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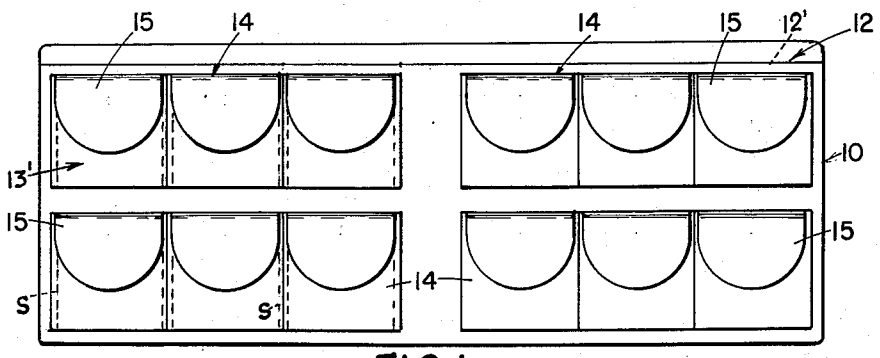


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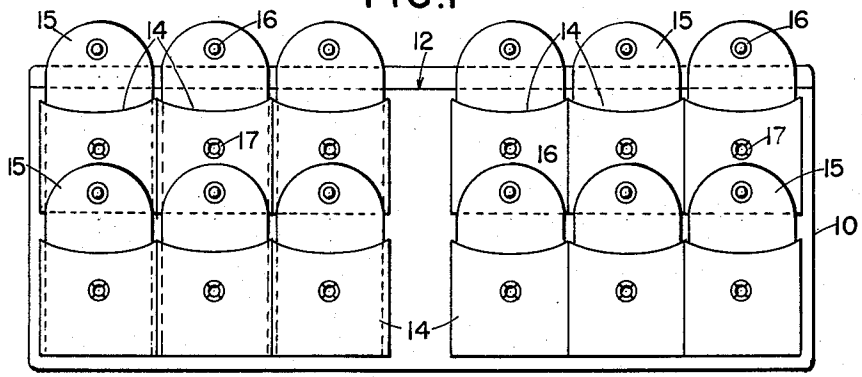


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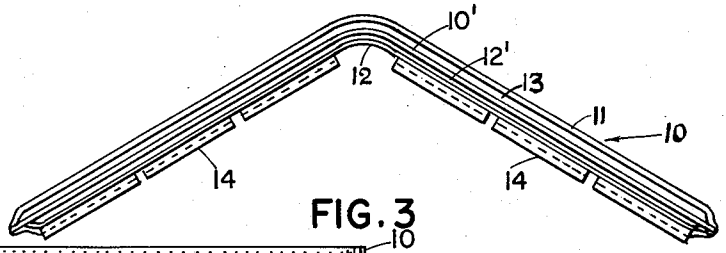


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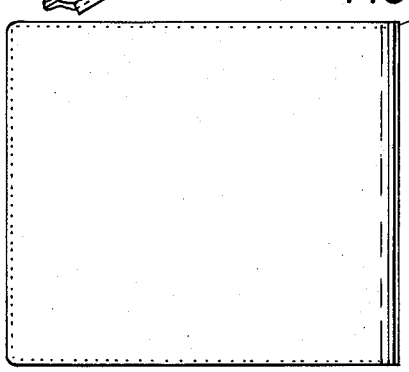


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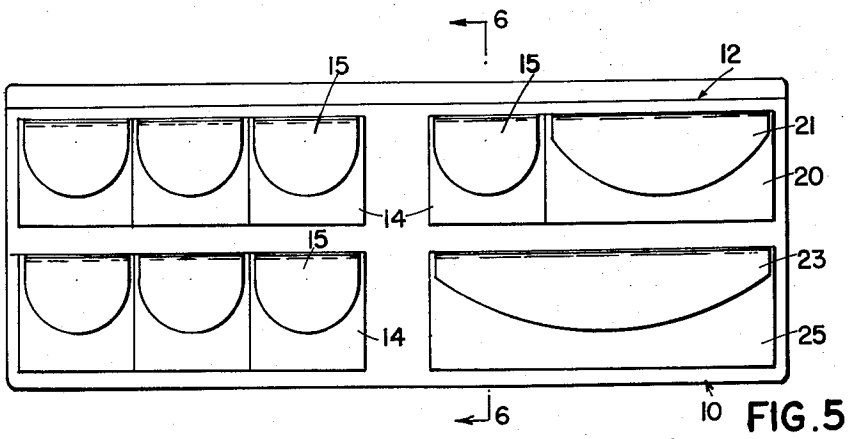


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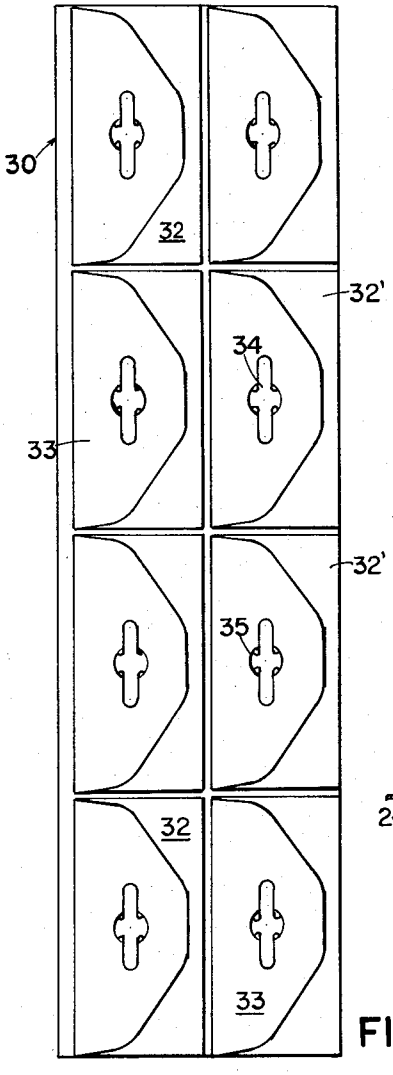


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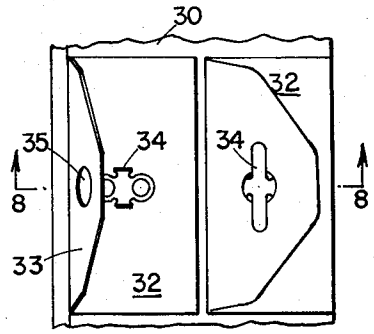


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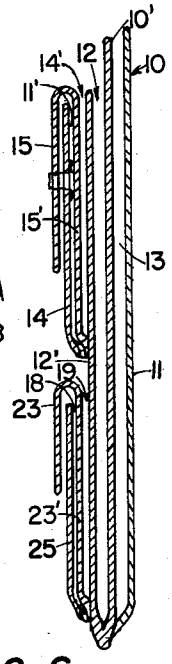


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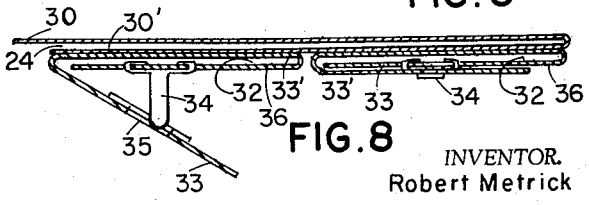


FIG.8

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This invention relates to pocket folders or wallets of the type used for holding papers, paper currency and coins.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a pocket folder which is adapted for use particularly for those engaged in foreign travel.

It is another object of the present invention to provide a pocket folder wherein a plurality of small pockets are arranged for receiving coins used in different countries, for example, one pocket may hold French coins, another British coins, still another Italian coins, etc.

Still another object of the present invention is to provide a pocket folder in which a large pocket compartment is provided for receiving papers and paper currency and other pockets of the same or different sizes are provided for accommodating coins.

Yet another object of the present invention is to provide a pocket folder of the aforementioned class made of disposable material, such as cardboard, etc., which is cheap in construction and discardable after its particular use has been expended.

These and other objects and certain advantages of the invention will appear as the description proceeds, it being understood, however, that it is not intended that the invention be limited to the exact details described herein which illustrate some embodiments of many which may be realized or obtained as a result of the knowledge gained through or gleaned from an understanding of the invention; and it is further intended that there be included as part of the invention all such obvious changes and modifications thereof as would occur to a person skilled in the art to which this invention pertains and as would fall within the claim appended hereto.

In the drawings:

FIG. 1 is a front view of a pocket folder or wallet according to the invention, the pocket closure flaps being shown in closed position;

FIG. 2 is a view similar to FIG. 1 showing the pocket closure flaps in open position;

FIG. 3 is a top view of FIG. 1;

FIG. 4 is a view of the pocket folder in folded condition;

FIG. 5 is a front view of a pocket folder according to the invention in a modified form;

FIG. 6 is a sectional view taken along 6—6 of FIG. 5, looking in the direction of the arrows;

FIG. 7 is a front view of a pocket folder according to the invention in a still further modified form;

FIG. 8 is a detailed sectional view taken along 8—8 of FIG. 9; and

FIG. 9 is a fragmentary view of the pocket folder shown in FIG. 7 with one of the pocket closure flaps in open position.

Referring now in more detail to the drawings, FIGS. 1 to 4 disclose a pocket folder or wallet generally indicated by the numeral 10. Pocket folder 10 may be made of any suitable material such as, for example, leather, imitation leather, plastic, fabric, paper, etc. It is quite apparent that the pocket folder may be made of an inexpensive material so that it may be readily discarded after it had served its purposes, for example, after having made a journey to foreign countries.

Pocket folder 10 may be provided with a plurality of longitudinal or elongated pockets 12, 13 constituted or formed by the outer layer, wall or panel 11, the inner layer, wall or panel 12' and the intermediate layer, wall

or panel 10', the said layers being suitably secured together at their respective ends and bottom side. Pockets 12 and 13 may be used for such necessaries as, for example, currency bills, papers, etc. It is customary when using the pocket folder or wallet to fold one-half thereof upon the other half along its central axis, such as indicated in FIG. 4. Each half of the wallet is provided with a plurality of small pockets adapted to hold respectively coins of different countries.

In FIGS. 1, 2 and 3 there is shown an upper and lower series of three aligned coin pockets on either side of the middle or central axis of the wallet. In forming each series of pockets, it is preferred that a strip 13' of material be used such that when this strip is sewn to the inner panel 12' by the stitching S, the three pockets are formed. Each of the small pockets 14 is provided with a closure flap 15 which, if and when extended, inwardly of the pocket 14 between the strip 13' and the inner layer or panel 12' will divide said pocket into two compartments, one being formed between the extension 15' of flap 15 and the panel 12' and the other compartment being formed between the said extension 15' and the strip 13'. This is clearly shown in FIG. 6 wherein the closure flap 15 has the inwardly extending partition 15' forming the compartments 11' and 14'. The flaps 15 are held in folded closed condition, for example, by means of the complementary fastener elements 16, 17, thus securely closing compartment 11', whereas compartment 14' remains open for the reception of small articles, such as tickets, notes, etc.

In the modification seen in FIG. 5, in lieu of the two series of small pockets 14, there are provided one small pocket 15, a longer pocket 20 in longitudinal alignment therewith having a closure flap 21 and below the pockets 15 and 20 there is provided a still longer pocket 25 having the closure flap 23. As seen in FIG. 6, the pocket folder or wallet 10 has the two elongated compartments 12 and 13 the structure of the pocket 14 being preferably as hereinbefore described. The lower elongated pocket 25 is also preferably divided by the extension 23' of the closure flap 23 and the front wall or strip 25 to provide the separate compartments 18 and 19.

In the modification seen in FIGS. 7 and 8, there is provided a pocket folder or wallet 30 having the outer and inner longitudinal walls 30, 30' providing a pocket 24 therebetween. Suitably attached to the inner wall 30' are a plurality of small envelopes or receptacles arranged in such manner that there are two aligned envelopes or receptacles 32 on either side of the middle or central axis of the folder and similarly aligned envelopes or receptacles 32' arranged below the first row or series of envelopes 32. Each of the envelopes 32, 32' may comprise a piece of material folded such as to provide the inner wall 33', outer wall 36 forming a pocket 32 therebetween, the wall 33' extending so as to form the flap 33 of the envelope. Any suitable means may be employed to secure flap 33 to the wall 36 such as, for example, a two-pronged metal fastener 34 engageable through the hole 35. The prongs of the fastener 34 are spread apart in conventional manner to secure flap 33 to the body of the envelope or receptacle.

From the foregoing, it is apparent that there is provided a pocket folder comprising an outer wall and an inner wall secured together at the ends and bottom, forming a longitudinal pocket therebetween, a plurality of aligned pockets formed on the outer face of said inner wall on either side of the central axis and at the top portion thereof, and a plurality of aligned pockets formed on the outer face of said inner wall on either side of the central axis at the bottom portion thereof,

said folder being foldable along said central axis, at least some of said pockets having closure flaps.

Although certain particular embodiments of the invention have been described in detail herein with reference to the accompanying drawings, it is to be understood that the invention is not limited to these precise embodiments and that various changes and modifications may be effected therein without departing from the scope and/or spirit of the invention, except as defined in the appended claim.

I claim:

A pocket folder comprising an outer wall and an inner wall secured together at the ends and bottom forming a longitudinal pocket therebetween, said folder being foldable about a central axis extending transversely of said longitudinal pocket, a first plurality of pockets formed on the outer face of said inner wall on either side of the central axis extending in a row parallel to the longitudinal pocket and adjacent the opening thereof, a second plurality of pockets formed on the outer face of said inner wall on either side of the central axis extending in a row parallel to said first plurality of pockets and subjacent thereto, all of said plurality of pockets being of equal size and opening in the same direction as said longitudinal pocket, closure flaps provided for each of said plurality of pockets and fastening means for securing said closure flaps in closed position.

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