

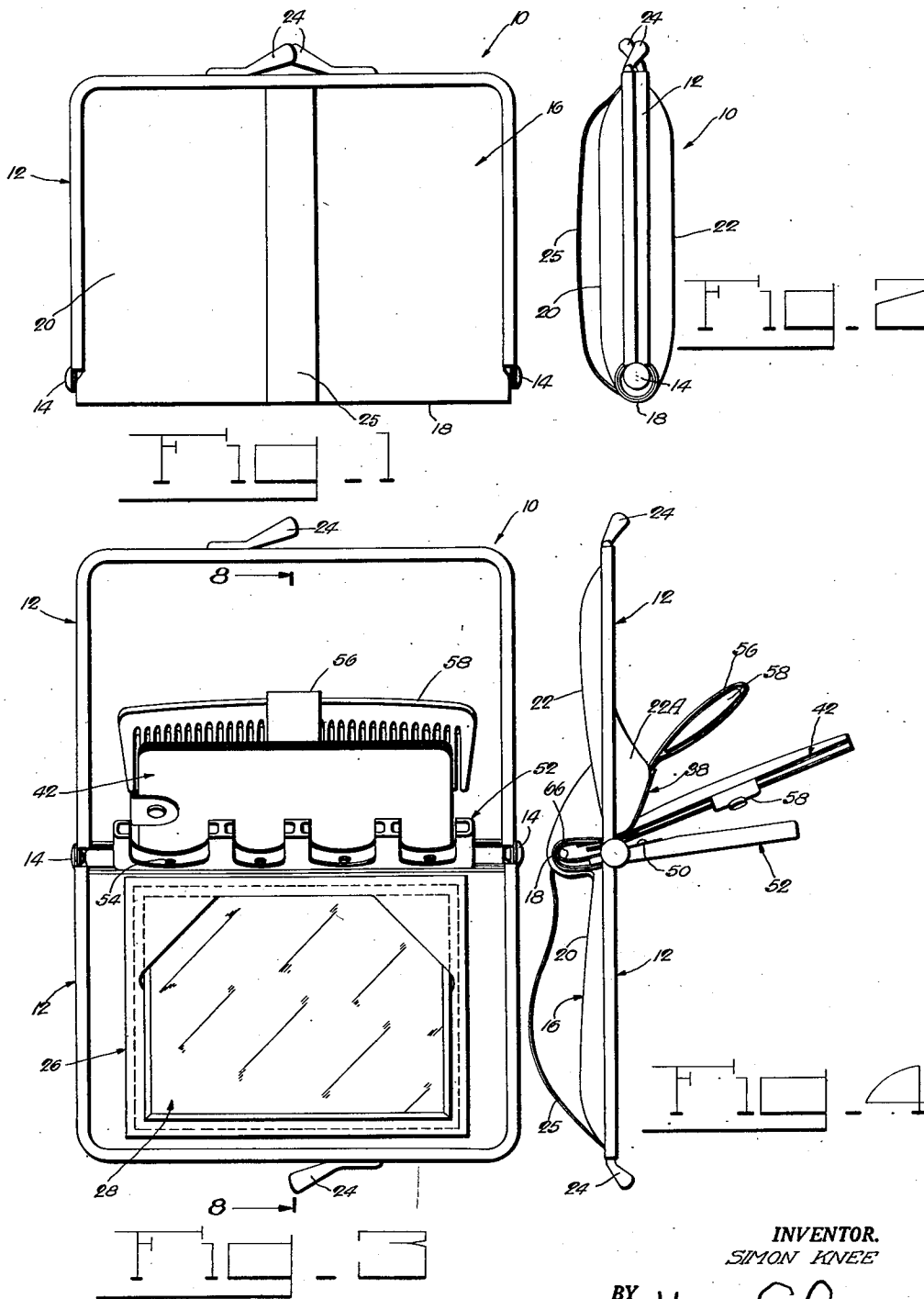
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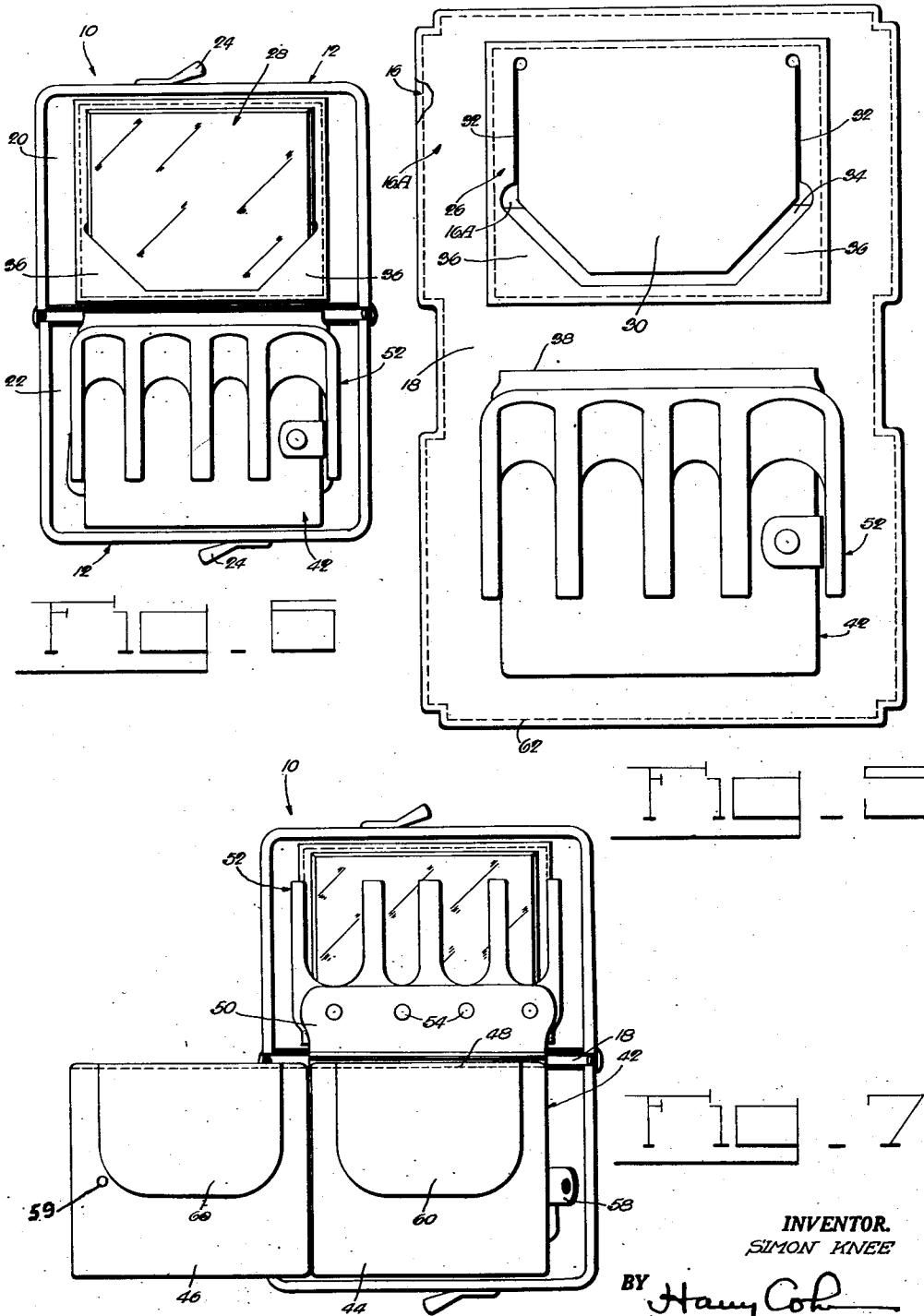
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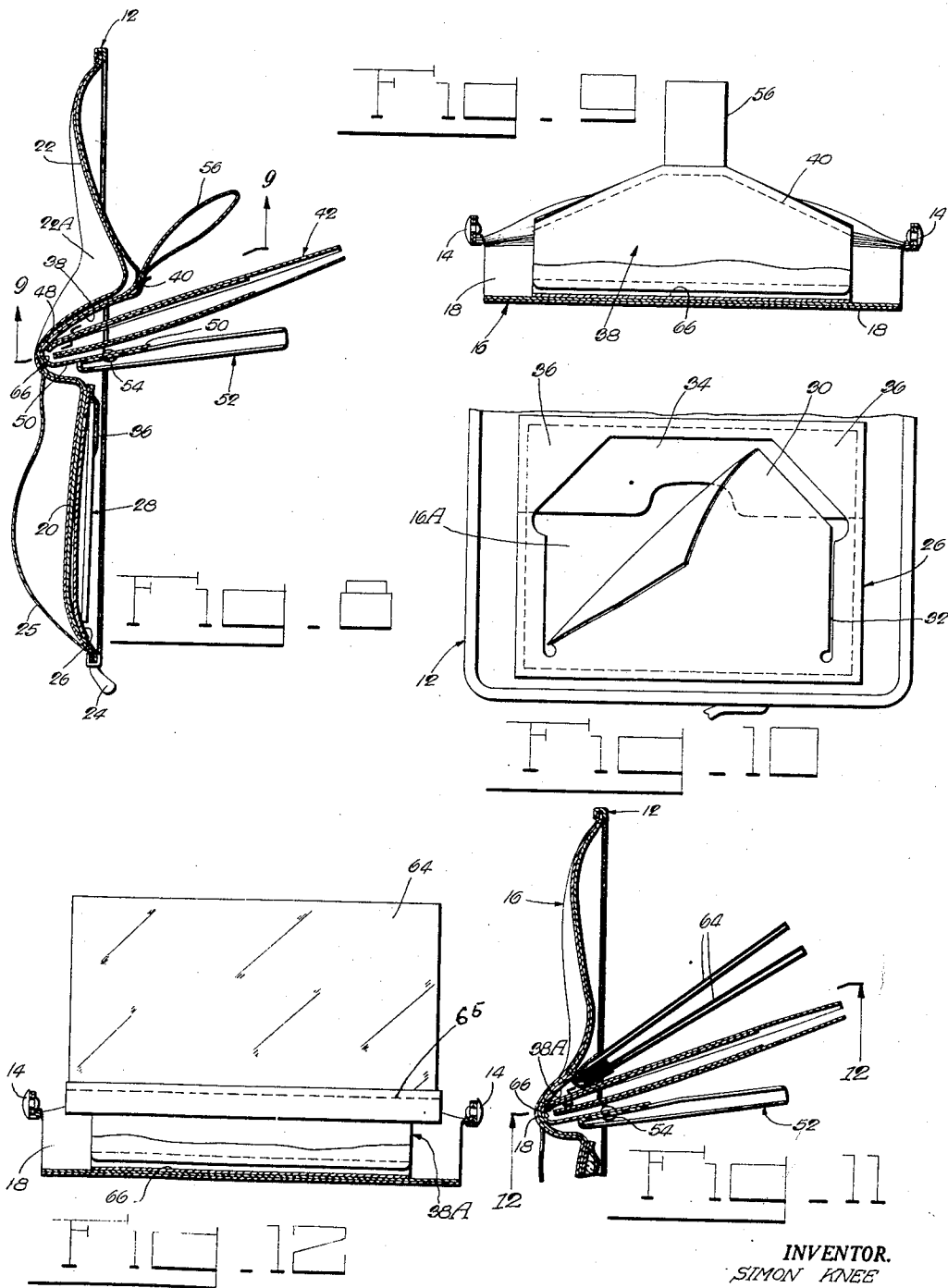
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My present invention relates to purses or pocketbooks.

One object of the invention is to provide a purse or pocketbook which is of such construction that it can be of relatively small size and yet be fitted with various devices which are disposed therein, the construction and arrangement being such that access may be quickly and easily had to said devices, selectively and without interference by the other devices. For example, the pocketbook may be fitted with a mirror and a comb and also with a coin holder of the coin-slot type and with a foldable wallet all arranged so that access may be had quickly to one or more of these devices when the purse is opened.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a purse of the U-frame type with a covering which is formed of pliable material such as, for example, leather, simulated leather, sheet plastic, fabric, etc. and which nevertheless has a definite shape comparable to that of a case formed of metal or other stiff material. Further, in this connection it is an object of the invention to accomplish this result by the construction of the covering in relation to the frame of the purse so that the covering extends a predetermined distance outwardly beyond the adjacent sides of the frame members, and so that when the purse is closed the devices which are disposed therein form a backing for the covering and thereby hold the pliable covering in smooth condition.

Another object of the invention is to provide a purse or pocketbook which is provided with means for holding a comb and which is so constructed that the comb may be readily projected to a position in which it may be easily and quickly removed from its holder and similarly easily replaced in the latter.

Another object of the invention is to provide a purse or pocketbook with a secret pocket or compartment which is of simple construction and which is so arranged in the purse that access may be conveniently and quickly had thereto by one who is informed of its location.

The above and other objects, features and advantages of the present invention will be fully understood from the following description considered in connection with the accompanying illustrative drawings.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a side view of a purse embodying the present invention;

Fig. 2 is an end view thereof;

Fig. 3 is a top perspective view of the purse,

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the latter being opened, and showing the devices with which the purses may be equipped;

Fig. 4 is an end view of the purse when the latter is opened;

Fig. 5 is a plan view of the covering and of the devices which are attached to said covering at the inner side thereof, the unit being shown in its flat condition before it is attached to the frame members;

Fig. 6 is a plan view of the purse when the latter is opened for use of the mirror or for access to the secret pocket;

Fig. 7 is a plan view of the purse, the latter being open and the wallet or billfold being unfolded;

Fig. 8 is a sectional view on the line 8—8 of Fig. 3;

Fig. 9 is a sectional view on the line 9—9 of Fig. 8;

Fig. 10 is a plan view of part of the purse at the inner side thereof showing the secret pocket;

Fig. 11 is a fragmentary sectional view showing a modification; and

Fig. 12 is a sectional view on the line 12—12 of Fig. 11.

Referring now to the drawings in detail, the purse or pocketbook 10 embodying the present invention is of case-like form and comprises the U-shaped frames 12 which are of the usual U-shape in outline and in cross section and which are hinged to each other at the outer ends of the legs thereof as indicated at 14. A flexible covering 16 of pliable sheet material such as, for example, but without limitation, leather, simulated leather, plastic, fabric, etc. is secured to frames 12. As here shown said covering is formed in one piece and extends from the cross member of one of the frames to and somewhat, i. e., a short distance beyond the pivots 14 and is folded as indicated at 18 and then extends to and is secured to the cross member of the other frame 12. Thus the covering 16 may be considered as composed of the frame covers 20 and 22 each joined at three marginal edge portions to a companion frame 12 and joined to each other at their adjacent ends. The frame members 12 are provided with the usual releasable fastening means here shown as conventional clasp members 24. Also, as shown, the purse may be provided with a hand strap 25.

The cover 16 is constituted by the blank shown in flat form in Fig. 5. Also as here shown the blank is provided with an inner or lining layer 16A stitched thereto. A panel or part 26 which is stitched to the inside of the covering and more

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specifically to the lining layer 16A of the latter provides a mount for a mirror 28 and also forms a secret pocket. Said part 26 is formed of pliable sheet material such as that of the covering layer 16A. It will be noted that part 26 has a flap portion 30 formed by partially severing said portion along the lines 32. A strip 34 of pliable sheet material is sewn in beneath part 26 and forms a flap to retain paper currency which may be folded and placed in position beneath flap 34 so as to be concealed by closure flap 30. The mirror 28 is mounted, as shown in Figs. 3, 6 and 8 between corner portions 36 of panel 26 and flap strip 34. As shown, when the mirror is mounted in position it overlies and conceals the panel opening and compartment which is disposed between the flap 30 and the underlying or confronting part of the cover lining 16A.

The blank unit as shown in Fig. 5 also includes a part 38 which is stitched to the lining 16A of the covering in position adjacent to but at one side of the foldable portion 18 of the covering, as indicated by the line of stitching 40 (Figs. 8 and 9). A foldable wallet 42 having the relatively foldable portions 44 and 46 (Fig. 7) is stitched to part 38 by a line of stitching 48. Part 38 has a flap extension 50 projecting beyond the line of stitching 48 and which is foldably movable with respect to covering 16. A coin holder 52 of a well-known construction, said coin holder being of the coin slot type and comparatively stiff, is secured to foldable part 50 in any suitable way as by rivets 54. Part 38 has a comb holder 56 stitched thereto, said comb holder being here shown as a looped strap in which a comb 58 may be mounted. The wallet 42 is provided with a releasable flap 57 engageable with a snap fastener 59 at the end of part 46 for holding the wallet in closed condition. As shown in Fig. 7 the relatively foldable part 44 and 46 of wallet 42 are provided with flaps 60 in position to fold over paper currency placed in the wallet as will be readily understood.

Still referring particularly to the blank for the covering 16, said blank being shown in Fig. 5, it will be noted that the article-holding parts or devices are stitched or otherwise secured in position to said lining layer 16A and it will be understood that said parts are stitched to the lining for the covering before the latter is stitched to the outer layer of the covering so that the stitching of said parts will not be visible on the outside of the covering. The stitching between the outer layer of the covering and the lining layer 16A thereof is indicated at 62 in Fig. 5, and it will be understood that said stitching extends completely around the blank close to the edge thereof and is concealed by the frames 12 when the covering is clamped therein. It will be observed that the covering blank is shaped so that the parts which form the opposite side covers 20 and 22 of the purse each have three marginal edge portions which are of substantially the same length as the parts of the frame 12 in which said marginal edge portions are secured respectively. The covering blank is wider than frames 12 so that when said marginal edges of the blank are secured to the companion frame members 12, the body portion of said covering lies outwardly of the adjacent frames 12 as shown in Fig. 2. The covering is dimensioned in respect to its width and in respect to the devices such as, for example, the mirror 28, the wallet 42 and the coin holder 52 which are of such thickness that when the purse is closed the space between the confronting sur-

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faces of the side covers 20 and 22 is substantially completely filled by said devices and said side covers 20 and 22 are thus stiffened and prevented from wrinkling or becoming deformed. As a result, the purse although having a covering formed of pliable material is comparable in smoothness and appearance of definite predetermined shape with a case formed of metal or other stiff material.

Referring further to the part 38 which mounts the comb holder 56, it will be noted that when the purse is opened, for example as shown in Figs. 3 and 8, the side cover 22 projects inwardly, about as indicated at 22A in Fig. 8, and as a result the comb holder 56 is projected away from the inner side of the side cover 22 to an inclined position in which it may be conveniently grasped and removed from the holder 56 and thereafter returned thereto. This condition is also illustrated in Figs. 3 and 4.

In the form of the invention illustrated in Figs. 11 and 12, the construction is substantially the same as that hereinbefore described except that instead of a comb holder, the purse is provided with a plurality of card cases 64 which are preferably made of Celluloid and are in themselves of conventional form. It will be observed that the part 38A which corresponds to the part 38 of the first described form of the invention is stitched to the inner ends of the card holders 64 and to the covering 16 as indicated at 65, and that the coin holder 52 and the billfold or wallet 42 are secured to said part 38A substantially in the same way as described above.

It will be noted that in both forms of the invention, the part 38 (or 38A) has a folded portion 66 which is received in the folded portion 18 of the covering 16, so that when the purse is opened and held in a horizontal position in the hand of the user, the coin holder 52 is disposed substantially in vertical position with the open ends of the coin holder slots uppermost for convenient removal of coins or insertion of coins in said coin holder. On the other hand when the user desires to use the mirror 28, the coin holder can be easily folded down against the side 22 of the purse, as illustrated in Fig. 6. Also, in this position of the parts, the mirror can be readily removed so that access may be obtained to the secret compartment under the cover flap 30, if that is desired. Further it will be observed that if access is desired to the wallet 42, the coin holder 52 may be folded against the mirror 28, or against the secret compartment if the mirror has been removed, thus providing clear access to the wallet so that the latter may be unfolded in order to remove one or more bills or other papers therefrom or to insert the same into the wallet.

It will be understood that the invention may be embodied in various ways other than those herein specifically illustrated and described and that one or more features of the invention may be used without others. Likewise, it will be apparent that the various changes in the details of construction and in the arrangement of parts may be made without departing from the underlying idea or principles of the invention within the scope of the appended claims.

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

1. In a purse, opposite relatively movable sides formed of pliable covering material including an outer layer and an inner layer secured in face to face relation, a panel disposed on the inner

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side of said inner layer and secured thereto by means invisible at the outer side of said outer layer, said panel having an opening and a movable closure flap for said opening normally overlying a confronting portion of said inner layer and movable away from the latter to provide access to said opening, said flap extending from one edge of said opening and terminating substantially at the opposing edge therewith, and article retaining means disposed entirely near said latter edge of said opening and secured in position between said panel and said inner layer.

2. In a purse, opposite relatively movable sides formed of pliable covering material including an outer layer and an inner layer secured in face to face relation, a panel disposed on the inner side of said inner layer and secured thereto by means invisible at the outer side of said outer layer, said panel having an opening and a movable closure flap for said opening normally overlying a confronting portion of said inner layer and movable away from the latter to provide access to said opening, said flap extending from one edge of said opening and terminating substantially at the opposing edge therewith, article retaining means disposed entirely near said latter edge of said opening and secured in position between said panel and said inner layer, and means at the outer side of said panel and adjacent said latter edge for releasably holding a flat article in position overlying said flap and concealing the latter, said flap terminating inwardly of said latter means.

3. In a purse, opposite relatively movable sides formed of pliable covering material including an outer layer and inner layer secured in face to face relation, a panel disposed on the inner side of said inner layer and secured thereto by means invisible at the outer side of said outer layer, said panel having an opening and a movable closure flap for said opening normally overlying a confronting portion of said inner layer and movable away from the latter to provide access to said opening, said flap extending from one edge of said opening and terminating substantially at the opposing edge therewith, article retaining means disposed entirely near said latter edge of said opening and secured in position between said panel and said inner layer, and means at the outer side of said panel for releasably holding a flat article in position overlying said flap and concealing the latter, said flap terminating inwardly of said latter means said last mentioned means comprising flat corner pieces at two corners of said panel adjacent said latter edge to receive thereunder corresponding corners of said flat article.

4. In a purse of the type in which hinged companion frames define the top and the opposite side edges of the purse, said side edges of the purse being substantially of the same length as the sides of said frames; a flexible covering formed of pliable material secured to said frames, said covering being formed of a blank which is wider than said frames whereby the securement of the opposite marginal side edges of the blank to the sides of said frames results in expanding the covering outwardly beyond the outer sides of the frames, respectively, the covering at each side of the purse extending from the cross members of said frames to a point outwardly beyond the hinged ends of said frames and terminating at said point, and a plurality of article-holders attached to said covering internally of the purse near the hinged ends of said frames and movable

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with respect to each other and with respect to said covering, said article holders being disposed in adjacent face to face relation in the space between the frame covering when the purse is closed.

5. In a purse of the hinged U-frame type in which the companion U-shaped frames define the top and the opposite side edges of the purse, said side edges of the purse being substantially of the same length as the legs of said frames; a flexible covering formed of pliable sheet material secured to said frames, said covering being formed of a blank which is wider than said frames, the opposite marginal side edges of said blank being secured to the legs of said frames and the covering being expanded outwardly beyond the outer sides of the frames, respectively, as expanded said covering forming a wall on each side of the purse, said walls being bodily contained inwardly of the legs of each of said frames, respectively; the covering at each side of the purse extending from the cross members of said frames to a portion thereof at the bottom of said purse, said portion being in relative proximity to and below the hinged ends of the legs of said frames.

6. In a purse, opposite relatively movable sides formed of pliable covering material including an outer layer and an inner layer secured in face to face relation, a panel disposed on the inner side of said inner layer and secured thereto by means invisible at the outer side of said outer layer, said panel having an opening and a movable closure flap for said opening normally overlying a confronting portion of said inner layer and movable away from the latter to provide access to said opening, said flap extending from one edge of said opening and terminating substantially at the opposing edge therewith, and means formed in said panel at opposite ends of said latter edge for mounting a flat article removably in position overlying said flap and concealing the latter, and said opening, said flap terminating inwardly of said latter means.

7. In a purse, opposite relatively movable sides formed of pliable covering material including an outer layer and inner layer secured in face to face relation, a panel disposed on the inner side of said inner layer and secured thereto by means invisible at the outer side of said outer layer to form a compartment between said panel and the confronting portion of said inner side, said panel having defined therein an opening for access to said compartment and a movable closure flap for said opening normally overlying a confronting portion of said inner layer and movable away from the latter to provide access to said opening, and a flat member removably mounted on said panel in position overlying said flap and said opening, said flat member concealing said flap and said opening whereby to conceal the existence of said compartment, said panel being provided with means for removably holding said flat member in said position thereof.

8. A purse comprising cooperating frames hinged together at adjacent ends thereof, and a cover having flexible wall portions one for each of said frames, each wall portion having one end thereof secured to the cross member of the companion frame and having its side edges secured to the sides of the companion frame, said wall portions being joined to each other in a foldable portion of said cover which is in relative proximity to and below the hinged ends of said frames, each of said wall portions having three marginal edge portions of substantially

the same length as the frame parts to which they are secured, respectively, and each of said wall portions being formed of a blank which is wider than the companion frame to form body portions of said cover at each side of said purse which lie outwardly beyond the outer sides of the companion frames, respectively, said body portions being contained inwardly of the marginal edges of the companion frames, respectively, and being disposed in substantially parallel planes when said frames are in abutting relation, one of said wall portions having a relatively stationary part attached thereto at the inner side thereof in position adjacent to but at one side of said foldable portion, said part carrying an article holder which lies parallel to said one wall when the purse is closed and which is relatively movable with respect to said one of said walls so as automatically to move away from the surface of the latter to a position of inclination to said surface when the purse is opened.

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