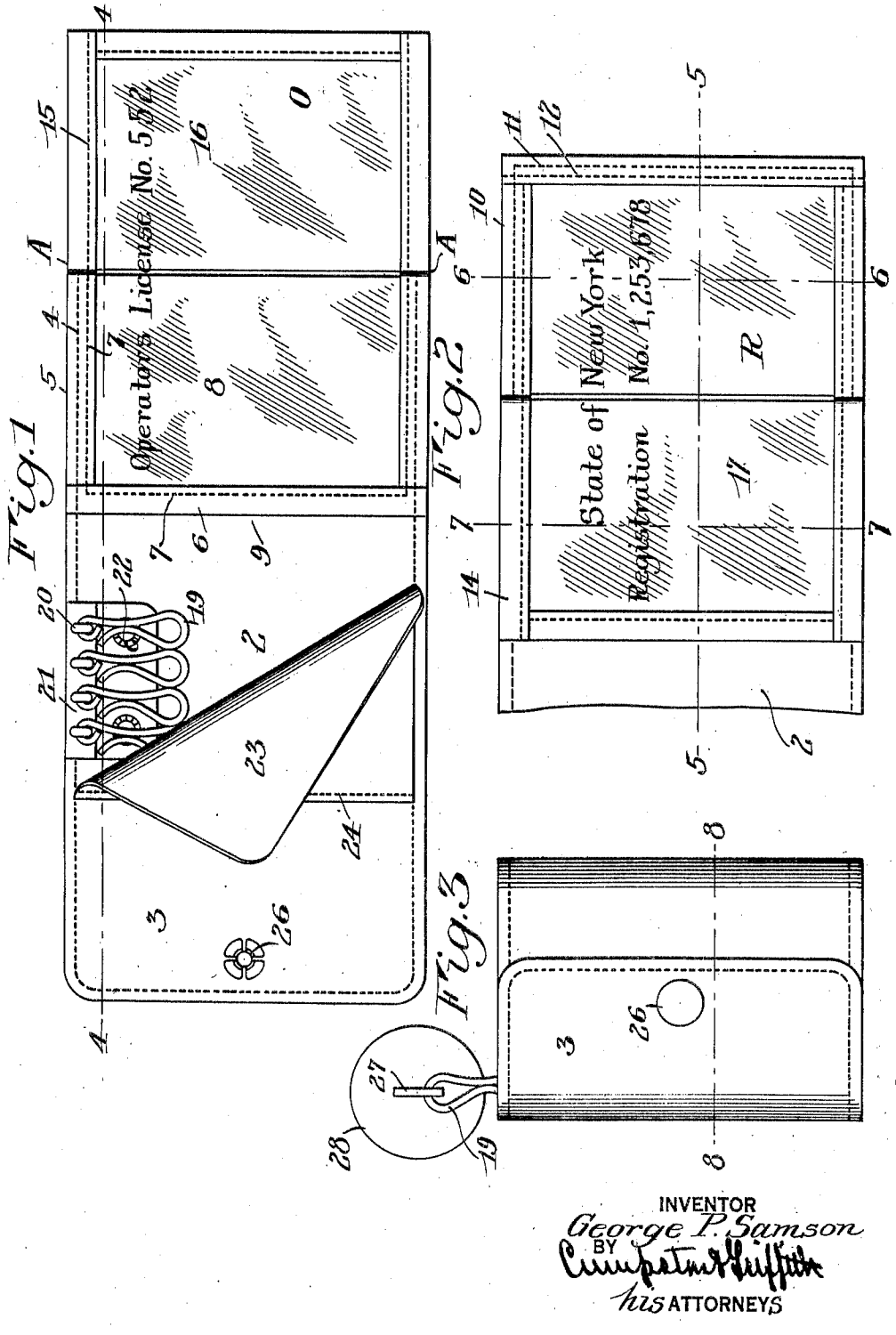
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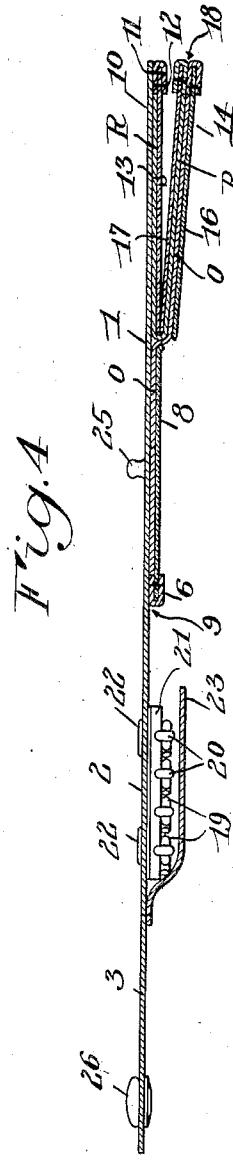


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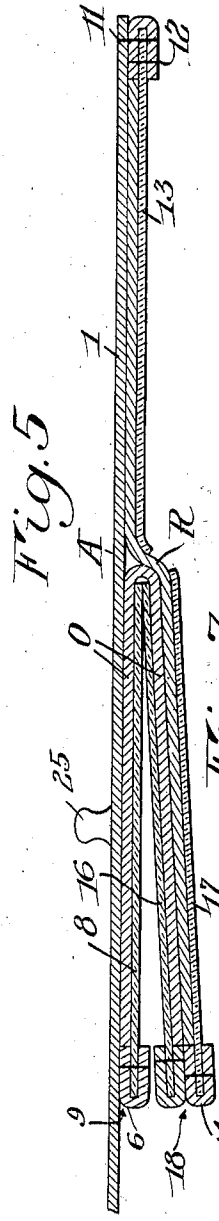


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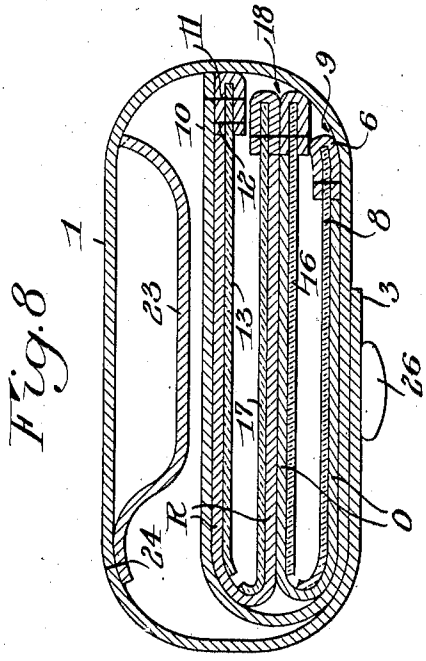


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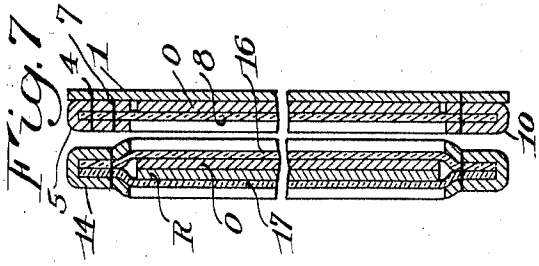


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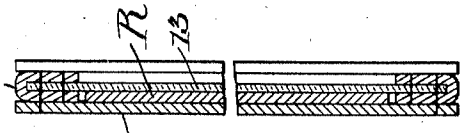


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My present invention relates to pocket books, cases, and the like, and has for its object to provide a simple, durable and convenient case or pocket book that may be produced at small cost and which will be adapted to hold compactly certain identification or similar cards of the owner, the whole being foldable in such way as to make a small and light articles to be carried in the pocket. A further object of the invention is to provide an article of this character in combination with a key-holder for purposes hereafter described.

To these and other ends the invention resides in certain improvements and combinations of parts, all as will be hereinafter more fully described, the novel features being pointed out in the claims at the end of the specification.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of a pocket cardcase and key-holder constructed in accordance with and illustrating one embodiment of my invention, the same being shown in a fully extended position;

Fig. 2 is a similar fragmentary view of the card holding portion of the article with the central frame folded over to a reverse position;

Fig. 3 is a plan view of the case completely folded and fastened;

Fig. 4 is a longitudinal section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 5 is an enlarged section, taken on the line 5—5 of Fig. 2;

Fig. 6 is a relatively transverse section taken on the line 6—6 of Fig. 2, looking in the direction of the arrows;

Fig. 7 is a similar section taken on the line 7—7 of Fig. 2, looking in the direction of the arrows, and

Fig. 8 is an enlarged section taken on the line 8—8 of Fig. 3.

Similar reference numerals throughout the several views indicate the same parts.

As before indicated, my invention is particularly applicable to a pocket case embodying a combined card-holder and key-holder and the embodiment shown has been particularly designed for the use of automobile drivers to carry in one container the various keys incidental to the use of their machine such as the switch key, transmission lock key and garage key, together with their operator's license card and the registration card for the car. Most State laws now require that operators of automobiles be licensed as such and that they have their license certificate always in their possession while driving. A State registration certificate giving the car number is also required and for purposes of identification and particularly when crossing international or State borders it is necessary or convenient to always have this license certificate also in the car.

The theory of convenience with respect to the device illustrated is this: If the car keys and the license certificates are always carried in the same container, the car cannot be unlocked and operated without the presence of the license certificates. Hence the operator cannot forget his certificates when starting out with his car as is often done when the keys to the car are carried separately from the licenses.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, the pocket case shown may be made of leather, imitation leather, fabric, or other similar materials ordinarily used in the construction of pocket books. As shown in Figs. 1 and 4 to best advantage, I provide a leather backing 1 for the card case portion, an extension 2 of which forms what we will term a body portion, while a still further extension 3 constitutes a flap, all of these parts being flexible in a hinged relationship to fold together in a manner hereinafter described. Stitched at 4 to the backing 1 is a frame 5 covering one half of the backing. It is composed of piping 6 formed of a doubled leather strip, the parts of which are stitched together at 7. This same stitching holds permanently within the frame a flexible, transparent window 8 of celluloid or similar material. This frame is open at both sides, taken longitudinally of the case, so that there is an opening at the point 9.

Beside this first frame 5 on the free end portion of the backing is an exactly similar frame 10, not appearing in Fig. 1, but appearing in Fig. 2. Both lines of stitching shown at 11 and 12 secure this frame to the backing and also secure therein another window 13 so that this frame is not open at the end of the case to permit an enclosed card from escaping, but is open only on its opposite side where it, in effect, forms a continuation of the pocket provided by the frame 5.

A third reversible frame 14 has a hinge connection at A—A on the median line between the other frames to fold back and forth upon either, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, and 4

and 5. It is made like the others and in fact is preferably formed in one-piece with and as an extension of the first mentioned frame 5, as shown in Fig. 1, except for the fact that it is double-faced and its stitching 15 holds two window lights of celluloid 16 and 17. It is for this reason that the stitching 4 which holds the frame 5 to the backing 1 ends, as shown in Fig. 1 at the line A—A. This intermediate hinged frame 14 is open at its free edge as indicated at 18 in Fig. 5. This card holder portion is used as follows:

Assuming that R is a car registration card or sheet certificate, and O is an operator's license certificate, by folding frame 14 over upon frame 10 as in Figs. 1 and 4, the card O may be inserted in the opening 18 of frame 14 and passed through into frame 5 with the assistance of the opening 9, so that the card partially occupies both frames and folds at its middle on the line A—A as the frame 14 is thereafter folded or swung back and forth. The frame 14 is then reversed and folded to the left to the position of Figs. 2 and 5, whereupon card R is inserted in the same manner to partly occupy both frame 14 and frame 10. The two certificate cards are thus held back to back in the frame 14, and their end portions respectively displayed in frames 5 and 10. Upon folding frame 14 to the right, certificate O is completely revealed for inspection as in Fig. 1, while upon folding it over in the other direction against frame 5, certificate R is completely revealed for inspection. Both certificates are completely protected at all times by the four window elements, while frames 5 and 10 afford jointly a continuous pocket for other cards that it is desired to carry which may be inserted or withdrawn at any time through opening 9.

The body portion 2 is provided in the present embodiment with suitable key carriers such as the well-known hooks 19 swinging on eyes 20 carried by a metal mounting plate 21 secured to the body 2 as by the rivet eyes 22. An inner flap 23 stitched at 24 to the edge of the body on the hinge line of the flap 3 covers the keys and prevents them from defacing the card holding element when the case is folded. To fold completely, frames 10 and 14 are folded in on frame 5 on the line A—A and then the three frames are folded together upon the body 2 containing the keys with the protecting flap 23 intervening. This brings the back of frame 5 uppermost, and it and the flap 3 are respectively provided with snap fastener elements, the male portion thereof being shown at 25 on the backing, and the female portion at 26 on the flap. Thus the flap 3 may be finally folded over to secure the whole case compactly together as illustrated in Fig. 3.

This folding does not, however, prevent a selected key with its hook 19 from remaining outside as indicated at 27 in Fig. 3, where the said key is shown operatively engaged in a conventional switch lock 28. It is contemplated that the case may hang in this manner from the switch lock key while the driver is operating his car. Upon withdrawing the key, the certificates remain with it as aforesaid, and the car cannot be operated without them.

I claim:

1. In a pocketbook, the combination with a backing provided with two card holding frames on its inner side foldable toward each other into parallelism, of a frame hinged to the inside of the backing intermediately of the first mentioned frames to fold between them and constituting a continuation of both to hold a card jointly with each of them.

2. In a pocketbook, the combination with a backing provided with two card holding frames on its inner side foldable toward each other into parallelism, of a frame hinged to the inside of the backing intermediately of the first mentioned frames to fold between them and constituting a continuation of both to hold a card jointly with each of them, the free edge of the intermediate frame having an opening for the insertion of cards in either of the other frames.

3. In a pocketbook, the combination with a backing provided with two card holding frames on its inner side foldable toward each other into parallelism, of a frame hinged to the inside of the backing intermediately of the first mentioned frames to fold between them and constituting a continuation of both to hold a card jointly with each of them, the free edge of the intermediate frame having an opening for the insertion of cards in either of the other frames, a body forming a continuation of the backing and upon which all of the aforesaid frames are foldable, a flap on the opposite edge of the body, and cooperating fastening elements on the flap and on the back of the backing.

4. In a pocketbook, the combination with a backing provided with two card holding frames on its inner side foldable toward each other into parallelism, of a frame hinged to the inside of the backing intermediately of the first mentioned frames to fold between them and constituting a continuation of both to hold a card jointly with each of them, and a body portion having a securing flap and into which the frames are foldable, the frame on the backing next to the body portion having an opening at the body side thereof providing a continuous pocket comprising both backing frames.

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