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BILL FOLD

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Fig. 1.

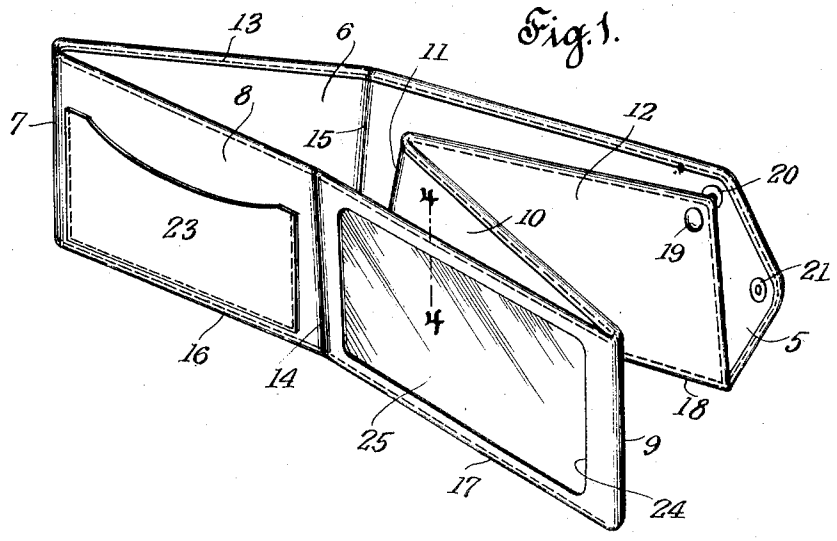


Fig. 2.

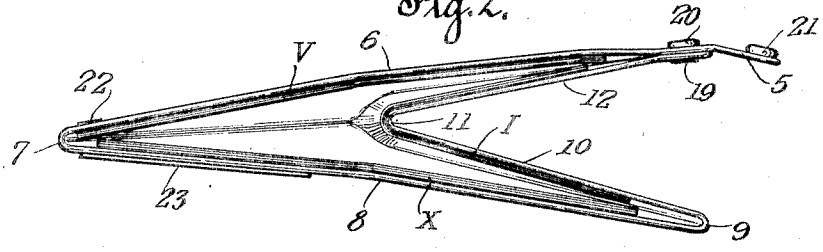


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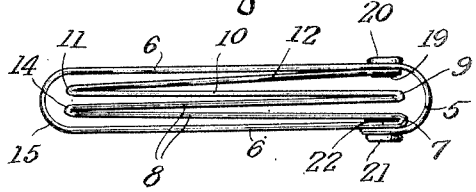
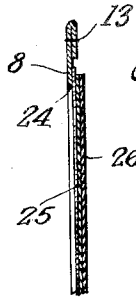


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This invention relates to bill folds or that class of devices in which paper money and similar thin flat paper articles may be conveniently carried in folded condition in a pocket.

Bill folds of the usual construction have certain disadvantages, such for instance as being more or less inconvenient in entering the bills and in which bills of different denominations are disposed together in a compartment common to all.

It is therefor one of the objects of this invention to provide a bill fold that is easily opened to its fullest extent, that is, the full size of a bill, in entering or selecting a bill.

A further feature is in the provision of means for segregating bills of like denominations whereby increased convenience is attained in selecting a desired bill therefrom.

It is a further purpose to produce a bill fold of extreme compactness, having no waste space and which is readily folded to fit the pocket.

These and other advantageous features, such as the provision of means for displaying identification, license or like cards, and for carrying other cards of business or personal nature, are accomplished by the novel and practical construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, forming a material part of this disclosure, and in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an embodiment of the invention, shown in a partially open position.

Figure 2 is an upper edge view of the same in like position.

Figure 3 is a similar view of the bill fold as closed.

Figure 4 is an enlarged fragmentary sectional view taken on line 4—4 of Figure 1.

The device consists essentially of a single unitary strip of any preferred flexible material, as thin leather, textile material or other suitable fabric, of uniform width, which may preferably be slightly in excess of the width of the bills to be carried.

In the open extended position, shown in Figures 1 and 2, an end tab 5 is disclosed, generally triangular in shape, its base blending into the rear wall 6, said rear wall 6 being curved at its outer end 7 to constitute a fold and then continued as a front wall 8.

The length of the rear and front walls 6 and 8 are slightly in excess of the length of paper money bills so as to permit them to lie smoothly thereagainst when at full length.

The wall 8 is folded reentrantly at 9 to produce an inner front wall 10 extending approximately half the length of the front and rear walls, and then folded at 11 to form an inner rear wall 12 terminating co-incidentally with the main rear wall 6.

All these several walls are hemmed at their upper edges 13, and a similar inturned hem is made marginally around the tab 5.

Folding creases 14 and 15 in the front and rear walls permit bending them at a point slightly beyond the fold 11 of the inner walls, and the front and rear walls 8 and 6 have their lower edges 16 inturned and seamed together.

Correspondingly the front wall 8 and inner wall 10 are similarly seamed at 17, and the rear wall 6 is connected to the inner wall 12 at 18, thus constituting a tri-lobed container of Y shaped section.

The inner rear wall 12 has at its outer corner a snap fastener element 19 engaging a mating element 20 on the inner side of the main rear wall 6.

Another fastener element 21, on the tab 5, is engageable with a mating member 22 on the outer main wall 6 so that when the device is folded into the position shown in Figure 3, it may be retained in a compact form suited for the pocket.

If it be desired a pocket 23 may be secured at its ends and bottom to the wall 8, preferably on one end portion, to contain business or personal cards, and in the other end portion of the front wall an opening 24 may be made to be covered on the inner side with a sheet of transparent material 25 as mica, forming a panel behind which may be disposed passes, licenses, identification and like cards, the same being supported by a lining 26.

In operation, bills of one denomination "V" may be placed, straight and flat against the rear wall 6, those of another value "X" against the front wall 8 and those of a third denomination "I" partially folded so that their end portions are disposed against the walls 10—12 of the inwardly extending members.

When this has been done the fastener elements 19—20 may be engaged, whereupon the device with the enclosed bills, is folded

on lines 14—15 and held in such position by the fastener elements 21—22.

From the foregoing it will be seen that a simple device for this purpose has been disclosed in the preferred form of its embodiment, but it is not desired to restrict the details to the exact instruction shown, it being obvious that changes, not involving the exercise of invention, may be made without conflicting with the scope of the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

1. A bill fold comprising a unitary strip of flexible sheet material folded to present front and rear outer walls, an inner element having front and rear walls half the length of the first named walls and disposed therebetween, said outer walls being united at their lower edges to each other to the point of entry of said inner element and thereafter to the lower edges of the inner element, a tab extending from the outer rear wall, and means for engaging said tab to the opposite end of the rear wall after all of said walls have been folded.

2. A bill fold comprising a unitary strip of flexible sheet material of uniform width, folded and seamed at one edge to present a tri-lobed casing forming a Y-shaped compartment, said casing adapted to be folded, and releasable means for maintaining the casing in a folded position.

3. A bill fold comprising a unitary strip of flexible material, said strip being folded to form a casing closed at the bottom and open at the top, having outer front and rear walls, and inner walls of less length than said outer walls intermediate said outer walls, folds in the outer walls to permit the outer rear wall to be folded to confine the other walls within said outer rear wall, and means to retain the walls in said confined position.

4. A bill fold comprising a unitary strip of flexible material, closed at the bottom and open at the top, folded to present a front wall, a rear wall, and a V-shaped element intermediate said walls, the inner sides of said element and the respective inner sides of said walls parallelling the length of said element, being receptive, selectively, of bills or parts thereof of like denomination, said walls being foldable over said V-shaped element, a card receptacle on one of said walls, confined within the bill fold when the latter is folded, and a tab on one of said walls to retain the bill fold closed when folded.

5. A bill fold comprising front and rear outer walls of flexible material, an inner element having front and rear walls half the length of the first named walls and disposed therebetween, said outer walls being united at their lower edges to each other to the point of entry of said inner element and thereafter to the lower edges of the inner element.

This specification signed and witnessed this 25th day of November, 1927.

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