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CARD CASE

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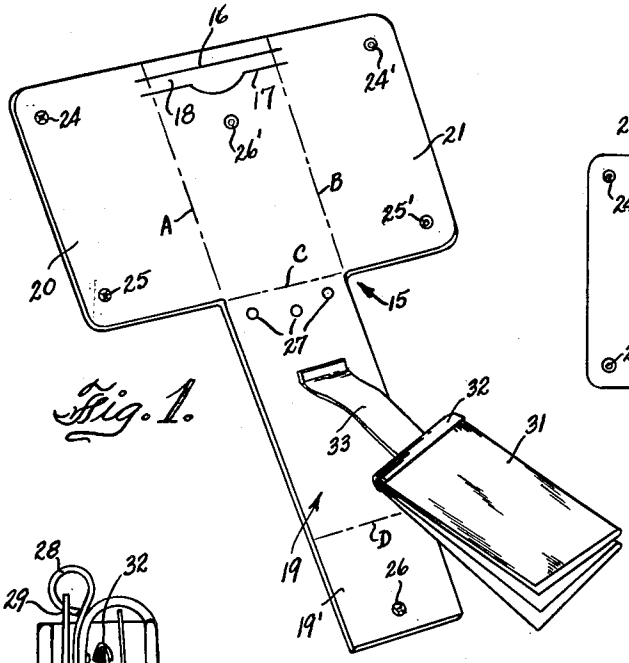


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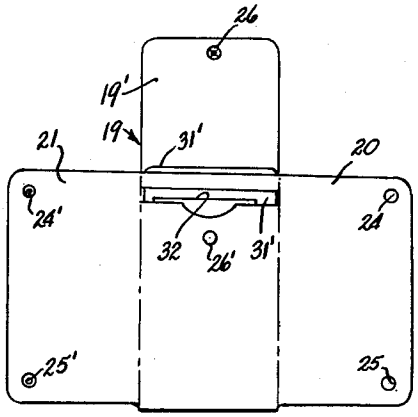


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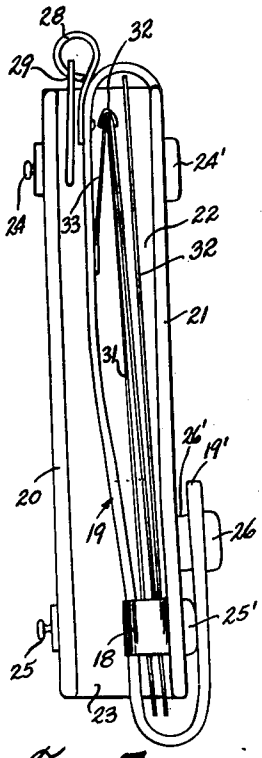


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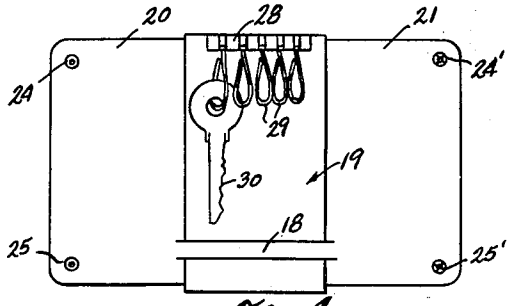


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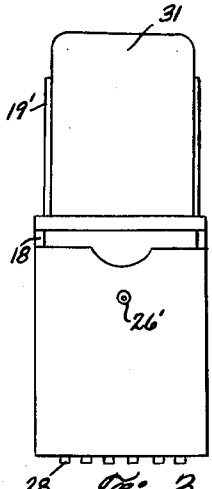


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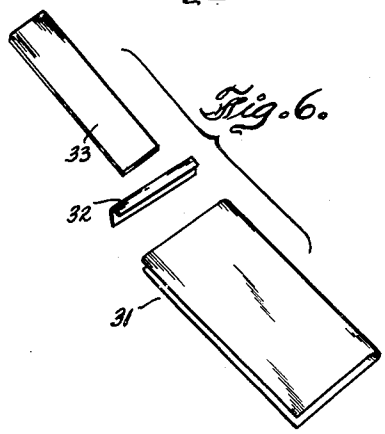


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The present invention relates to a card case of the type carried in a pocketbook or handbag.

The principal object of this invention is to provide a card case of novel and improved construction whose main member is made of a single sheet blank of leather or the like, of unique shape, folded to provide a pocket-like formation to house withdrawable card-holding folders, and if desired, may include means to mount keys thereon.

Another object hereof is to provide a novel and improved combination key and card case of the character mentioned, whose main member is made of a single sheet blank requiring no stitching to form the key and card housing formations.

A further object is to provide a novel and improved article of the type described, which is cheap to manufacture, easy to arrange in its required form and efficient in carrying out the purposes for which it is designed.

Other objects and advantages will become apparent as this disclosure proceeds.

In the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification, similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Fig. 1 is a perspective view showing the completed article embodying this invention. The main body member is shown spread out flat as it is prior to being folded. If said body member is made of leather having one finished surface, the surface thereof which is visible in this view, is the unfinished one.

Fig. 2 shows the main body member as it is finally arranged. The card-holding folders are shown housed and accessible for withdrawal. The key case portion is in open condition; the key mounting member being on the back surface of the article as here shown.

Fig. 3 shows the article as viewed in Fig. 2, but the key case portion is in closed condition. The card-holding folders are shown in withdrawn position.

Fig. 4 is a rear view of Fig. 2 with a certain flap buttoned on the main body member; said flap closing the mouth of the pocket formation which houses the card-holding folders. This view shows the key case portion in open condition and the card case portion in closed condition.

Fig. 5 is an enlarged side view of Fig. 4 with one of the flaps of the key case portion in its position when the card case portion is in closed condition.

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Fig. 6 is an "exploded" view showing a card-holding folder and associated components.

In the drawings, the numeral **15** denotes generally a flat T-shaped blank of leather or other suitable bendable sheet material. If one surface thereof is finished, as it would be if of leather, then in Fig. 1 it is the unfinished surface of said blank that is exposed to view. Near and along the top edge of said T-shaped blank, there are a pair of spaced slits **16** and **17** forming a loop **18**, through which the stem portion **19** of said blank is laced and lies flat. Said stem portion **19** is of a length that when so laced through the loop **18** to lie between the wings **20** and **21**, it will extend beyond the top edge of the T-shaped blank **15**, sufficient to form the flap **19'**. This flap when folded over the other side of the blank, serves to close the card case portion **22** of the article as shown in Fig. 5. The wings or side flaps **20**, **21** of the blank **15**, are foldable towards each other to lie in overlapping relation and thereby close key case portion **23** of the finished article. In such position, said side flaps embrace the stem **19** except the flap **19'** portion of said stem.

Glove snap elements **24** and **25** on side flap **20**, are adapted for detachable engagement with the complementary glove snap elements **24'** and **25'** respectively on the other side flap **21**. The glove snap element **26** on the card case flap **19'**, is adapted for engagement with the complementary glove snap element **26'** and is separable therefrom. Said element **26'**, downward from the top edge of the blank **15**, is below the loop **18** and intermediate the side flaps **20**, **21**. Immediately below the top of the stem portion **19**, on the rear side of the blank as shown in Fig. **1**, by any suitable means as rivets **27**, there is mounted a key-mounting means **28** which may be of the type including hooks **29**, each hook being adapted to hold one or more keys **30**. In the finished article arranged as in Fig. 4, the keys rest on stem portion **19**, and with the hooks **29**, are covered by the overlapped and engaged side flaps **20**, **21**, when the key case portion of the article is closed.

One or more folders **31**, are secured at corresponding ends as for instance in an edging **32**, to the central part of which edging is secured a flexible strip **33** which may be of fabric material. The free end of said strip **33** is cemented or otherwise suitably secured on the blank positioned as shown in Fig. **1**, on the stem portion **19** of such blank, immediately below or in the region of the rivets **27**, for example.

When the stem portion is laced through the loop 18, said folders 31 will lie in the folder formed by said stem portion 19 with the remainder of the body of the blank 15; said folders 31, being also laced through the said loop, and they preferably are of a size to extend a little out of the pocket-like formation as shown at 31' in Fig. 2. Cards may be inserted in said folders 31 which latter are preferably of transparent sheeting.

The blank 15 is creased to facilitate folding of the side flaps 20, 21 and the stem portion 19 along the lines "A," "B," "C" respectively, and for the flap 19' along the line "D."

In fully closed condition, which is the manner of course in which this combination key and card case article is carried in a user's pocket or handbag, the flap's glove snap element 26 is engaged in 26', and the flaps 20, 21 cover the keys 30 and overlap each other with their corresponding glove snaps in engagement.

It is evident that to have access to the keys, the side flaps 20 and 21 are disengaged, and to have access to permit withdrawal of the major portion of the card-carrying folders 31, the flap 19' is disengaged.

It is to be noted that said folders 31 may be used for carrying license, registration and other cards which need only be exhibited from time to time, while withdrawable calling cards as 32' may be carried in the space between the folders 31 and the blank's portion which is between the flaps 20 and 21.

This is a continuation of application filed March 22, 1952, under Serial No. 277,959, now abandoned.

This invention is capable of numerous forms and various applications without departing from the essential features herein disclosed. It is therefore intended and desired that the embodiment shown herein be deemed illustrative and not restrictive and that the patent shall cover all patentable novelty herein set forth; reference being had to the following claims rather than to the specific description herein to indicate the scope of this invention.

I claim:

1. An article of the character described made of an elongated flat blank of bendable material provided with a pair of spaced slits adjacent one end edge, forming a loop in said blank intermediate the longitudinal edges thereof; the other end portion of said blank being folded over one surface of the blank to form a two-ply structure; said second end being laced through said loop whereby it extends beyond the first end edge of the blank; the part of said blank extending beyond the first end edge of the blank being adapted to be bent around said first edge and over said loop, to serve as a flap lying on the other surface of said blank and cooperative disengageable elements secured on said flap and on the surface of the blank covered by said flap.

2. The article as defined in claim 1, including a member of stiff sheet material and a bendable element secured at one of its ends to said stiff member and at its other end to the surface of the blank intermediate said plies; said stiff member being laced through said loop and lying between said plies and adapted to be slid through said loop a predetermined distance when the said flap is swung to expose the first end edge of the blank.

3. The article as defined in claim 2, wherein the length of the bendable element on the mentioned stiff member is such that said stiff member in all positions remains laced through the loop.

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