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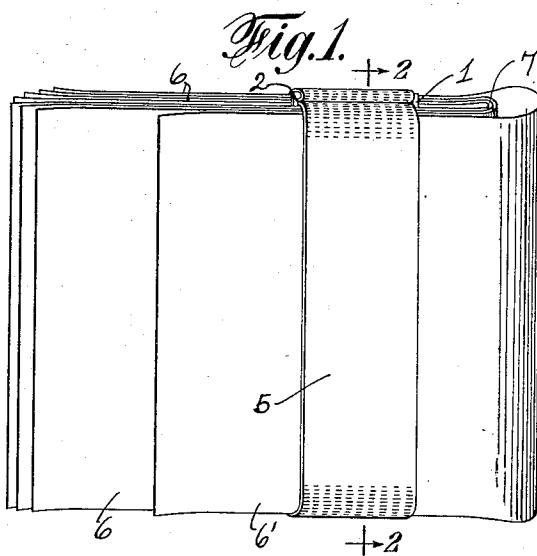


Fig. 2.

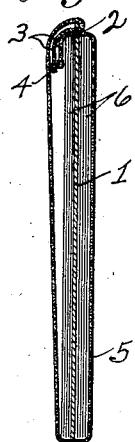
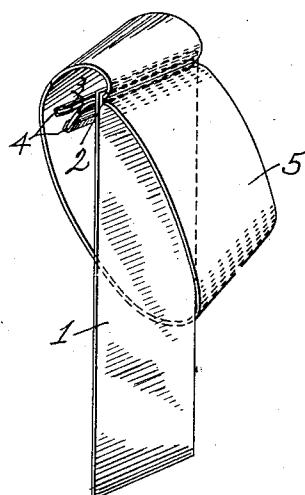


Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to a bill holder that is especially useful for holding paper money, but it is not restricted to this particular use. By this invention bills that are folded one or more times and laid one within the other can be securely kept assembled and at the same time an outer bill can be removed without disturbing the remainder or all of the bills can be removed at one time.

10 In carrying out the invention a strip of stiff material is provided with an elastic band or the like in such a manner that the strip of stiff material extends between the folded sides of the bills and the elastic material 15 surrounds the bills, thus keeping the same together in a compact bundle that is easy to handle. The elastic material is made readily adjustable so that it can easily be made to surround quantities or packages of 20 bills of different sizes by making the proper adjustments.

The invention will be understood from the description in connection with the accompanying drawings in which Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the device with some bills in place; Fig. 2 is a section along the line 2—2 of Fig. 1; and Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the device without the bills.

In the drawings reference character 1 indicates a strip of thin stiff material, such as metal for example, that may be made of suitable widths and should preferably be approximately of the same length as the width of the bills that are to be held by the device. 35 The flat sides of the strip 1 may be ornamented in any desirable way to enhance the appearance. The owner's name and other insignia may also be written or engraved upon the side of the strip 1. The strip is provided 40 with a transverse slot or opening 2 near one end thereof, this slot being almost as long as the width of the strip so that it extends approximately from one edge of the strip to the other.

45 Ends 3 of an elastic, such as an elastic band for example, extend through the slot 2 from one side of the strip 1 and the ends 3 may be provided with selvage or braiding 4 to prevent the ends from raveling. The strip 50 of elastic material may be folded near its

middle with the surfaces that are to be exposed to view, when the device is in use, in contact with each other preparatory to inserting the two ends thereof through the opening or slot 2. The thickness of the elastic material should be such that two layers of the same will fit with some friction in the slot 2 and the width of the elastic material may be slightly greater than the length of the slot 2, so that the elastic material will 55 stay in the position to which it is adjusted in the slot. The material may then be turned so that the portion 5 thereof, as shown in Fig. 3, will have the desired side on the outside.

60 In assembling the bills to be kept in place and held by the device, bills 6 may be folded near their middle, as indicated at 7, the portion 5 of the elastic material lifted a short distance from the position shown in Fig. 3 and the bills applied to opposite sides of the 65 strip 1 with the strip 1 between the folded portion 7 and the ends of the bills. The elastic material 5 is then stretched to pass around the folded ends of the bills and comes into place around the end of the strip 1 opposite 70 the slot 2, then passes entirely around the bills and holds them against the strip 2.

75 When the user desires to add more bills he merely lifts the band 5 around the folded ends 7 of the bills and adds other bills as desired and again turns the band 5 into place, as indicated in Fig. 1. When it is desired to remove one bill at a time, it can be slipped under the band 5 without removing the band, 80 as indicated by the bill 6' in Fig. 1 and continuing this until the end of the bill slips out from under the band 5, after which the other end can be easily pulled out longitudinally of the bill. Successive bills may be 85 removed in a similar manner without taking the band 5 off of the end of the strip 1.

90 It will be noted from Fig. 2 that, when the band 5 is in place around the end of the strip 1, the ends 3 are caused to extend longitudinally of the strip 1 around sharp corners 95 and are held down by the side of the elastic material so that the likelihood of the strip slipping in the slot 2 is minimized or entirely obviated. However, when it is desired to fold the band around a large bundle or pack- 100

age of bills, the elastic material can be adjusted in the slot 2 so as to have a larger length of the band 5 for extending around the larger number of bills.

5 I claim:

1. A bill holder comprising a strip of stiff material having an opening near one end thereof, and a piece of elastic material having its ends extending through said opening.
- 10 2. A bill holder comprising a strip of stiff material having an opening near one end thereof, and a piece of elastic material having both of its ends extending through said opening in the same direction.
- 15 3. A bill holder comprising a strip of stiff material having an opening near one end thereof, and a piece of elastic material having its ends extending through said opening, a portion of said elastic material near one end thereof extending around the end of said strip and a portion near its middle extending around the other end of said strip.
- 20 4. A bill holder comprising a strip of stiff material having an opening near one end thereof, and a piece of elastic material having its ends extending through said opening, said elastic piece being approximately as wide as said strip.
- 25 5. A bill holder comprising a strip of stiff material having a slot slightly shorter than the width of said strip near one end thereof, and a piece of elastic material having its ends extending through said slot.
- 30 6. A bill holder comprising a strip of stiff material having an opening near one end thereof, and a piece of elastic material having its ends extending through said opening and extending longitudinally of said strip along one side thereof when said holder is in use.

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