

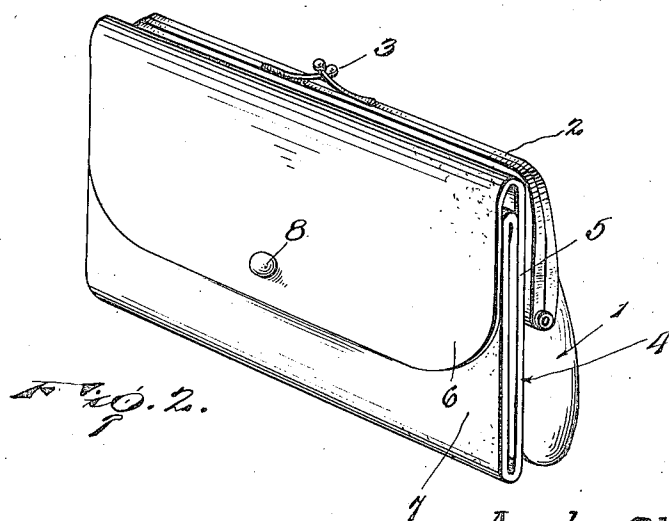
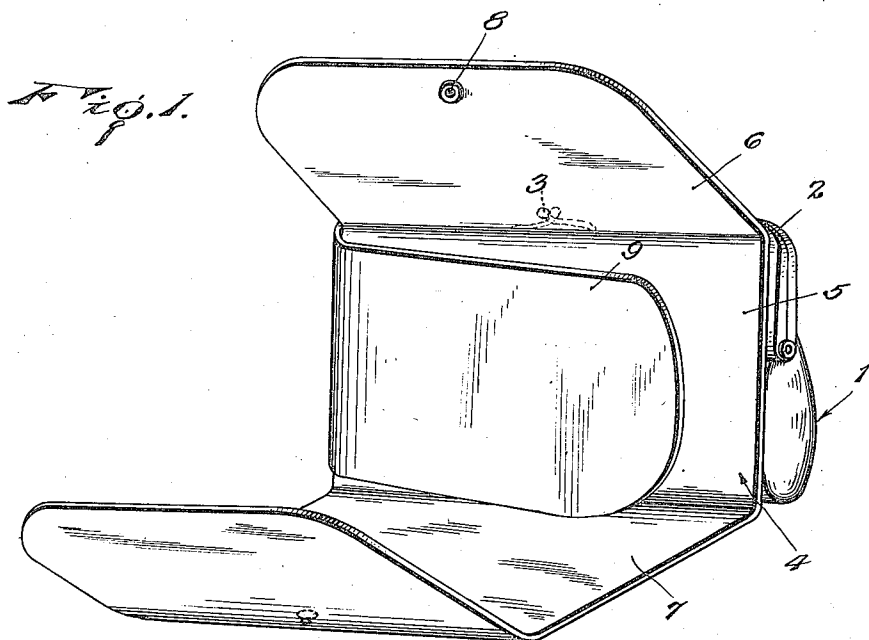
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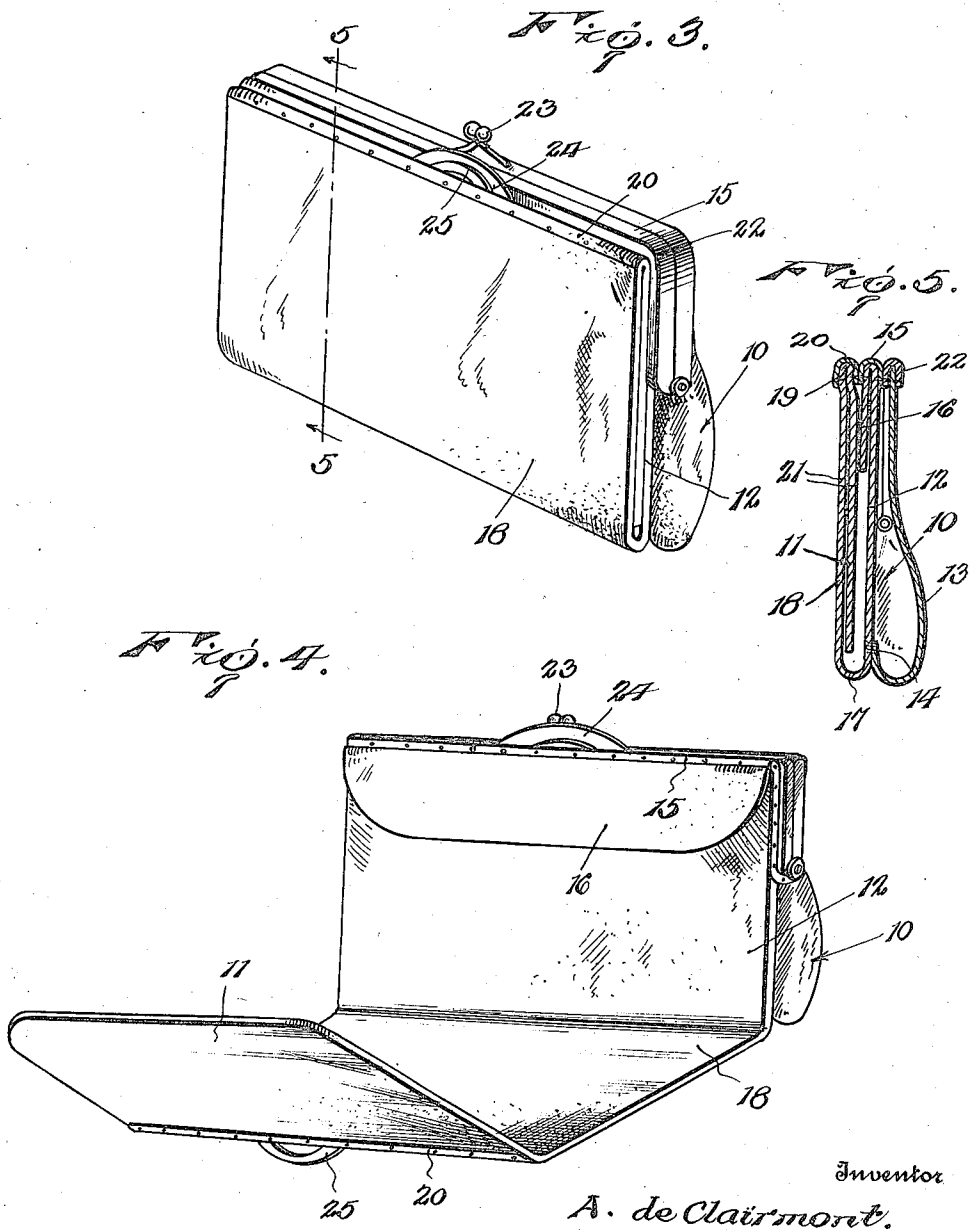
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ADOLFO DE CLAIRMONT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Toledo, in the county of Lucas and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Purses and Bill Folds, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has as its object to provide a combined bill fold and coin purse. While bill folds have heretofore been provided with coin compartments, nevertheless the construction has almost invariably been such that, in order to gain access to the coin compartment, it has been necessary to more or less completely open the bill fold, thus exposing the contents thereof and rendering likely their loss. In other constructions, when the bill fold is opened for the purpose of removing one or more of the bills contained therein, the coin compartment is likewise opened and the coins are liable to be spilled. However it is desirable and a great convenience to have a coin purse and bill fold mutually associated so that access may be readily had to coins or bills as occasion may require. Therefore the present invention has as its primary object to provide a combined purse and bill fold the construction of which however will be such that access may be gained to the purse without the necessity of opening the bill fold, and on the other hand access may be had to the bill fold without the necessity of opening the purse, so that the user of the article may conveniently and readily select coins or bills without likelihood of loss, and when coins are to be selected, without the necessity of exposing the contents of the bill fold.

A further object of the invention is to so construct the article that notwithstanding the association of a coin purse with the bill fold, the bill fold may be folded in a perfectly flat condition and will not be bulged as is the case in the majority of constructions where a coin compartment is provided within the bill fold.

In the accompanying drawing:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the article embodying the invention, the bill fold being shown open;

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the article, the bill fold being closed;

Figure 3 is perspective view of a modified form of the invention the bill fold being closed;

Figure 4 is a similar view but illustrating the bill fold open;

Figure 5 is a detail vertical transverse sectional view taken substantially on the line 5-5 of Figure 3 looking in the direction indicated by the arrows.

In the drawings, Figures 1 and 2, the numeral 1 indicates a coin purse which in itself is of the usual construction, having the usual mouth frame 2, comprising the usual hinged members which are retained closed by the usual form of clasp 3. This purse may be provided with any desired number of compartments within its interior and in fact may be of any ordinary or preferred construction. However, it is preferable that the purse have substantially the same marginal dimensions and outline as the folded bill fold, which is associated therewith.

The bill fold is indicated in general by the numeral 4 and the same, as in the case of the purse 1, may in itself be of any desired construction. However, the fold preferably includes a portion 5, and portions 6 and 7 foldably connected with the upper and lower edges of the said portion 5, the portion 6 constituting a closure flap and being provided with one element of a snap fastener 8 designed to hold the fold in its folded condition when so arranged. Also the bill fold preferably includes the usual bill engaging flap 9 foldably connected at one end with the one end edge of the portion 5 of the bill fold. The said portion 5 of the bill fold is secured in any suitable manner as for example by stitching, to one wall of the purse 1, the relative disposition of the parts being such that the marginal portion of the purse and the bill fold when the latter is in folded condition, will substantially coincide or register.

It will be evident from the foregoing that the bill fold may be opened as shown in Figure 1 of the drawings without in any way disturbing the purse or exposing the contents thereof, and it will also be evident that access may be readily had to the purse without disturbing the folded condition of the bill fold and consequently without exposing the contents of the fold.

The arrangement furthermore is such that the purse by its presence does not in any way tend to bulge or distort the bill fold nor in any way interfere with folding of the portions 5, 6 and 7 thereof to perfectly flat form.

In the form of the invention just described, the coin purse and bill fold are initially formed separate from each other, or in any event from separate blanks, and are then united back to back, but in that form of the invention shown in Figures 3, 4 and 5 of the drawing this structure is somewhat modified. In the said figures the numeral 10 indicates in general the coin purse and the numeral 11 the bill fold, and the numeral 12 indicates a wall which is common to the coin purse and bill fold and divides the two, the other wall of the purse being indicated by the numeral 13 and being stitched or otherwise united, as at 14, to the outer face of the wall 12. Also in this modified form the upper edge portion of the wall 12 is folded over upon itself and is provided at the fold with a metal binding 15, the folding of this portion of the wall providing a relatively short flap 16 beneath which may be engaged one end of the bills to be held within the fold. The lower portion of the wall 12 is integrally connected by a fold 17 with an extension 18 which is folded upon itself, as at 19, the fold providing flaps 21 which may be spread out as shown in Figure 4 to permit of the introduction of bills into or their removal from the fold. The upper end of the wall 13 of the coin purse is likewise bound by a metal strip 22 as is customary, and the binding strips

13 and 22 carry the usual knob clamps 23 by the engagement of which the mouth of the coin purse is held closed. Likewise the binding strips 15 and 20 carry the members 24 and 25 respectively of a clasp of conventional type whereby the bill fold may be secured in closed position. It will be observed that in this form of the invention I dispense with the closure flap 6 of the previously described form.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. As a new article of manufacture, a purse, and a bill fold, comprising relatively foldable portions, the purse and bill fold having a dividing wall in common, means upon the said wall and the opposite wall of the purse for closing the mouth of the purse, and means upon the said dividing wall and one of the said portions of the bill fold for closing the bill fold and retaining the same in folded condition.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a bill fold comprising relatively foldable portions, a purse initially open at one side and marginally secured to the outer face of one of the said foldable portions of the bill fold, the said portion of the bill fold constituting a dividing wall common to the said bill fold and purse, means for closing the mouth of the purse including an element associated with the said dividing wall and an element on the opposite wall of the purse, and means for closing the bill fold and retaining the same in folded condition.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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