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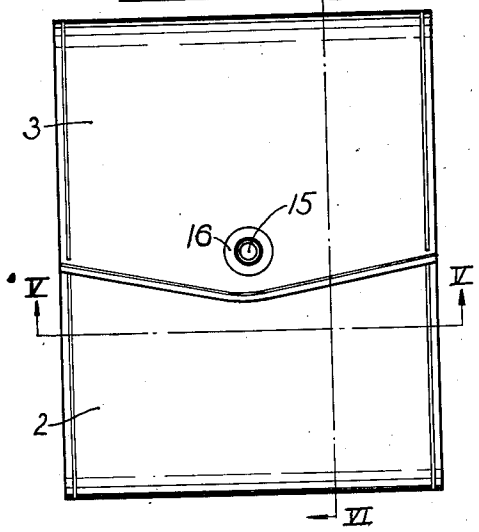


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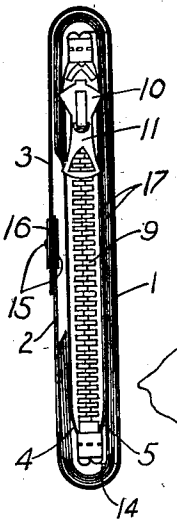


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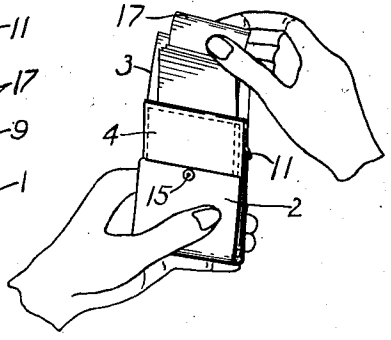


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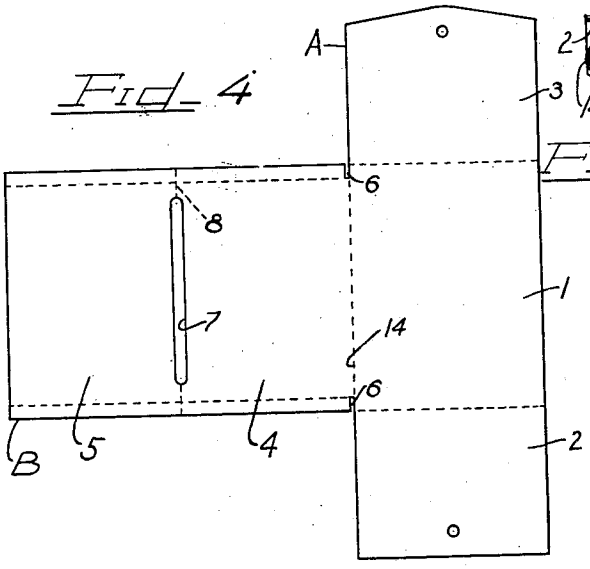


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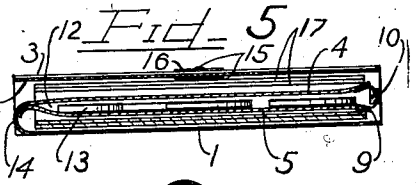
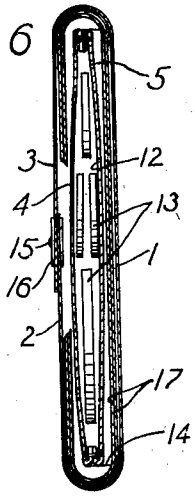


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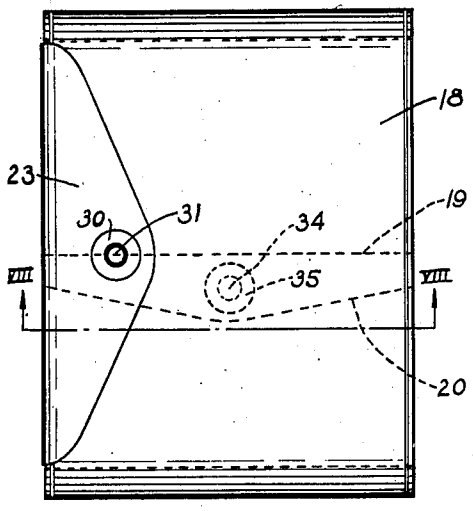


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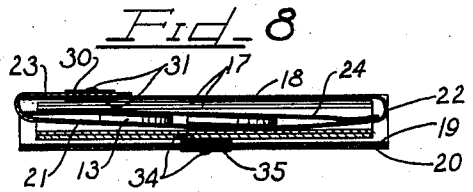


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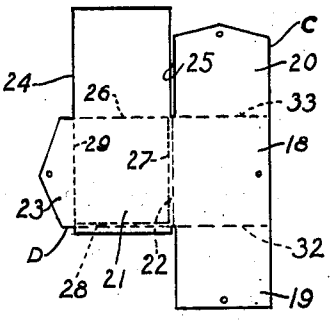


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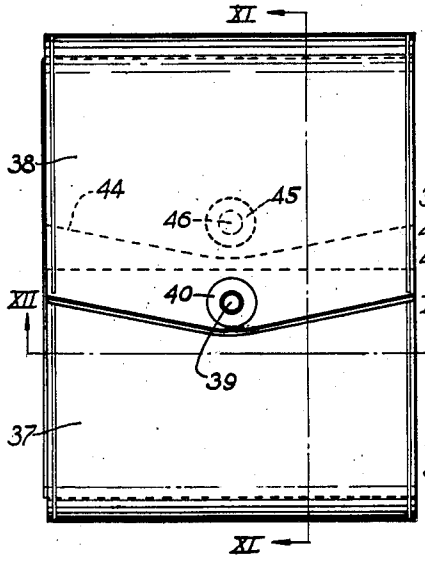


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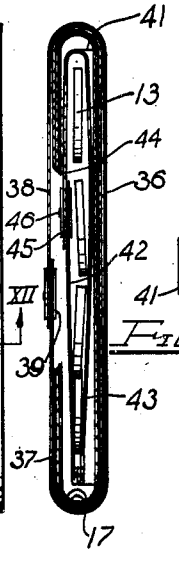


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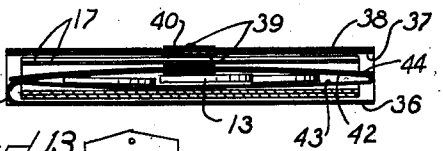
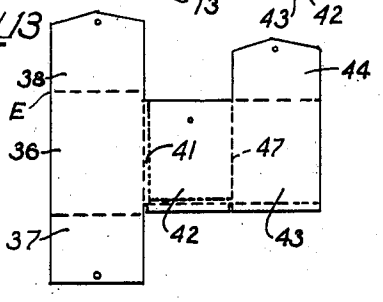


Fig. 13



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The present invention relates to an improved and simplified form of currency holder or combination bill wallet and coin purse comprising a single strip wallet casing the ends of which are adapted to be bent inwardly to overlap and be removably fastened to one another over a coin purse which is integrally connected or hingedly fastened to the intermediate portion of one longitudinal margin of the wallet casing strip to provide a combination wallet and purse wherein the coin purse may be opened to gain access thereto without necessitating the opening of the wallet casing, or in a modified form of the device only requiring the opening of one flap of the wallet casing to afford access to the closed end of the coin purse.

It is an object of this invention to provide an improved pocketbook or currency holder in the form of a combination wallet and coin purse wherein a single layer wallet casing has a coin purse hingedly connected to one of the longitudinal margins thereof to rest upon bills in the wallet and be enclosed by the overlapped ends of the wallet casing when the same is closed.

It is also an object of this invention to provide a combination bill and coin container wherein a wallet casing for bills has a coin purse hingedly connected thereto to normally rest on the bills and be enclosed by the wallet casing in a manner permitting access to be had to the coin purse closure means to permit access to the interior of the coin purse without necessitating opening of the wallet casing.

Another object of the invention is the provision of an improved and simplified type of combination wallet and purse constructed of a unitary blank adapted to be formed into a bill wallet casing and a coin purse hingedly connected to one another and provided with suitable closure means adapted to be opened independently of one another to afford access to the bills in the wallet casing when the same is only half opened and without opening or disturbing the location of the coin purse, and furthermore permitting opening of the coin purse when the wallet casing is either closed or opened.

It is furthermore an object of this invention to provide an improved simplified form of combination wallet and coin purse having the coin purse hingedly connected to one side of the wallet casing to be swung outwardly to permit removal or insertion of bills into the wallet casing and adapted to be moved into position against the bills and be enclosed by the wallet casing, when the same is shut without preventing access to the opening means for the coin purse.

It is furthermore an object of this invention to provide a money container constructed of a unitary blank which can be conveniently formed to provide hingedly connected bill and coin containers, foldable one within the other.

It is an important object of this invention to provide an improved and simplified form of a combination bill and coin container consisting of a bill casing and a coin purse hingedly connected to one another, with the coin purse adapted to be positioned to assist in holding bills within the bill case, and adapted to be enclosed by the overlapping flaps of the bill case, which requires the opening of only one of the flaps thereof to afford access to the bills and permit a selective withdrawal of the bills without disturbing the position of the remaining bill case flap or the coin purse, and furthermore permitting access to the coin purse to permit opening of the same when the bill case is either open or closed.

Other and further important objects of this invention will be apparent from the disclosures in the specification and the accompanying drawings.

The invention (in preferred forms) is illustrated in the drawings and hereinafter more fully described.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a flat plan view of a combination bill and coin container, in closed position, embodying the principles of this invention.

Figure 2 is a side view of the container showing the accessibility of the closure means for the coin purse.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the combination bill and coin container held in position, by a person's hand, and showing the bill wallet partially open to permit a selective withdrawal of bills from the wallet casing, with the coin purse remaining in a normal position.

Figure 4 is a plan view of the unitary blank from which the combination bill wallet and coin purse container is constructed.

Figure 5 is a transverse sectional view taken on line V—V of Figure 1.

Figure 6 is a longitudinal sectional view of the device taken on line VI—VI of Figure 1.

Figure 7 is a plan view of a modified form of combination wallet and coin purse in closed position.

Figure 8 is a transverse sectional view taken on line VIII—VIII of Figure 7.

Figure 9 is a developed plan view of the unitary blank from which the modified form of combina-

tion bill wallet and coin purse of the form illustrated in Figures 7 and 8, is formed.

Figure 10 is a plan view of another modified form of combination bill wallet and coin purse in closed position.

Figure 11 is a longitudinal sectional view thereof taken on line XI—XI of Figure 10.

Figure 12 is a transverse sectional view taken on line XII—XII of Figure 10.

Figure 13 is a developed plan view of the unitary blank from which the combination bill wallet and coin purse of the type illustrated in Figure 10, is formed.

As shown in the drawings:

Referring to Figures 1 to 6 of the drawings, the improved bill and coin holder or container is formed from a unitary blank or template of the form or shape illustrated in Figure 4 in developed form.

The improved blank or receptacle is adapted to be cut or stamped out of a sheet or strip of leather or other suitable material which is adapted to be subjected to a punch press for the purpose of permitting a plurality of improved combination wallet and coin purse blanks or templates to be stamped therefrom with a minimum of waste.

The unitary or one-piece blank is adapted to be constructed of a selected material such as leather, and comprises a billfold casing blank A and a coin purse blank B integrally connected to one another. The bill fold or wallet casing blank A comprises an intermediate or body section 1, an inner end flap section 2 and an outer end flap section 3. The two end sections 2 and 3 are integrally formed on opposite ends of the intermediate or body section 1. Integrally formed on one longitudinal side margin of the intermediate section 1 of the bill wallet or casing blank A and projecting outwardly therefrom at substantially right angles to form a substantially T-shaped blank, is the coin purse blank B consisting of integrally connected coin purse sections 4 and 5. Notches 6 partially separate the blank sections 1 and 4 as clearly illustrated in Figure 4. An elongated slot 6 is provided transversely in the coin purse blank B in the line of fold 8 between the sections 4 and 5.

The slot 7 forms the opening for the coin purse, and said slot has fastened therein a closure mechanism for the coin purse consisting of a slide fastener strip 9, provided with the usual mounting tape. Coacting with the slide fastener strip 9 is a latching slide 10 provided with an actuating tab 11.

The coin purse is formed by folding the coin purse blank B transversely along the line of fold 8 so that the section 5 is superimposed over the section 4. The side margins of the two sections 4 and 5 are then bent inwardly and the coin purse is then stitched around the two sides and across the bottom to form a coin purse having a coin receiving pocket 12 for the reception of coins 13. The finished coin purse is hingedly connected with the bill wallet or casing by the hinge 14 to permit the coin purse to be swung pivotally on one longitudinal margin of the intermediate section 1 of the billfold or wallet.

For the purpose of closing the billfold or wallet the wallet end section 2 is provided with a male snap fastener member 15 while the cover flap section 3 of the wallet or billfold casing is provided with a female snap fastener member 16 which is adapted to releasably engage the male snap fastener member 15 when the coin purse is swung inwardly to lie against the inner face of the wallet section 1, and when the end flaps 2 and 3 are bent inwardly over the coin purse and overlap to permit interlocking of the snap fastener members 15 and 16, as illustrated in Figures 1 and 2.

When the combination bill and coin holder is in open position with the coin purse swung out to one side of the wallet, a plurality of bills of different denominations may be stacked one upon another and placed longitudinally within the wallet after which the coin purse is hingedly swung inwardly to press upon the middle portion of the stack of bills to assist in holding the same in position. The wallet end 2 is then swung inwardly over one side of the coin purse while the cover flap 3 is then bent inwardly over the opposite side of the coin purse to permit the snap fasteners 15 and 16 to be snapped together to lock the billfold with the coin purse enclosed therein.

Attention is called to the fact that when the wallet is closed and covers the opposite sides of the coin purse, that the latching means for the coin purse is accessible as clearly illustrated in Figure 2, so that when it is desired to take coins from the coin purse, it is not necessary to open the wallet but simply necessitates the sliding of the slide fastener 10 by means of the actuating tab 11 so that the slide fastener mechanism is opened permitting access to the coins within the coin purse pocket 12.

When it is desired to remove the bill from the wallet it is only necessary to hold the wallet in the left hand as illustrated in Figure 3, after which the wallet flap 3 may be opened and swung outwardly, thereby exposing one end of the stack of bills in the wallet. A person then has only to select the denomination of the bill desired, and then pull the same outwardly from the stack, permitting the rest of the bills to remain in place.

In case it is desired to remove the entire stack of bills, they may be pulled out from one end of the wallet as described, or the wallet may be completely opened and coin purse may be swung outwardly to one side of the wallet to facilitate removal of one or more of the bills or insertion of a stack of bills in the open wallet.

A modified form of combination wallet and coin purse is illustrated in Figures 7, 8 and 9. This form of currency container is constructed from a unitary or one-piece blank or template formed of leather or other suitable material. The one-piece blank in developed form is illustrated in Figure 9, and consists of a wallet casing blank C and coin purse blank D integrally connected to one another along the intermediate portion of one longitudinal edge of the wallet casing blank C.

The wallet casing blank consists of a single strip or layer of material comprising an intermediate section 18, an inner end flap or section 19, and an outer flap or end section 20. The coin purse blank D comprises a front wall or section 21, one margin of which is integrally connected with one longitudinal edge of the intermediate section 18 of the wallet casing blank C by means of hinge portion 22. Integral with the coin purse wallet section 21 is a closure flap 23. Integrally formed on one side of the coin purse section or wall 21 is a coin purse back section or wall 24 which is separated from the wallet casing section 20 by a slit 25.

To form the coin purse, the back wall section 24 is bent along the dotted line 26 to lie upon the other wall or coin purse section 21 and is secured to said wall 21 by the two rows of stitching 27 and 28, leaving an entrance opening at the top of the coin purse to be closed by means of the

flap 23 when the flap has been bent over along the dotted line 29. The coin purse flap 23 is provided with a female snap fastener 30 which is adapted to coact with a male snap fastener 31, which is provided near the free longitudinal edge of the wallet intermediate section 18, when the coin purse is hingedly swung inwardly to lie against the wallet intermediate section 18, as illustrated in Figures 7 and 8.

With the coin purse positioned adjacent the inner surface of the middle portion of the wallet casing and closed by means of the flap 23 and the snap fasteners 30 and 31, the wallet casing inner flap 19 is bent inwardly along the dotted line 32, and the outer flap 20 of the wallet casing is then bent along the dotted line 33 to overlap the inner flap 19 and be removably latched thereto by means of a snap fastener set consisting of a male snap fastener member 34 secured to the flap section 19, and a female snap fastener member 35 secured to the flap section 20.

When the combination wallet and coin purse is in open position, a stack of bills of different denominations may be laid upon the inner surface of the wallet casing, after which the coin purse is hingedly swung inwardly to rest upon the middle portion of the stack of bills 17. The coin purse flap 23 is then removably attached to the intermediate section of the wallet casing by means of the snap fastener members 30 and 31, thereby closing the coin purse to prevent the coins 13 contained therein from falling out of the coin purse. The wallet casing flaps 19 and 20 may then be bent over the coin purse to enclose the same by snapping the snap fastener members 34 and 35 together.

In the modified form of combination wallet and coin purse illustrated in Figures 7 to 9, inclusive, it will be noted that coins may be taken from the coin purse by merely opening the coin purse flap 23 without necessitating opening of the wallet.

To take bills out of the wallet casing, it is not necessary to open the coin purse but merely the cover flap 20 of the wallet similar to the arrangement illustrated in Figure 3 of the drawings. With the wallet half open, as shown in Figure 3, the bills may be pulled out selectively.

In the form of combination wallet and coin purse shown in Figures 7 to 9, inclusive, the same may be constructed of two blanks or templates, the major blank consisting of the sections 18, 19, 20, 21 and 23, while the secondary blank may consist only of a coin purse wall section 24 which is separated from the section 21. To complete the coin purse it will be necessary to place the separate section 24 on the section 21 and stitch the same around the two opposite sides and across the bottom to complete the purse.

Another modified form of combination coin purse and wallet is illustrated in Figures 10 to 13, and is formed from a one-piece unitary blank or template constructed of leather or other selected material. The blank form consists of two integrally connected wallet and coin purse forms E and F respectively. The wallet casing form comprises a single layer or strip of material consisting of an intermediate section 36, an inner end flap section 37 integral with one end thereof, and an outer flap section 38 integral with the opposite end thereof. The inner flap section is provided with a male snap fastener member 39, while the outer flap section 38 is provided with a female snap fastener member 40 for action with the male snap fastener member 39 to hold the wallet latched in closed position.

The coin purse blank F is integrally formed on one side of the intermediate section 36 of the wallet casing blank E by means of a hinge portion 41, which integrally connects the wallet section casing 36 with a coin purse wall or section 42. Integral with the coin purse section 42 is another coin purse wall section 43 provided with an integral closure flap section 44. The coin purse closure flap section 44 is provided with a female snap fastener member 45 which is adapted to coact with a male snap fastener member 46 provided on the coin purse wall 42. The two coin purse sections 42 and 43 are folded along the dotted line 47 to be positioned adjacent one another, and are stitched together across the bottom and across one side of the coin purse adjacent the hinge portion 41.

In the modified form of combination bill and coin carrier, it is only necessary to open the wallet flap 38, similar to the arrangement illustrated in Figure 3, to permit access to be had to the bills in the wallet. With the wallet casing partly opened as described, any selected bill can be withdrawn from the wallet with ease.

In this modified form of combination wallet and coin purse, access to the coin purse is had by opening the wallet cover flap 38 and then opening the coin purse flap 44 to permit access to be had to the interior of the coin purse for removal of coins 13 therefrom, or for the insertion of coins into the coin purse.

It will be noted that in the three different forms of the combination wallet and coin purse constructions illustrated and described, that each type is adapted to be constructed from a unitary blank or template which is adapted to be folded to provide a wallet casing having a coin purse hingedly connected thereto, with said coin purse requiring very little stitching to complete the same. The various forms of the device are adapted to carry quite a quantity of bills which are adapted to be positioned in the wallet and are partially held in position by means of the hingedly supported coin purse. The bills are adapted to be selectively removed from the wallet by only half opening the same, as illustrated in Figure 3, and in the forms of the combination bill and coin holders illustrated in Figures 1 and 7 it will be noted that when it is desired to remove coins from the coin purse it is not necessary to open up the wallet, since direct access is had to the coin purse when the wallet is in closed position.

Attention is directed to the thinness of the currency holder when closed and even when containing coins in the coin purse and a stack of bills in the wallet. It will be noted that the ends of the folded stack of bills, when the one layer wallet is closed, overlie the coin purse and are separated as illustrated in Figures 2, 6 and 11. A space is thus left between the ends of the stack of bills for receiving the overlapping end flaps of the wallet and the fastening means therefor so that the middle portion of the currency holder is not any thicker than the other portions.

A feature of the simplified combination pocketbook, is the ease with which bills may be selectively withdrawn from the stack of bills in the wallet, by holding the pocketbook in the palm of the left hand and only opening the top flap of the wallet, without disturbing the position of the coin purse. The opening of only the wallet top flap exposes one end of the stack of bills, permitting easy separation of the bills for

the selection of a bill of a desired denomination which may be withdrawn from the open end of the wallet without disturbing the position of the remaining bills.

It will, of course, be understood that various details of construction may be varied through a wide range without departing from the principles of this invention and it is, therefore, not the purpose to limit the patent granted hereon otherwise than necessitated by the scope of the appended claim.

I claim as my invention:

A combination wallet and purse made from a single T-shaped sheet having head and leg portions, the leg of said sheet having a closed transverse slot therein intermediate the ends of the leg, said leg having the free end portion thereof folded back along said slot to overlap the leg portion between the slot and the head, means uniting the lapped marginal sides of the leg portions, means uniting the free end of the leg with the adjacent overlapped leg portion, both of said means cooperating with the leg portions to provide a purse open only at the slot, a slide fastener in the slot to seal the purse, said purse being swingable over an intermediate portion of the head to position the slide fastener adjacent the edge of the head at substantially right angles to the plane of the head, said head having free end portions foldable over the purse into overlapping relation to define a wallet, and means detachably uniting the overlapped free end portions of the head whereby currency can be laid over the head, partially covered by the purse, and folded around the purse to be covered by the head, and whereby the slide fastener is readily accessible to open and close the purse without disturbing the wallet or currency.

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