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BILL FOLD

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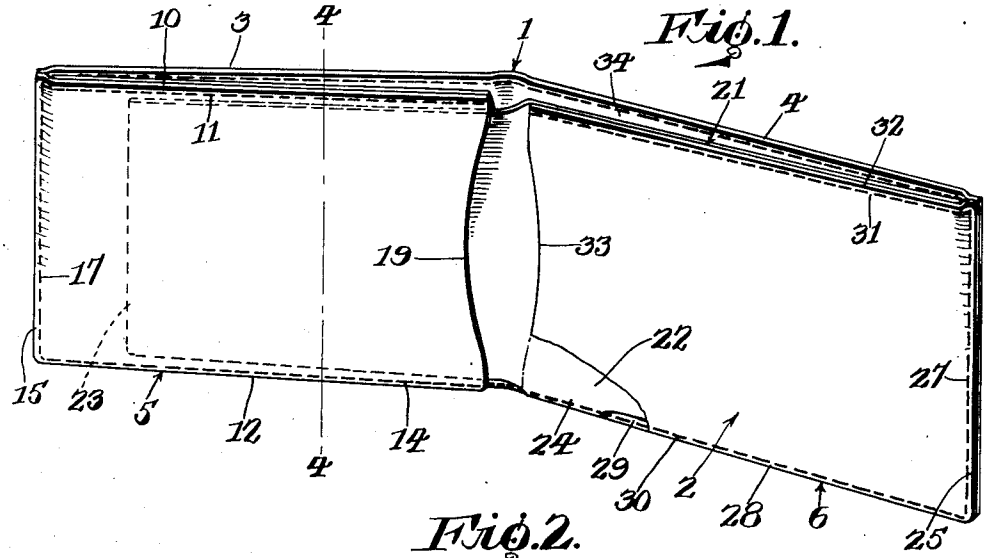


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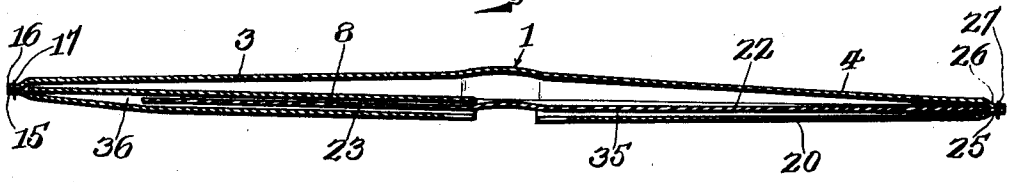


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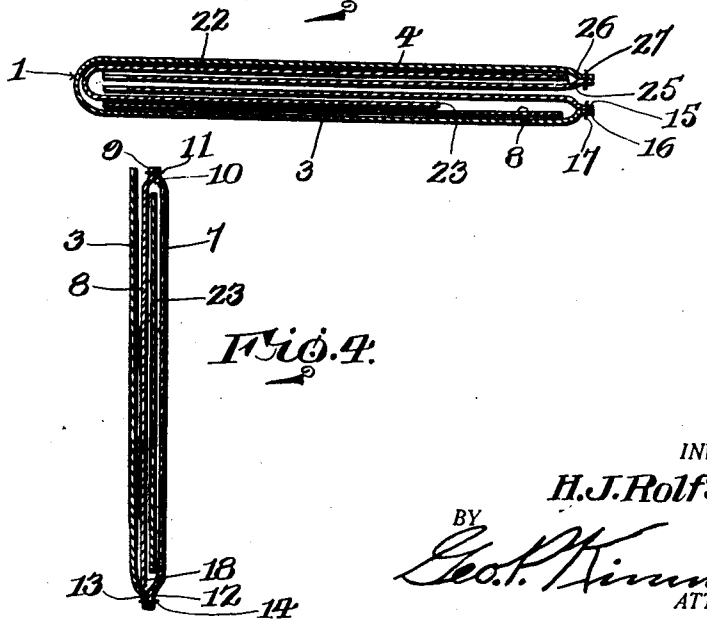


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This invention relates to bill folds and has for its object to provide an article of such class, in a manner as hereinafter set forth to prevent the bulging thereof when folded upon itself when bulkily filled.

A further object of the invention is to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, a bill fold having a slidable bridge forming means to prevent bulging, when the fold is bulkily filled when bent or folded upon itself.

A further object of the invention is to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, a bill fold having its inner side formed with a pair of interengaging sections, one shiftable relative to the other to prevent, when the fold is bulkily filled from bulging when folded upon itself.

Further objects of the invention are to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth a bill fold which is simple in its construction and arrangement, strong, durable, compact, thoroughly efficient in its use and for the purpose intended, readily assembled, and comparatively inexpensive to manufacture.

With the foregoing and other objects in view the invention consists of the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts as hereinafter more specifically described, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings wherein is shown an embodiment of the invention, but it is to be understood that changes, variations and modifications can be resorted to which fall within the scope of the claim hereunto appended.

In the drawings wherein like reference characters denote corresponding parts throughout the several views:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the folder when extended and looking towards the inner side thereof.

Figure 2 is a plan in longitudinal section of the folder when extended.

Figure 3 is a transverse sectional view of the folder when folded upon itself.

Figure 4 is a section on line 4—4 Figure 1.

The folder is of that type which is open at one longitudinal edge thereof and also is of any suitable contour, preferably rectangular and is so illustrated. It includes a one-piece outer body member or front side 1 and a sectional inner body member or inner side 2. The members 1 and 2 are constructed of any suitable material, preferably leather. The members 1 and 2 can be formed of like flexible material, but it is to be understood that the material from which the member 1 is formed can be different from the material from which the member 2 is set up, but the materials must be flexible to enable the said body members to be folded at their transverse medians.

The member 1 is foldable along its transverse median to provide the folds 3, 4.

The member 2 consists of two sections 5, 6 and which interengage with each other. The sections 5, 6 are so arranged relatively to each other whereby the length of member 2 will be co-extensive with respect to the length of member 1.

The section 5 comprises an outer part or portion 7 and an inner part or portion 8. The part 7 is of greater length and greater width than that of the part 8. The part 8 is of a length slightly less than the length of the fold 3. The part 8 has its longitudinal marginal portion 9 secured to the longitudinal marginal portion 10 of the part 7 by a row of stitching 11. The part 7 has its longitudinal marginal portion 12 secured to the longitudinal marginal portion 13 of the fold 3 by a row of stitching 14. The ends of the part 8 are free of connection to the part 7 and part 8 is also free of connection with fold 3. The part 8 opposes the inner face of the fold 3. The outer end marginal portion 15 of part 7 is secured to the outer end marginal portion 16 of fold 3 by a row of stitching 17. The marginal portion 18 of part 8 is free of connection with part 7 and fold 3. The inner end of part 7 is dished out to provide the edge 19 of such end of arcuate contour.

The section 6 includes an outer part 20 and an inner part 21 of materially greater length than part 20. The part 21 is adapted to be bent upon itself to provide a pair of folds 22, 23 and with the fold 23 providing a bridging means between the sections 5, 6 of the member 2. The fold 23 is of less width and less length than the fold 22. The

fold 22 is of less length than part 20 and the major portion of the fold 22 is of less width than the width of part 20. Fold 22 is provided with a short extension 24 at one longitudinal edge thereof which is flush with the adjacent longitudinal edges of fold 4 and part 20.

The part 20 has its outer end marginal portion 25 secured to the outer end marginal portion 26 of fold 4 by a row of stitching 27. The part 20 has its longitudinal marginal portion 28 secured to the longitudinal marginal portion 29 of the fold 4 by a row of stitching 30. The row of stitching 30 also secures the extension or tab 24 to the folds 4 and 20. The longitudinal marginal portion 31 of the fold 20 is secured to the opposed longitudinal marginal portion of the fold 22 by a row of stitching 32. The inner end of the fold 20 is dished out to provide the edge of such end of arcuate contour as at 33. The inner end of the part 7 is spaced from the inner end of the fold 20 and the space between such ends is bridged by the fold 23.

The folds 3, 4 in connection with the fold 22 and part 8 provide a bill receiving compartment 34 opening at one longitudinal edge of the bill fold. The fold 20 in connection with the fold 22 provides a compartment 35 opening in proximity to the transverse median of the bill fold. The parts 7 and 8 provide a compartment 36 which opens in proximity to the transverse median of the bill fold. The fold 23 is slidably arranged within the compartment 36. The fold 23 acts to prevent the bulging of the bill fold when bent upon itself when bulkily filled. When the fold is bulkily filled the fold 23 slips toward the left on folding, getting away from the bulging which would take place if its position were fixed by sewing. Therefore, it is thought the many advantages of a bill fold, in accordance with this invention can be readily understood, and although the preferred embodiment of the invention is as illustrated and described, yet it is to be understood that changes in the details of construction can be had which will fall within the scope of the invention as claimed.

What I claim is:

A bill fold comprising a rectangular one piece outer member foldable at its transverse median to provide a pair of folds, an inner body member formed of a pair of sections arranged relatively to each other whereby the length of said inner member will be coextensive with that of the outer member, one of said sections including an outer portion and an inner portion, the latter opposing one of said folds, the upper longitudinal margins of said portions being secured together, the outer end margin of said outer portion being secured throughout to the margin at one end of said outer member, the other of said sections including an outer part having its inner end arranged in close proximity to the inner end of said outer portion and an inner part opposing the other of said folds, the inner ends of said outer part and outer portions arranged in close proximity to the transverse median of said outer member, said inner part being of materially greater length than said outer part and foldable to provide a pair of folds, one of which has a portion of its lower longitudinal margin secured to said outer member, its upper longitudinal margin secured throughout to the upper longitudinal margin of said outer part and one end arranged in close proximity to and free of connection to the other end of said outer part, the other of said folds of said inner part loosely extended between said portions to bridge the space between the inner ends of said outer portion and outer part, said outer part having its margin at its outer end secured throughout to the other end of said outer member, the non-secured fold of said inner part being free of connection with said outer member and said portions, the secured fold of said inner part having its free end and the remaining portion of its lower longitudinal margin free of connection with said outer member and outer part and forming in connection with the latter a compartment, said inner portion having its ends and bottom free of connection to said outer part and outer member and having its outer end spaced from the adjacent end of said outer portion.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature hereto.

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