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[54] PERSONAL MONEY CONTAINER

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

The specification discloses a personal money container which can be worn on or about the person such as on an arm or a leg for carrying money or other valuables in a concealed or inconspicuous manner. One embodiment discloses a container for money or other valuables which can be clipped or otherwise attached inside of an article of underclothing such as a brassier or, if desired may be attached to a swim suit or the like.

1 Claim, 4 Drawing Figures

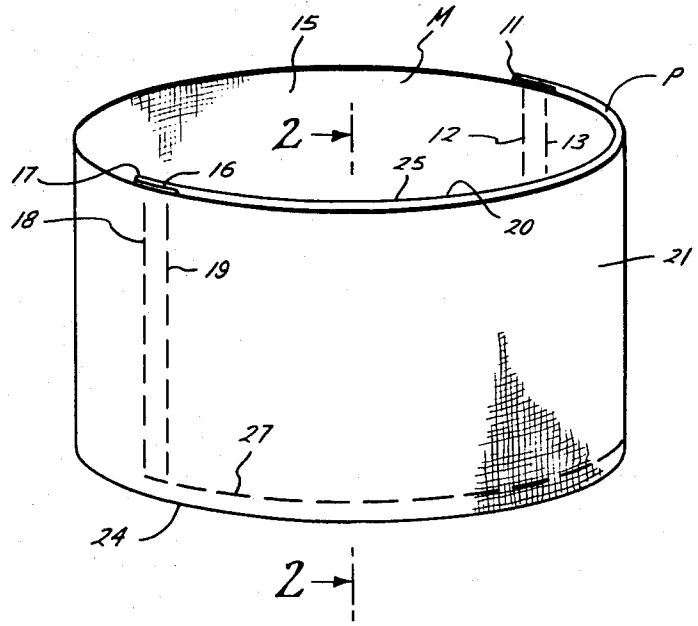


Fig. 1

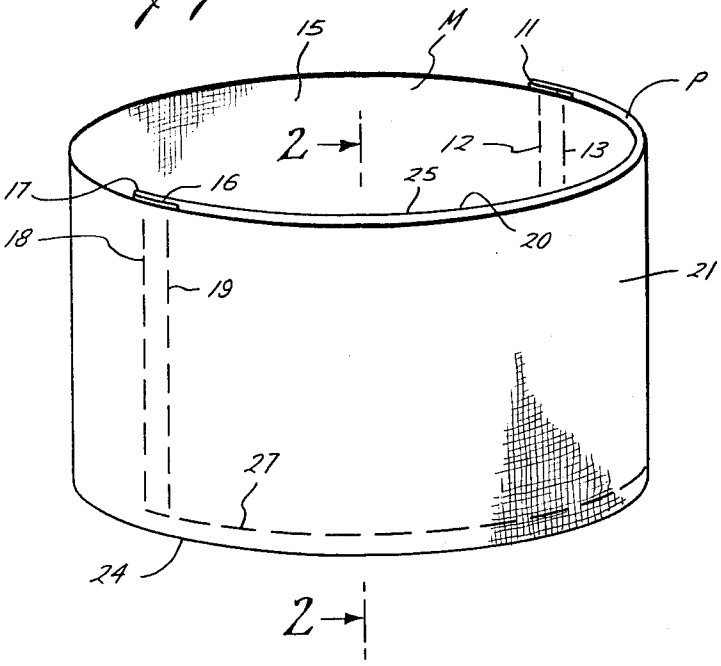


Fig. 2



Fig. 3

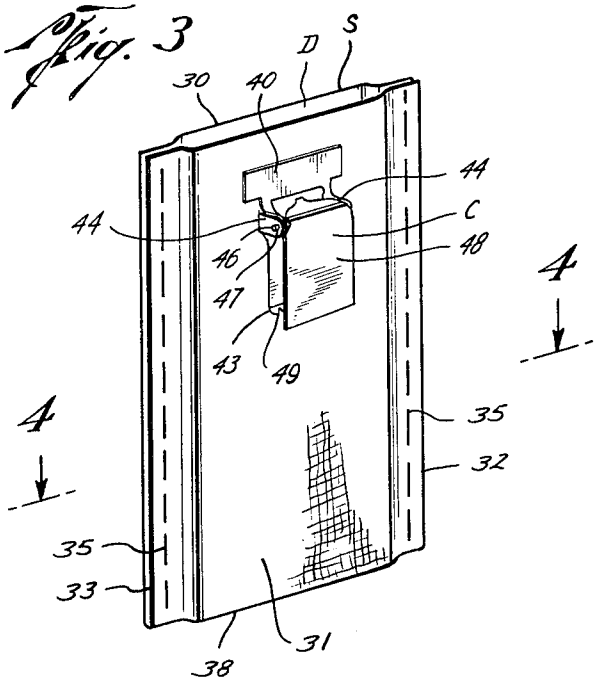
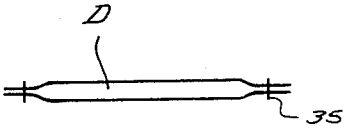


Fig. 4



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PERSONAL MONEY CONTAINER

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

The invention pertains to a new and improved money container adapted to be worn on or about the person with means for gripping the money or other contents thereof when worn. The invention includes a money container adapted to be removably secured to the wearers clothing or underclothing.

2. Description of the Prior Art

Various devices such as money belts have been used in the past for concealing money on the person of the wearer, such as belts with pockets or compartments formed therein for holding money or other objects. However, such belts are often difficult to insert money or other valuable into or, tend to be opened by body movement, sometimes resulting in the loss of contents from the belt. An object of the present invention is to provide a new and improved money container adapted to be worn on a persons limb such as an arm or let. It is also an object of the present invention to provide a new and improved personal money container made of stretchable fabric which is resilient so as to grip money or other objects contained therein, especially when in a stretched position, such as when worn about an arm or leg.

A further object of the present invention is to provide a new and improved money container for carrying money on or about the person which includes clip means for clipping a container onto the wearers clothing or underclothing, as desired.

SUMMARY

The present invention pertains to a personal money container for carrying money on or about the person either in a concealed or an open location and includes a money container adapted to encircle either an arm or a leg or the like wherein such band includes a pocket formed of stretchable fabric or material which will normally be in tension when worn and will thus grip or positively hold its contents during the time it is being worn.

DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

FIG. 1 is an isometric view showing a stretchable arm or leg band money carrier of the present invention;

FIG. 2 is a sectional view taken on line 2-2 of FIG. 1 showing additional details of construction of such money container;

FIG. 3 is an isometric view of a money container adapted to be clipped to personal garments; and

FIG. 4 is a sectional view taken on line 4–4 of FIG. 3 showing additional details of construction of the money container of FIG. 3.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

As best seen in FIG. 1 of the drawings the apparatus of the present invention comprises a longitudinally extending strip of elastic or stretchable material M with the opposite ends overlapping forming a pocket P between adjacent portions of such strip material M that is formed into a continuous band for encircling an arm or a leg and for containing money or other valuables within such pocket.

The strip of material is preferably a longitudinally extending strip having parallel edges 8 and 9. Such strip is folded back at one end 11 and connected by stitches 12 and 13 to the main body of the strip material M. The opposite end of such strip of material is also folded back at 17 and connected by stitches 18 and 19 to the main portion of the strip of material M.

By overlapping the ends 11 and 17 and connecting each of such ends to the main body of the strip material M, a pocket P is formed between adjacent portions of such strip material M where such portions overlap. For purposes of description the inner overlapping portion adjacent the end is designated 20 and the adjacent outer overlapping portion is designated 21 in FIG. 1 of the drawings.

As shown, the strip of material M is formed with the adjacent edges of the overlapping portions connected together by stitches 27 to form a bottom in the pocket P.

With this arrangement money or other articles of value can be placed between the adjacent overlapping portions 20 and 21 and when the container is placed on an arm or a leg the contents of the pocket P will be held or retained in position by the tension placed on the band M by means of stretching it over the particular portion of the body on which it is worn.

Considering now the apparatus of the present invention shown in the alternative embodiment of FIGS. 3 and 4, the money container there depicted comprises a longitudinally extending envelope or sleeve S formed of adjacent strips of material 30 and 31 which have substantially parallel opposite sides 32 and 33 and which are connected together along their adjacent opposite edges by means of stitches or other suitable securing means such as glue or the like.

The lower edge 38 of the envelope or container S is preferably formed by folding the material from which the envelope is made and stitching the adjacent edges. However, it will be appreciated that the lower end 38 could be closed by stitching or gluing or other suitable means, if desired.

A clasp or latching mechanism L is provided on one side of the envelope S FOR securing such envelope to a piece of WEARING apparel such as an undergarment, swim suit or other type OF clothing, as desired. Such clip comprises a base 40 which is secured to the side 31 by means of deformable tabs which extend through suitable openings in such material and are thereafter bent or depressed so as to clamp the base 40 onto the material or, such base may be secured by other suitable means.

A fixed lower jaw 43 is connected to the base 40 and preferably is a continuous piece therewith. A pair of side ears 44 are also formed with a base piece 40 and are bent or turned so as to project a substantially 90° relative to the plane of the base 40. Such ears 44 are normally provided with openings 46 for receiving a pin 47 that forms a hinge for pivotally mounting a movable jaw 48. Serrations or other suitable gripping means 49 are provided at the lower edge of the fixed rear jaw and the movable forward jaw for gripping or latching material that is positioned therebetween.

It will be appreciated that a suitable spring (not shown) is provided for holding the movable jaw 48 in tension so as to provide gripping engagement with material positioned between the adjacent serrations.

With the FIG. 3 apparatus of the present invention one may place money or other valuables in a pocket or opening O formed between the opposite adjacent pieces 30 and 31 and then secure the container S to one's clothing in a suitable location.

I claim:

1. A personal money container which is worn on the body comprising:

a longitudinally extending strip of stretchable material having its opposite ends overlapping and connected to said strip of stretchable material to form a pocket between adjacent overlapping portions of the strip of stretchable material for gripping contents of said pocket between adjacent overlapping portions when said strip of material is stretched and means for closing the lower edges of said pocket to form a personal money container adapted for wear on a person's limb.

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