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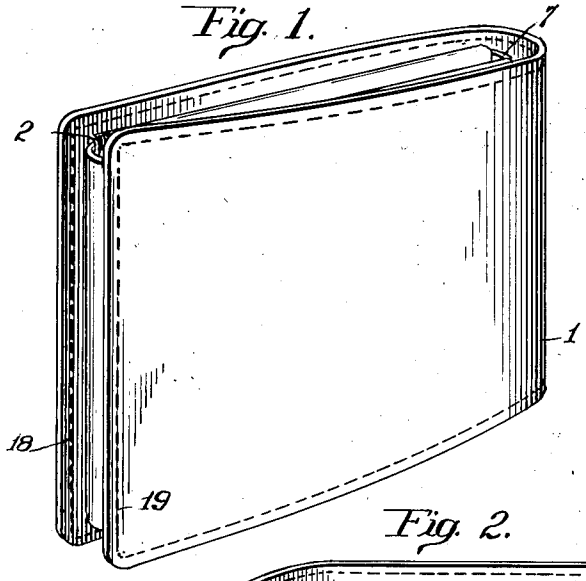


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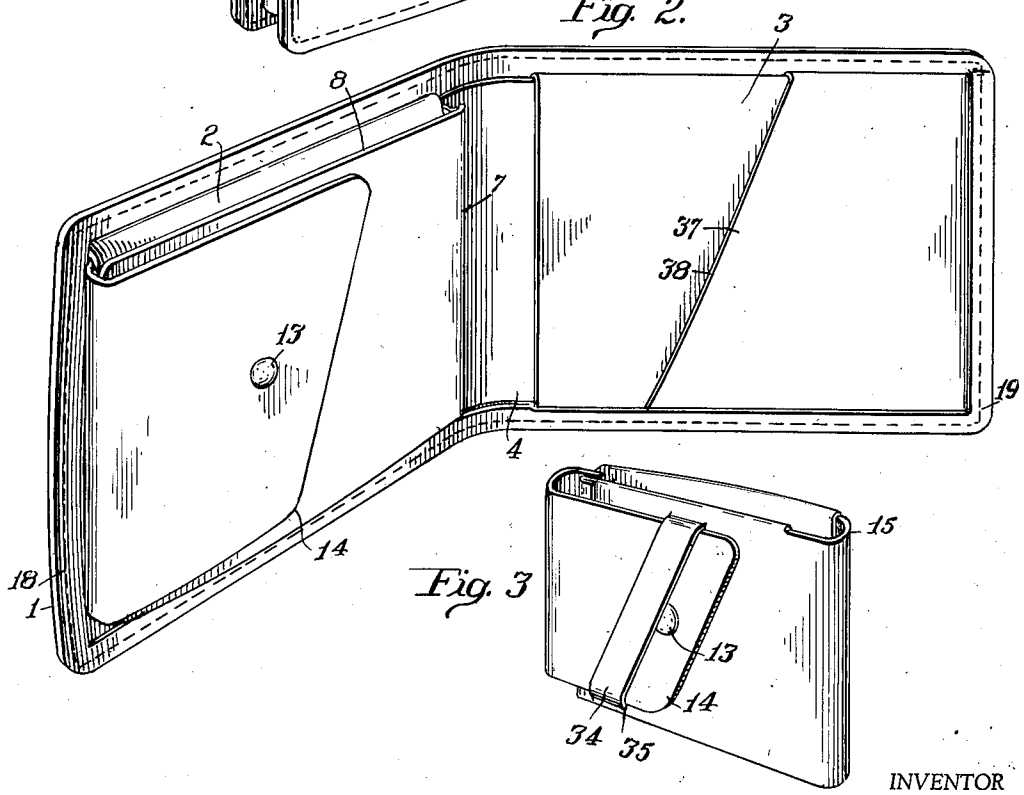


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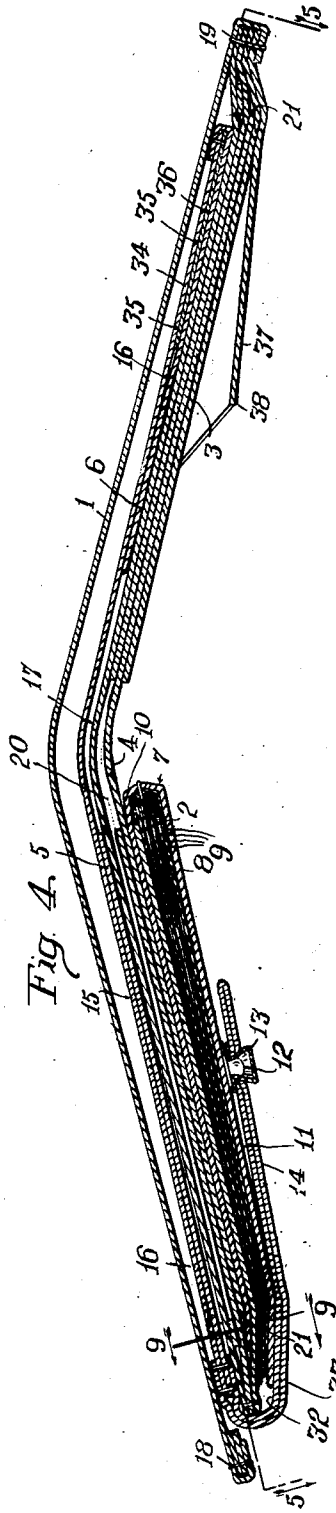


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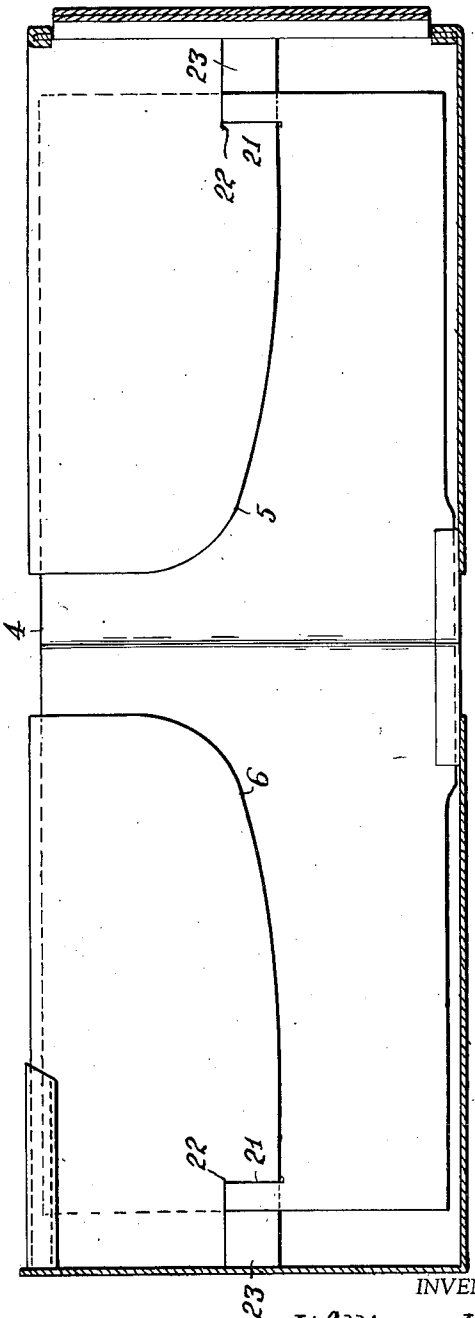


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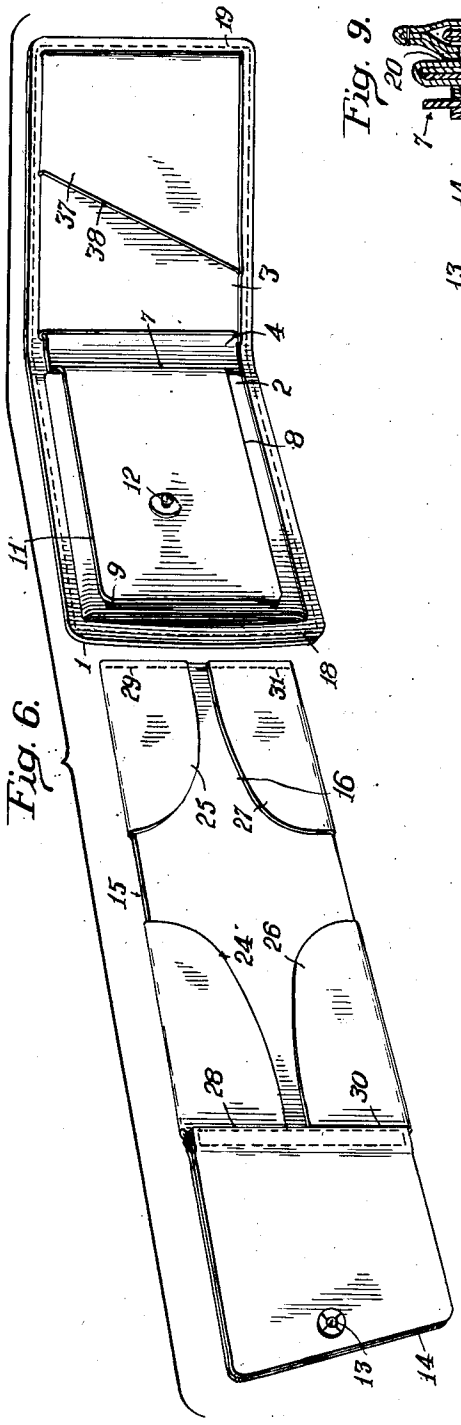
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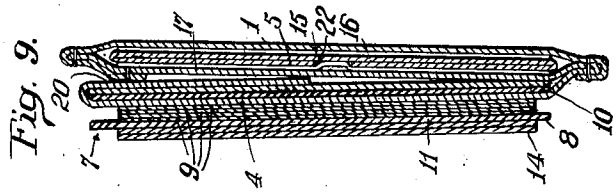
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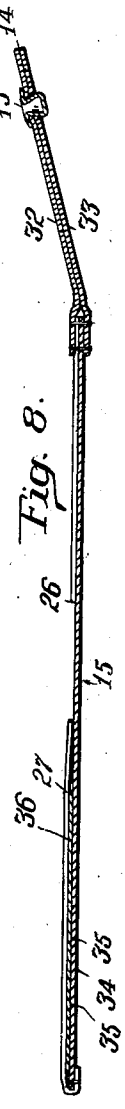
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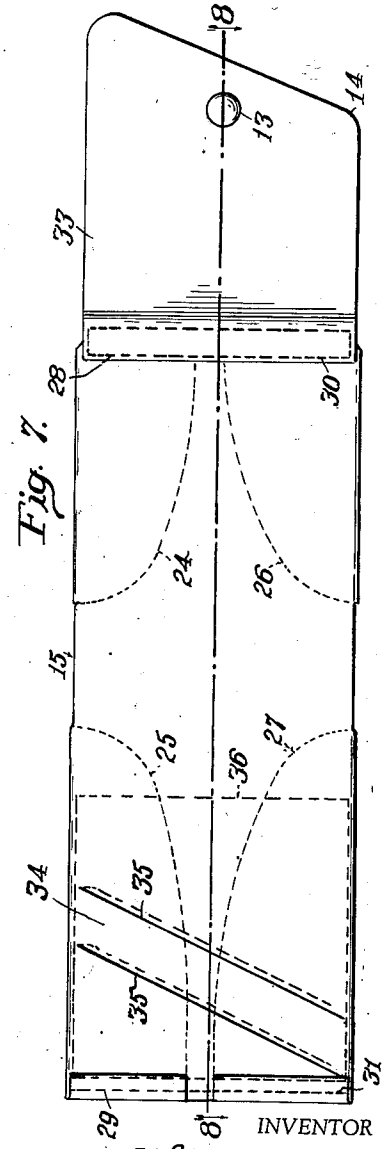
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The invention relates to a combination wallet and removable pull-out billfold.

An object of the present invention is to provide a wallet having the conventional billfold compartment with a secret pocket in which is arranged a secret pull-out billfold which is not discernible when the wallet is opened in the usual manner for removing a bill from said billfold compartment.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a wallet of this character having inner and outer walls forming the billfold compartment and provided exteriorly of the inner wall with pockets, closed at the top, bottom and outer ends and open at their inner ends centrally of the inner wall of the wallet, one of the pockets receiving the inner cover portion and leaves of a card case having its outer cover portion arranged exteriorly of the card case receiving pocket equipped with a fastener part engageable with a complementary fastener part carried by an exteriorly arranged flap of the secret pull-out billfold whereby the engaging of the two-part fastener will retain the card case in the pocket provided therefor, and will also retain the secret pull-out billfold in the secret compartment of the wallet.

Another object of the invention is to provide a wallet having a secret pull-out billfold which will be entirely concealed when the wallet is opened in the customary manner and adapted, when removed from the wallet, to be folded and secured in its folded condition to enable it to be conveniently used as a billfold independently of the wallet.

It is also an object of the invention to provide a wallet having a secret pocket, open at one end of the wallet and receiving a secret pull-out billfold, said wallet being provided with means for camouflaging the open end of the secret pocket when the billfold is arranged therein so that the wallet may be used in the customary manner without disclosing either the secret pocket or the secret pull-out billfold.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying draiwngs and pointed out in the claims hereto appended, it being understood that various changes in the form, proportions, and minor details of construction, within the scope of the claims, may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

In the drawings:

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Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a wallet constructed in accordance with the present invention and shown closed;

Fig. 2 is a similar view, the wallet being open;

Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of the secret pull-out billfold arranged for independent use separate from the wallet;

Fig. 4 is a central longitudinal sectional view of the wallet arranged as shown in Fig. 2;

Fig. 5 is a longitudinal sectional view on the line 5—5 of Fig. 4;

Fig. 6 is an exploded view of the wallet and the secret pull-out billfold;

Fig. 7 is a plan view of the secret pull-out billfold showing the exterior thereof in extended open condition;

Fig. 8 is a longitudinal sectional view of the same taken on the line 8—8 of Fig. 7;

Fig. 9 is a transverse sectional view taken on the line 9—9 of Fig. 4.

In the accompanying drawings, in which is illustrated a preferred embodiment of the invention, the wallet which contains the secret pull-out billfold is constructed of leather or other flexible sheet material and comprises in its construction an outer wall 1 provided at its ends with pocket-forming members 2 and 3 formed integrally with the outer wall and extending upwardly from the bottom of the wallet exteriorly of an inner wall 4 and provided at the top with flaps 5 and 6 which are folded downwardly and inwardly over the end portions of the inner wall 4 and retaining the inner wall in position contiguous to the pocket forming members, as more fully described below.

The pockets formed by the pocket forming members exteriorly of the inner wall are closed at the top, bottom and outer ends and are open at their inner ends centrally of the wallet. The pocket formed by the pocket forming member 2 receives a card case 7 comprising a cover 8, and a plurality of pocket leaves 9. The cover is formed from an oblong piece of leather or other flexible sheet material which is folded transversely to form an inner cover portion 10 and an outer cover portion 11. The inner cover portion 10 and the pocket leaves are inserted in the pocket formed by the pocket forming member 2 and the outer cover portion 11 is arranged exteriorly of said pocket forming member 2, as clearly illustrated in Fig. 6 of the drawings. The pocket leaves 9, which may be of any desired number, each consist of two sheets of Celluloid or other suitable transparent material, but any other desired sheet material may be employed in the con-

struction of the pocket leaves. The sheets 9 are united at their upper and lower edges and the members of each pocket leaf are united at the back and suitably secured to the cover.

The outer cover portion 11 is provided with one portion 12 of a two-part fastener, preferably a snap fastener, and the complementary portion 13 is carried by a flap 14 of a secret pull-out billfold 15 which is arranged within a secret pocket 16 of the wallet. The flap 14 is arranged exteriorly of the card case, as clearly illustrated in Fig. 2 of the drawings, and when the two parts of the snap fastener or other fastening device are engaged, the flap 14, which is removably held in fixed position with relation to the wallet, serves the double purpose of retaining the pull-out secret billfold within the secret pocket and the card case within the pocket formed by the pocket forming member 2.

The secret pocket 16 is formed by the outer wall 1 and an intermediate wall or partition 17 connected at the top and bottom and one end 18 to the outer wall and suitably secured at its other end 19 to the adjacent end of the inner wall 4. This provides an open end for the secret pocket at one end of the wallet exteriorly thereof and also enables the intermediate wall or partition to cooperate with the inner wall 4 to form the customary bill receiving compartment 20. The outer wall is preferably provided at the top with a marginal portion which is folded inwardly over the intermediate wall or partition 17 and suitably secured to the same, but the said wall or partition may be secured at its top and bottom and end 18 to the wallet in any suitable manner. The inner wall is preferably provided at its ends with vertical slits 21 and the flaps 5 and 6 are provided at their end portions with horizontal slits 22 forming tongues 23 which are inserted in the horizontal slits for connecting the ends of the inner wall to the flaps of the pocket forming members 2 and 3.

The secret pull-out billfold consists of an oblong piece of leather or other flexible material forming the body portion thereof provided at the top and bottom with longitudinal bill holding flaps 24 and 25, and 26 and 27, connected with the body portion of the secret pull-out billfold preferably by being formed integrally therewith, but they may be constructed in any other desired manner, as will be readily understood, and they are secured at their outer ends 28 and 29, and 30 and 31, by stitching or other suitable means to the oblong body portion of the billfold 15. The flap 14, which is cut off at its outer end slightly diagonally, is preferably composed of inner and outer layers 32 and 33 which have their inner end portions secured to the body portion of the billfold 15 interiorly and exteriorly thereof, as clearly illustrated in Fig. 8 of the drawings, but the flap may be formed in any other desired manner, as will be readily understood. The upper and lower flaps of the billfold 15 are adapted to retain bills within the billfold which, when entirely withdrawn from the secret pocket of the wallet, is adapted to be folded centrally of the body portion and the flap 14 closed over the folded body portion and retained in such position by a strap 34 formed by spaced diagonal slits 35 in the body portion of the billfold 15 adjacent the end remote from the flap 14. The slitted area of the body portion is preferably covered at the inner face by a rectangular piece of thin sheet material 36, which enables the flap 14 to be readily inserted under the strap 34 without liability of catching under the edge of the slitted portion of the body of the billfold. When the secret pull-out billfold is removed from the wallet and is arranged as shown in Fig. 3, it may be conveniently used independently of the wallet, as will be readily understood.

The pocket formed by the pocket forming member 3 is adapted to receive cards, papers and the like and the wallet at its right hand end is provided with an auxiliary pocket forming piece 37 secured at its upper, lower and outer edges to the wallet and having its inner edge 38 preferably cut diagonally to facilitate the introduction of its contents and the removal of the same from the auxiliary pocket.

The wallet is designed to be finished in the conventional manner to present smooth edges at the top, bottom and ends, and while the pocket forming members are indicated as being preferably formed integrally with the outer wall of the wallet, they may be constructed in any other suitable manner to provide pockets exteriorly of the inner wall of the wallet. Also the outer wall is preferably extended beyond the open end of the concealed pocket, which, with the exterior arrangement of the flap of the secret pull-out billfold, serves to conceal the open end of the secret pocket.

The exteriorly arranged flap of the secret pull-out billfold not only facilitates the ready removal of the same from the secret pocket of the wallet, but when secured to the card case operates to retain the card case within the exterior pocket of the wallet and the billfold within the secret pocket of the same.

I claim:

1. A wallet provided with a secret pocket extending longitudinally for the full extent of the wallet and closed at the top, bottom and one end and open at the other end, a removable pull-out billfold arranged within the secret pocket of the wallet, an exteriorly arranged flap connected at its inner end to the billfold and foldable over the wallet, and means for detachably securing the flap to the wallet whereby the flap substantially conceals the secret pocket of the wallet and retains the billfold therein.

2. A wallet provided with a secret pocket extending longitudinally for the full extent of the wallet and closed at the top, bottom and one end and open at the other end, a removable pull-out billfold arranged within the secret pocket of the wallet, an exteriorly arranged flap connected at its inner end to the billfold and foldable over the wallet, and a two-part fastener having one part carried by the wallet and the other portion mounted on the exterior of said flap, said fastener being adapted to hold the flap in closed position for retaining the billfold within the secret pocket and said flap substantially concealing the open end of the secret pocket.

3. A wallet comprising inner and outer walls and an intermediate wall partition secured at the top, bottom and one end to the outer wall, and connected at its other end to the adjacent end of the inner wall and forming with the outer wall a secret pocket open at one end and also providing a pocket between the inner wall and said partition wall, open at the top of the wallet for the introduction and removal of bills, and pocket forming members extending upwardly from the lower edge of the outer wall exteriorly of the inner wall and forming pockets arranged exteriorly of the inner wall.

4. A wallet comprising inner and outer walls

and an intermediate wall partition secured at the top, bottom and one end to the outer wall, and connected at its other end to the adjacent end of the inner wall and forming with the outer wall a secret pocket open at one end and also providing a pocket between the inner wall and said partition wall, open at the top of the wallet for the introduction and removal of bills, and pocket forming members extending upwardly from the lower edge of the outer wall exteriorly of the inner wall and forming pockets arranged exteriorly of the inner wall and provided with flaps extending downwardly and inwardly over the end portions of the inner wall and retaining the inner wall in position contiguous to the pocket forming members.

5. A wallet having at least one pocket, a case having front and rear cover portions, the rear cover portion being positionable within said one pocket with the front cover portion adapted to overlie said one pocket, said wallet being provided with a secret pocket extending longitudinally for the full extent of the wallet and opening adjacent an edge portion thereof, a removable pull-out receptacle having a flap attached to one of its end edges, said receptacle being positionable in said secret pocket with said flap outwardly thereof and foldable downwardly onto the front cover portion of said case, and means for detachably securing said flap and front cover portion together.

6. A wallet having at least one opening parallel and adjacent to the medial fold line of said wallet providing access to a pocket, a case having front and rear cover portions with the rear cover portion thereof positioned in said pocket with said front cover portion adapted to overlie said pocket, said wallet being provided with a secret pocket and having an opening substantially at an end edge thereof through which a receptacle can be inserted for positioning in said secret pocket, a removable pull-out receptacle positionable in said secret pocket and having a flap extending from one of its end edges adapted to be folded down to a position overlying said front cover portion of the case, and means for detachably securing said flap and front cover portion together whereby said flap retains the front cover portion in close relationship with said wallet and also substantially conceals the opening of said secret pocket at the same time retaining said removable pull-out receptacle in said secret pocket.

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