one section having side bellows folds and forward of said folds, having a foldable extension, the edges of which are inturned to form an overhanging shield, a reinforcing metallic strip for the said inturned edges, a cover attached to the side bellows folds to form a coin pocket in the rear of, and in communication with the extension, the other section having side and end flaps, and the cover being provided with a locking flap.

2. A combined bill fold and coin purse comprising a body including one section having side and end flaps, another section having a fold connection with the first mentioned section and having its rear end and sides provided with bellows folds, and a forward extension shaped to form an inspection compartment having a surrounding shield, a reinforcing guard engaging the free edges of the shield, and a cover fastened to the first mentioned body section and to the side bellows folds, and forming a pocket that communicates with the inspection compartment.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand at West Bend, in the county of Washington and State of Wisconsin, in the presence of two witnesses.

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