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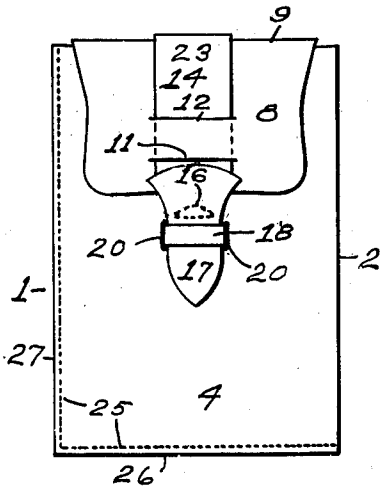


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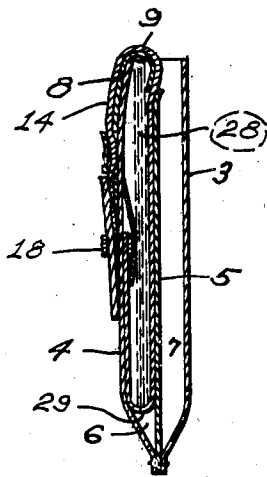


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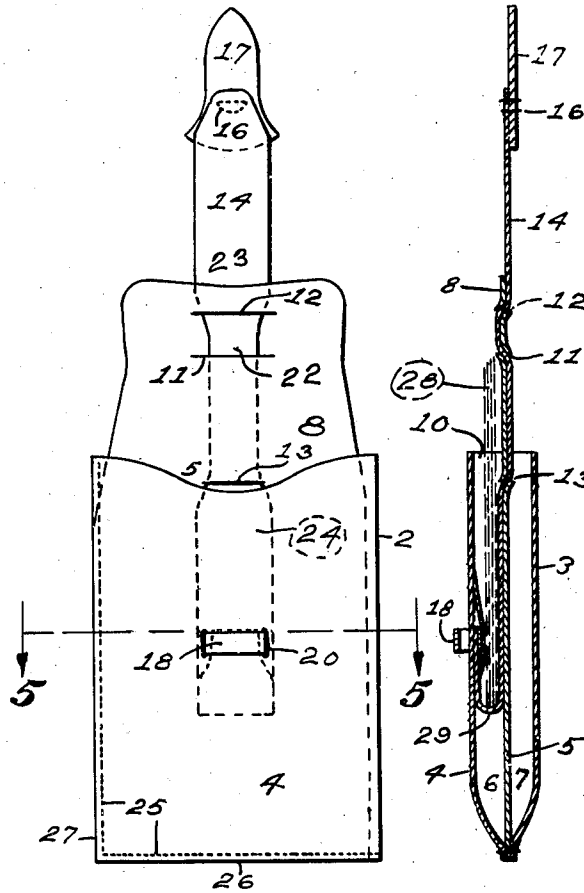


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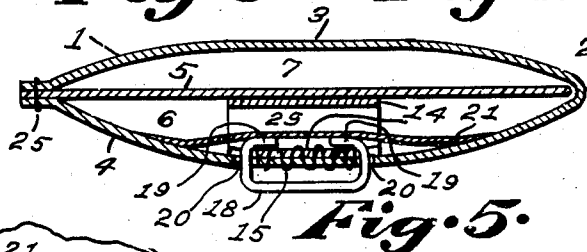
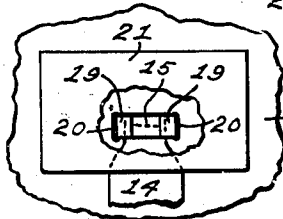


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This invention relates to improvements in bill folds, pocket books, card cases and receptacles of like nature, wherein a pocket is supplied with a cover flap and means for protruding unsheathing or projecting the contents of the pocket, whereby ready access to said cards, bills, or articles may be had.

An object of the invention is to provide a receptacle of this character in which the contents-protruding means is accessible from the exterior when the flap is closed, and in which the said means maintains the flap in closed position when said means is secured to the front wall of the pocket, but permits the flap to be opened when said means is detached exteriorly from the front wall of the pocket.

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Other objects of the invention are to simplify and strengthen the receptacle, to make it more compact and cheaper to construct, to facilitate its operation, and to unsheath the contents in a more expeditious manner and so as to render them more accessible and to display them to better advantage.

Further objects, advantages, and desirable features of the invention will appear in the course of the following description of divers illustrative embodiments of the spirit thereof.

In the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification, in which like numbers of reference denote like parts wherever they occur,

Figure 1 is a front elevation of one form of receptacle made in accordance with this invention, showing the cover flap closed;

Figure 2 is a longitudinal transverse sectional view of the same;

Figure 3 is a front elevation of the same with the cover flap open, and the contents projecting strap pulled up;

Figure 4 is a longitudinal transverse sectional view of the receptacle as shown in Figure 3;

Figure 5 is a transverse sectional view taken on the line 5—5 in Figure 3;

Figure 6 is a fragmentary view of the inside of the front wall of the pocket, showing the manner of attaching the inner end of the contents-ejecting strap thereto;

Figure 7 is a front elevation of another form of the invention with the cover flap open;

Figure 8 is a longitudinal transverse sectional view of the same with the cover flap overlying the front wall of the receptacle;

Figures 9 and 10 are front elevations of receptacles similar to that of Figures 7 and 8, but exhibiting different associations of the unsheathing straps and cover flaps thereof;

Figure 11 is a fragmentary front elevation of another form of the invention, the unsheathing strap being in retracted position;

Figure 12 is a similar view with the unsheathing strap pulled out or extended;

Figure 13 is a fragmentary front elevation of still another form of the invention; and

Figure 14 is a transverse sectional view taken on the line 14—14 in Figure 13.

Referring to the form of the invention exhibited by Figures 1 to 6, inclusive, a case is formed by folding a sheet of leather 1 of proper outline on the line 2, forming a rear wall 3, and a front wall 4. A sheet of leather 5 interposed between the walls 3 and 4 divides the case into front and rear compartments or pockets 6 and 7, respectively. The partition 5, which, also, serves as the rear wall of the pocket 6, rises higher than the top edge of the front wall 4 to form a cover flap 8 that may be folded on the line 9 over against the outer side of the front wall 4 to close the opening 10 in the top of the pocket 6. The extreme portion of the cover flap 8 is provided with a pair of adjacent laterally extending slits 11 and 12, respectively, and the rear wall 5 of the pocket is provided with a laterally extending slit 13 in juxtaposition to the flap portion 8. A strap 14, preferably also of leather, is secured in any suitable manner, preferably by means of stitches 15 to the intermediate portion of the inner side of the front wall 4. The strap 14, when the pocket is closed, extends downwardly from

the stitches 15 along the front wall 4 nearly to the bottom of the pocket 6 and thence turns rearwardly and extends upwardly along the rear wall 5, passing through the slit 13 to the exterior of the pocket 6 and thence along the outer side of the flap 8, through the slit 12, along the inner face of the flap 8 to the slit 11, and thence through the slit 11 and along the outer face of the flap 8. The outer extremity of strap 14 has preferably secured thereto, as by suitable stitches 16, a tab or tongue 17, of stiffer leather or material, that is adapted to enter a loop 18, preferably also of leather, that projects from the outer side of the front wall 4 directly opposite the stitches 15, the ends 19 of the loop passing through slits 20 in the front wall 4 and being bent back over against the stitches 15, and secured to the wall 4 in any suitable manner, preferably by cementing or glueing. A thin patch 21 covers the ends 19 and the adjacent portions of the strap 14, being preferably cemented or otherwise suitably secured to the front wall 4. Sheet or patch 21 protects the contents from the projections and protuberances formed on the inner side of the wall 4 by the strap 14 and ends 19, so that the passage of the contents into and out of the pocket 6 will not be impeded by engagement with said projections. The strap 14 presents a narrow portion 22 intermediate of wider portions 23 and 24 in juxtaposition to its outer extremity, the slit 13 being just wide enough to permit the passage of the narrow portion 22 therethrough, but engaging the wider portions 23 and 24 to limit the stroke of the strap in opposite directions. Slits 11 and 12, of course, permit the passage therethrough of the enlarged portion 23. Stitches 25 along the lower edge 26 and the lateral edge 27 of the case secure the walls 3 and 4 and the partition 5 together thereat. When the case is open, as in Figures 3 and 4, the contents, such as the cards 28, may be pushed down through the opening 10, thereby lowering the bend 29 of strap 14 in the pocket 6 until enlargement 23 of strap 14 engages slit 13 and thereby prevents further descent of the bend 29 and cards 28 in the pocket 6. The tab 17 is then pulled forward and downwardly and inserted into the loop 18, thereby simultaneously closing cover flap 8 and maintaining it against the front wall 4, as shown in Figures 1 and 2. To open the case and to project or lift the cards, it is merely necessary to lift the tab 17, pulling straight up, thereby lifting cover flap 8 and strap 14 with one stroke, thereby lifting bend 29 and the cards 28 to the position shown in Figures 3 and 4. It will be observed that strap 14, in addition to lifting the cards 28, functions, also, to maintain the cover flap in closed position. Moreover, separate operations are not necessary to open the cover and lift the strap, but both opera-

tions are performed by a single movement, thereby facilitating the removal of a card from the pocket 6. The pocket 7 may or may not be provided, or additional pockets may be formed in the case, and they may serve the same purposes that such pockets serve in bill folds, card cases, and similar receptacles.

It will, of course, be understood and appreciated that any suitable means may be provided for detachably securing the outer extremity of the contents-protruding strap 14 to the front wall 4, other than the tab 17 and loop 18. For instance, snap fasteners, comprising co-operating knob and socket elements, may be employed for the purpose, the knob or male element 30 being preferably secured to the front wall 4 and serving, also, to secure the inner extremity of the strap 14 to the inner side of the front wall, and the socket or female element 31 being attached to the outer extremity of the strap 14, as shown in Figures 7, 8, 9, and 10. Furthermore, one of the slits 11 and 12 may be omitted, as shown in Figure 9; or both may be omitted, as shown in Figure 10; or means other than slits may be provided for connecting strap 14 and flap 8 to cause the automatic opening of the cover flap 8 when the strap 14 is lifted. It will be observed that the absence of these slits or their equivalents, as in Figure 10, while making it impossible to open the flap automatically by lifting the strap, nevertheless still permits the flap to be closed automatically by the closing movement of the strap 14 and to be maintained in closed position as long as the outer extremity of the strap 14 is secured to the front wall 4. Figures 11 and 12 illustrate a modification in which the operation of the contents-protruding strap neither opens nor closes the cover flap 8, although the free extremity of this strap 32 is constrained to move along the rear wall of the pocket as in the afore-described embodiments, and so not obscuring the cards and impeding their removal as might occur if the outer extremity of the strap were movable along the front wall of the case as in prior devices. Instead of a single slit 13, a pair of slits 13 may be formed in the rear wall 5 for constraining the strap to move along the rear wall, as, also, shown in Figures 11 and 12. The free end of the strap 32 may, also, be provided with an enlargement 33, that overlies the front wall 4 when the flap is closed, to facilitate its being grasped in the fingers, and that, also, serves as a stop to limit the descent of the strap through the slits 13, as, also, shown in Figures 11 and 12. A substitute for slits is illustrated in Figures 13 and 14, in which a strap 34, secured at its ends to the rear wall 5, functions to maintain the strap in connection with the rear wall.

Having thus fully described this invention, I hereby reserve the benefit of all changes in

form, arrangement, order, or use of parts, as it is evident that many minor changes may be made therein without departing from the spirit of this invention or the scope of the following claims.

I claim:

1. In an article of the class described, a pocket having an opening, and a pull strap therein having its inner extremity affixed to the front wall of the pocket and presenting a narrow portion intermediate of wider portions in juxtaposition to its outer extremity, said pocket having provisions for engaging the narrow portion of the pull strap to guide the same along the rear wall of the pocket and engaging the wider portions of the pull strap to limit the stroke of the strap in opposite directions.

2. In an article of the class described, a pocket having an opening and a flap for closing the opening, and a contents-protruding strap having its outer end detachably held by the wall of the pocket, said strap being connected to said flap to open and close the latter.

3. In an article of the class described, a pocket having an opening, a contents-protruding strap in the pocket, and means for detachably holding the outer end of the strap against the front wall of the pocket, said means being, also, adapted for affixing the inner end of the strap to the front wall of the pocket.

4. In an article of the class described, a pocket having an opening and a flap for closing the opening and being provided with slits, and a pull strap having one end affixed to the front wall of the pocket and presenting a narrow portion intermediate of wider portions in juxtaposition to its outer extremity, the slits in said flap engaging with the narrow portion of the strap to guide the same along the rear wall of the pocket and engaging the wider portions of the strap to limit the stroke of said strap in opposite directions, said strap being adapted to open and close said flap.

5. In an article of the class described, a pocket having an opening and a flap for closing the opening, and being provided with slits, a pull strap having one end affixed to the front wall of the pocket and presenting a narrow portion intermediate of wider portions in juxtaposition to its outer extremity, the slits in said flap engaging with the narrow portion of the strap to guide the same along the rear wall of the pocket and engaging the wider portions of the strap to limit the stroke of said strap in opposite directions, said strap being adapted to open and close said flap, and means for detachably holding the outer end of the strap against the front wall of the pocket, said means including bent extremities extended through the front wall of the pocket and

adapted to overlie the inner end of said strap.

6. A card case comprising a front and a slotted back, said back being continued above the top of the front to form a closure flap, an ejecting strap narrowed at its middle part, one end of which is secured to the inside of the front with the narrowed portion passing through the slot in the back with the shoulders of the narrowed part acting as stops to limit the movement of the strap, and fastening members one of which is secured to the outside of the front and the other to the free end of the strap.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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