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Fig. 1.

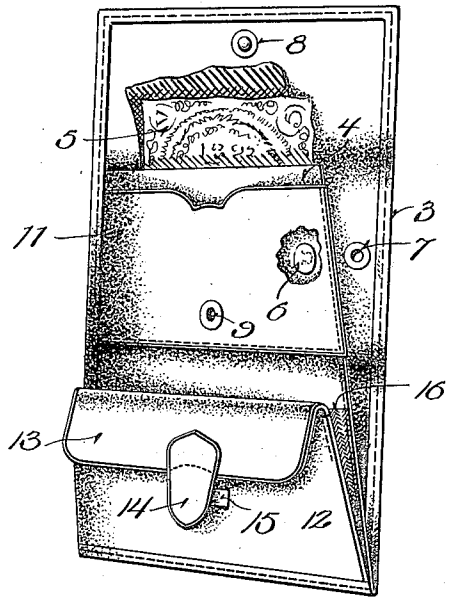
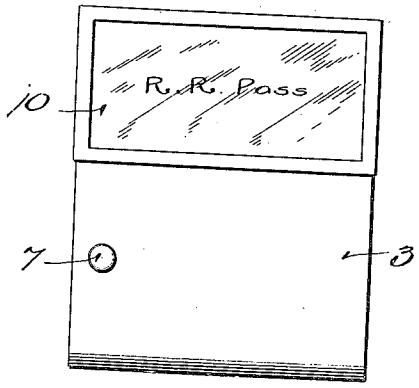


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT H. ROLFS, 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.

My invention consists in what is herein particularly set forth with reference to the accompanying drawings and pointed out in the claim of this specification, its main object being to provide simple, economical folding pocket-books especially designed for secure carriage of paper currency, each pocket-book being of such construction that upon partial opening of the same there will be an exposure of the currency bills therewith at one end to facilitate the selection and withdrawal of one or more of said bills without further opening of said pocket-book.

A further object of my invention is to provide members of each pocket-book as aforesaid with compartments for cards and other possessions of the user.

Figure 1 of the drawings represents a perspective view of an open pocket-book in accordance with my invention partly broken away, the inside of the device being exposed; and Fig. 2, an elevation of the outside of said pocket-book partly folded, a compartment fold flap tongue of a member thereof being exposed.

Referring by numerals to the drawings 3 indicates one, and 4 the other of a pair of flexible parallel members of my improved folding pocket-book, one being preferably approximately one-third shorter than the other. At one end and side edge, the aforesaid members are permanently fastened together to form a pocket for paper currency bills 5, the member 4 being shorter than said bills so as to expose the same at their upper ends when the pocket book is open. Adjacent to its upper end, when open, the book-member 4 is provided centrally thereof with one section 6 of a snap-button, the other section 7 of this button being in connection with the book-member 3, whereby when said snap-button sections are engaged, the aforesaid pocket is closed to prevent a loss or removal of its contents from a side thereof. By having the currency bills exposed above the upper end of the member 4 any one or more may be readily selected and withdrawn without opening the pocket at the side.

The upwardly extending portion of the member 3 is designed to fold in with the exposed ends of the currency-bills aforesaid over the member 4 of the pocket-book, and said members are provided respectively with sections 8, 9, of a preferably centrally disposed snap-button by which to fasten the infolded extension of one to the other. To complete the folding of the pocket-book, that portion of the same and the currency-bills therewith below the infolded portion of the member 3 are bent over upon the remainder of said book, each fold being approximately one-third of the length of the open book.

The infolding portion of the member 3 of the pocket-book is shown as the back of a preferably mica-glazed compartment 10 in which to place a railroad-pass, identification-card or other device that may be readily displayed by a partial opening of said book and without disclosure of any of its other contents. It is also shown that the pocket-book member 4 may constitute the back of compartments 11 and 12, for the reception of cards and other possessions of the user. A closing flap 13 for the compartment 12 is shown, and this flap is provided with a securing-tongue 14 engageable with the front of said compartment under a band 15 thereon. The compartment 12 is also shown as having end gussets 16.

I claim:

In a folding pocket-book the combination of parallel members of different length permanently fastened together at one end and one side edge to form a pocket, one member being extended beyond the adjacent end of the other member to form an infolding flap that serves as the back of a glazed compartment, a pair of compartments of which the inner and shorter of the aforesaid members constitute the back, a snap-button the members of which are arranged to constitute a

fastener for said flap on one of the pair of compartments, and another snap-button the sections of which are in connection with the parallel members of different lengths to fasten the same together at the otherwise open side of the pocket.

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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