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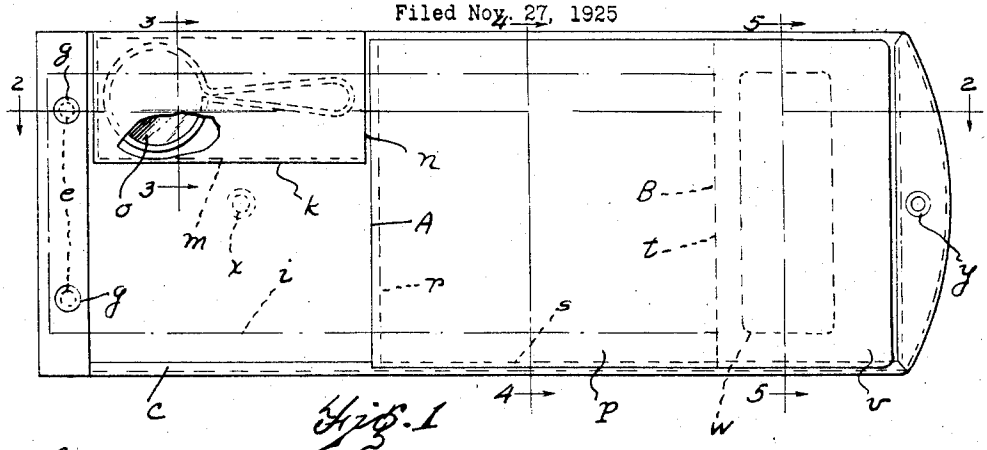


Fig. 1

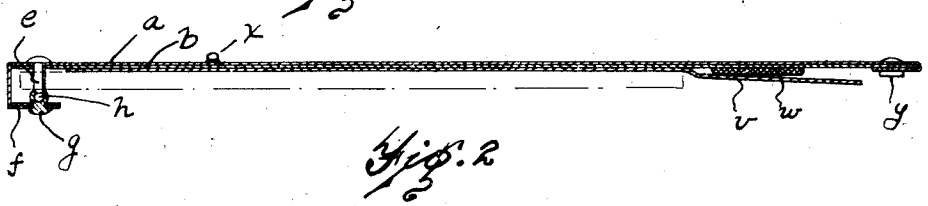


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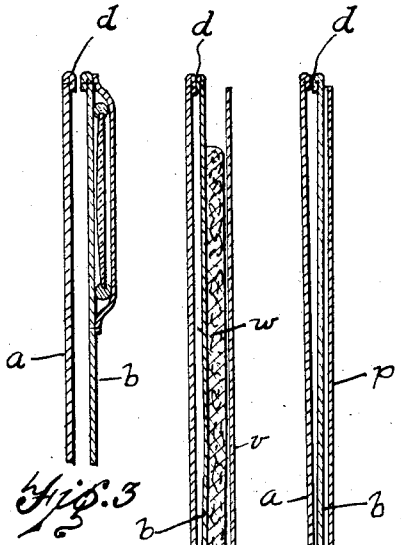


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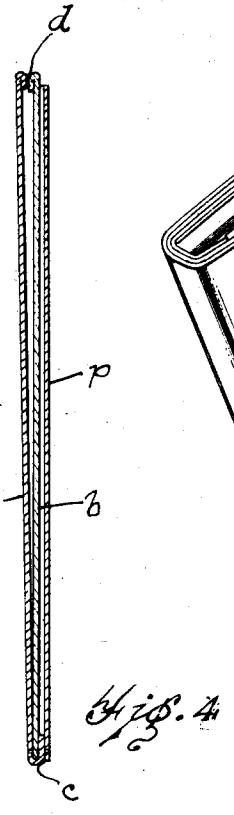


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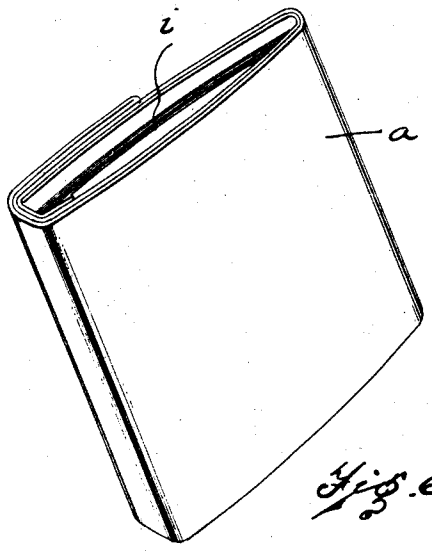


Fig. 6

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COMBINED FOLDER AND CHECK BOOK.

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This invention relates to a folder and has for its object the construction of a folder for carrying negotiable notes and for carrying means permitting the applying of a novel identifying mark thereon.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is an elevation of my improved form of folder in an unfolded position.

Figs. 2, 3, 4, and 5 are sectional views taken on the lines 2—2, 3—3, 4—4 and 5—5 of Fig. 1 respectively.

Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the folder folded up to permit the carrying of the same in a convenient manner.

The most obvious way of describing this folder is to explain the steps of manufacture. I first take two pieces of flexible material preferably leather, designated *a* and *b*, the outer layer *a* being lapped over the layer *b*, as at *c*, along one side and one end, the other side being hemmed and left open as at *d* (Figs. 3 to 5 inclusive) to permit the use of a space between these two layers as a pocket for carrying bills or the like.

At one end of the folder I provide studs *e*, and a turned back flap *f* which is provided with the spring sockets *g* each adapted to be snapped over the ball shaped end *h* of each stud *e*. The negotiable notes are shown by the dot and dash lines in Fig. 1 and are designated *i*, these notes being preferably provided with holes at one end adapted to be engaged over these studs *e* so that when the snap *g* is snapped over the stud these notes are secured within the folder.

I secure an additional layer of material to *b* by sewing the same thereto as at *m*, thus forming a pocket open at one end as at *n*, and adapted to receive a magnifying glass *o*. This pocket opens to the inside of the folder and when the folder is folded up as shown in Fig. 6 there is no chance of the glass slipping out of the pocket and becoming lost.

I sew an additional piece of flexible material *p* to *b* by sewing the same thereto as at *r* along one end and also sewing along the bottom edge as at *s* for a portion of its length, the sewing then proceeding across an intermediate portion of *p* as at *t*. This arrangement of sewing provides a pocket *u* (Fig. 4) for the purpose of holding cards coupons or the like, and provides a flap *v* at one end which may be turned back.

Secured to *b* is an ink pad *w* and this cover flap *v* is adapted to prevent contact between the notes and the pad, thereby preventing the accidental soiling of said notes and also serving to protect the user of the folder from accidentally smearing his clothing or hands on the ink pad. Secured to the outer layer of material *a* is a snap *x* and secured to the end of the folder opposite to the end which supports the note securing means is a spring socket *v*. This folder may be folded when not in use by folding the same approximately on the lines A and B, and snapping the spring socket *v* over the snap *x*, the folder then being fastened in the folded position as shown in Fig. 6, and may be conveniently carried in the coat pocket or any other suitable place.

This folder serves not only as a check book but also as a bill-fold, and it conveniently carries additional devices which aid the owner when trying to cash the negotiable notes as one of the features of these notes is that it is required to be countersigned by an identifying finger-print. Obviously I do not want to be limited to the use of a pad for reproducing finger-prints as any portion of the owner's anatomy may be used for providing an identifying print to be applied to the negotiable note when cashed.

What I claim is:

1. A combined bill folder and check book of a flexible and foldable type, comprising an outer strip of material and an inner strip of material, the inner strip of material being secured along three edges to the outer strip to provide a pocket for bills, the outer strip being of a greater length than the inner strip and having one of its ends folded back upon itself and means for holding a supply of blank checks or notes within the fold of this folded back portion of the outside strip.

2. A combined bill folder and check book of a flexible and foldable type, comprising an outer strip of material and an inner strip of material, the inner strip of material being secured along three edges to the outer strip to provide a pocket for bills, the outer strip being of a greater length than the inner strip and having one of its ends folded back upon itself, means for holding a supply of blank checks or notes within the fold of this folded back portion of the outside

strip, a flexible ink supply device mounted on the inner strip of material, and a flexible cover for this device.

3. As a new article of manufacture, a flexible folder comprising outer and inner strips of flexible material secured together to form a pocket between them, means for detachably holding a supply of checks at one end with the checks disposed adjacent the inner strip, said folder being of a length somewhat greater than that of the checks and being foldable transversely along two spaced lines, thus dividing the folder into three portions arranged along the length of the folder, one end portion being adapted to fold over the opposite end and overlap the opposite end portion when the folder is folded, means providing a pocket on one of the said portions, a flexible ink device carried by another portion, said ink device having a flexible cover to protect the blank checks from the ink device, said flexible cover being hingedly connected to the folder whereby access to the ink device may be had in the filling out of the blank checks.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature.

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