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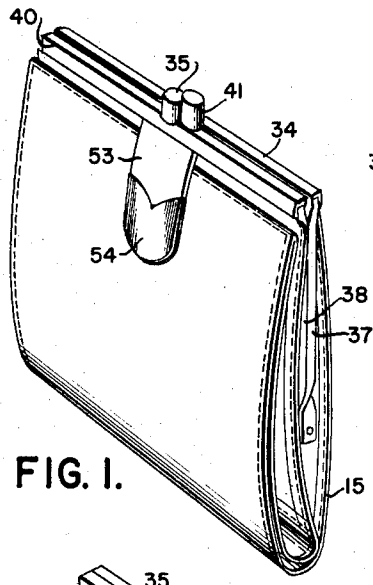


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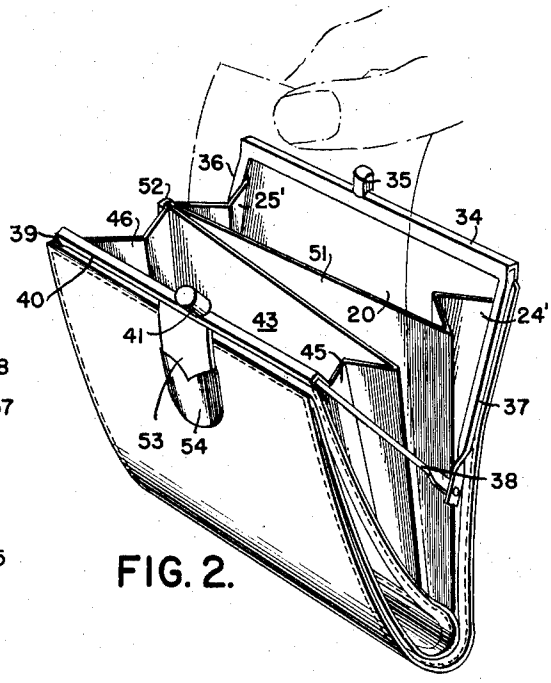


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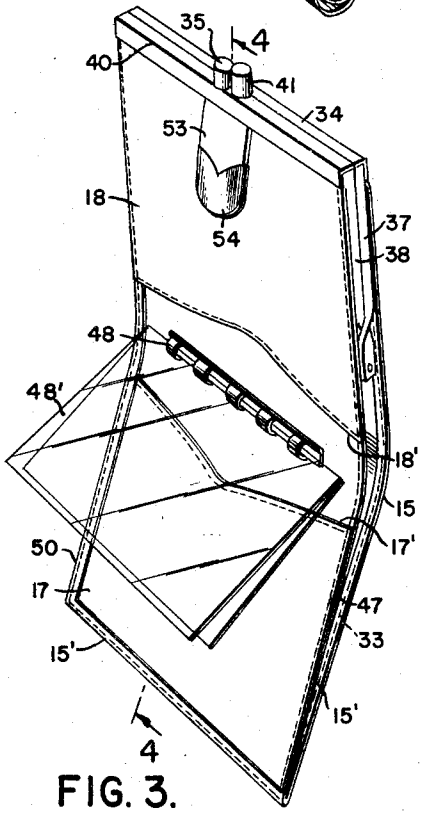


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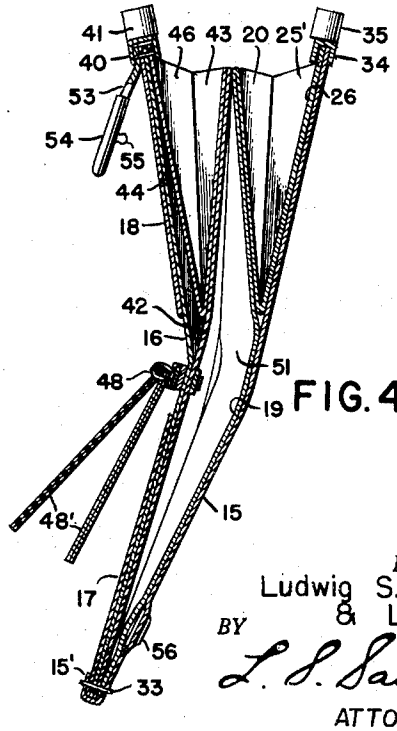


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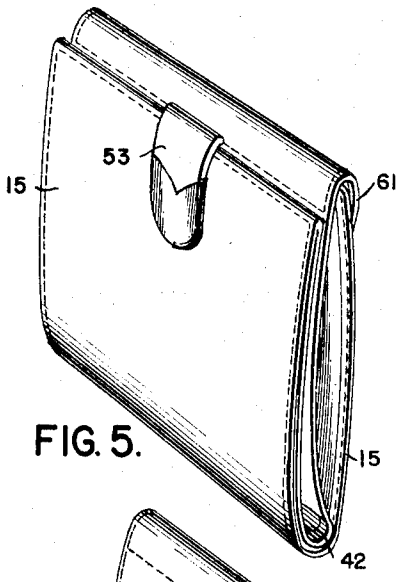


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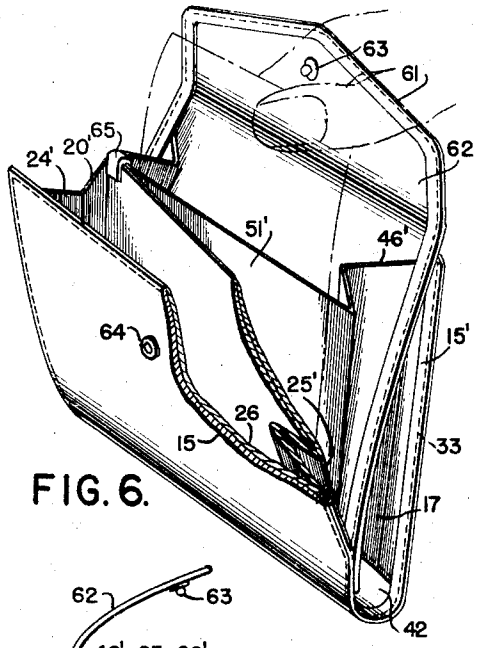


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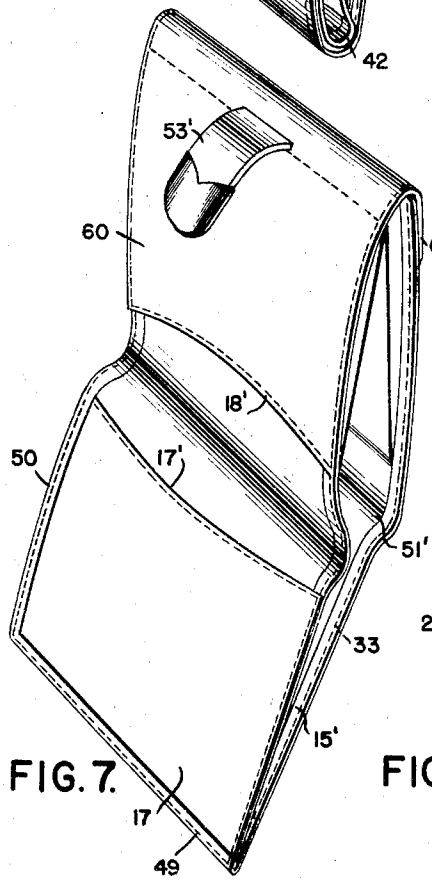


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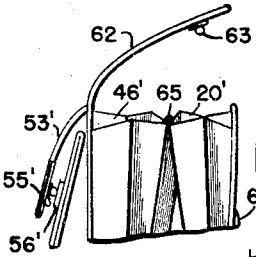


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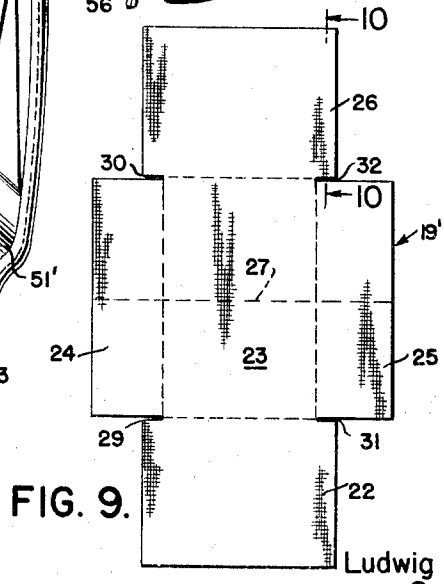


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This invention relates to a combined purse and billfold.

It is the principal object of the present invention to provide a combined purse and billfold wherein two purse pockets are provided on the opposite sides of the billfold opening and separable from one another to provide access to the bills through the purse opening.

It is another object of the invention to provide a combined purse and billfold wherein the purse pockets are integrally formed from the inner lining of the billfold pocket, the purse pocket for the one side of the billfold pocket and the lining being made from a single piece of leather lining material folded from the ends and from the sides and attached to the outer billfold parts and wherein a duplicate construction is had to the other side of the billfold.

It is still another object of the present invention to provide a combined purse and billfold wherein two purse pockets are provided and the closing of the billfold pocket at its rear side is joined by a simple clip means connected between the inner sides of the pocket without requiring stitching or interfering with the opening of the purse pocket and allowing thereby maximum expansion of the purse pockets and of the space between them without losing control of the opening of the purse and so that the ends of the bills within the purse pocket are readily and adequately exposed and so that easy access can be had to them.

Other objects of the invention are to provide a combined purse and billfold that have the above objects in mind, which is of simple construction, has a minimum number of parts, easy to assemble, inexpensive to manufacture, easy to use, of pleasing appearance, compact, durable, can be constructed without frames if desired, and will stand long wear, and efficient in use.

For a better understanding of the invention, reference may be had to the following detailed description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, in which

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the combined purse and billfold constructed according to one form of the invention, and including frames about the purse opening,

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the combined purse and billfold opened to provide access to the purse and to the ends of the bills in the billfold opening,

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the combined purse and billfold with the ends of the same separated to provide access to the billfold opening,

Fig. 4 is a vertical sectional view of the opened billfold taken on line 4—4 of Fig. 3,

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the combined purse and billfold constructed according to another form of the invention wherein the purse frames are dispensed with,

Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the combined purse and billfold shown in Fig. 5 opened to provide access to the purse pockets and to the ends of the bills and with

portions broken away to show the interior construction of one side thereof,

Fig. 7 is a perspective view of the combined purse and billfold opened to provide access to the bills,

Fig. 8 is a fragmentary side elevational view of the purse end thereof,

Fig. 9 is a plan view of the inner lining of one side of the billfold opening from which one of the purse pockets is made, and

Fig. 10 is an enlarged fragmentary sectional view taken on line 10—10 of Fig. 9 to show the fabric stiffening or backing for the thin leather lining material.

Referring now particularly to Figs. 1 to 4, **15** represents an outer leather piece that forms the exterior of the combined purse and billfold and **16** represents a taffeta or cloth inner piece which taken with the outer piece forms the supporting structure of the combined purse and billfold. Secured to the inner face of the taffeta piece **16** at the opposite ends thereof are card pocket pieces **17** and **18** having openings respectively at **17'** and **18'** to allow for the insertion thereinto of cards.

On the inner side of the outer piece, there is secured a combined inner leather lining **19** and a foldable pocket **20** integrally formed therefrom and made from a blank piece **19'** shown in Figs. 9 and 10. This blank piece has a lower portion **22** that runs one half the length of the billfold, a double length central portion **23**, with side wings **24**, **25** extending laterally from the opposite sides thereof and an upper portion **26**. This blank piece **19'** is folded along a central line **27** and the halves of the wing portions **24** and **25** are brought together to provide respectively the collapsible sides of the purse pocket as shown in Fig. 2 at **24'** and **25'**. The upper and lower portions **26** and **22** and the double length central portion are covered with a reinforcing cloth fabric **28** to provide stiffening for the thin leather material from which the lining and the pocket is made. The wing portions are without reinforcing fabric and are adhered to one another throughout their full area. The wing sections are released from the sides of the upper and lower portions **26** and **22** as indicated respectively at **29**, **30** and **31**, **32**. When the wing portions have been secured to one another the blank piece **19'** is placed over the inner face of the leather outerpiece **15** and is secured thereto by a stitching **33** that runs along an inwardly turned hem **15'**.

The upper portion **26** along with the outer sides of the wing sections are stitched into the outer piece along the sides. On the upper end of the outer piece and of the upper portion **26** there is clamped a purse frame member **34** having a catch knob **35** and side extensions **36** and **37** that are pivotally connected to side extensions **38** and **39** of a frame member **40** having a catch knob **41** adapted to cooperate with the catch knob **35** of the frame member **34** to hold the purse members closed upon one another in the conventional manner.

The opposite side of the billfold pocket has a lining **42** similarly formed from a blank piece similar to the blank piece shown in Fig. 9 and similarly folded to provide a pocket **43** in upper portion **44**, and collapsible side wing portions **45**, **46**. This lining **42** is sewed by stitching **47** to the taffeta piece **16** and the pocket pieces **17** and **18**. A card hinge assembly structure **48** is secured to the inner assembly to join the taffeta and inner lining intermediate their length and is adapted to receive individual transparent card pockets **48'**. When the inner and outer assemblies have been formed they are joined with one another along the lower edge as indicated at **49** and half way up the one side edge indicated at **50**. The inwardly turned hem **15'** of the outer portion will extend over the inner assembly and the card pocket member **17** along the stitching **33**. This leaves the billfold open between the inner and outer assemblies

to provide pocket **51** into which the bills can be placed. This pocket extends the full length of the billfold and upwardly between the two purse pockets **20** and **46**.

The upper end of the billfold is opened on the opposite side halfway down from the top of the billfold in order to allow full freedom and opening movement of the upper ends of the inner and outer assemblies that form the purse. A clip **52** joins the inner faces of the pockets **20** and **43** at the side of the billfold removed from the entrance thereof so that the edges of the bills are retained straight in the billfold pocket and not made fully loose when the purse part is opened. The frame part is secured along the upper edge of the inner assembly to include the upper portion of the lining forming the inner wall of the pocket **43**, the taffeta piece, and the leather card pocket piece **18**. A leather tab **53** having a metal end piece **54** and a male fastening element **55** is also secured to the frame **40** with these upper edges. When the billfold is closed as shown in Fig. 1 the male fastener **55** is united with a female fastener **56** on the lower portion of the outer assembly to hold the billfold closed upon itself. The billfold can remain closed at times when it is merely desired to remove a bill from the billfold pocket. At these times it is only necessary to open the frame members **34** and **40** as shown in Fig. 2 so that access is had not only to the change pockets **20** and **43** but also to the upper end of the billfold pocket **51** so that the bills can be removed endwise in a manner illustrated in Fig. 2 from the purse portion. It is only necessary to open the billfold pocket at times when the bills are to be inserted thereinto.

Referring now to Figs. 5 to 8, there is shown a modified form of the invention wherein the metal purse frames are dispensed with in this combined purse and billfold, the card pocket piece corresponding to the card pocket piece **18** as indicated at **60** is provided with an extension **61**, an extension **62** of the lining for the inner assembly covering the inner face of the extension **61** as well as pocket **46'**. This extension can be folded down over the outer assembly and secured by its male fastener **63** to a female fastener **64** over the upper portion of the outer assembly of the billfold and united therewith. The billfold is held closed in the same manner as above described by a tab **53'** having a male fastener element **55'** uniting with female fastener element **56'** on the lower portion of the billfold so the billfold is maintained closed as well as the purse which is maintained closed, all in the manner as shown in Fig. 5. A pocket **20'** is provided adjacent to the pocket **46'** and a billfold pocket **51'** is provided in the vertical side edge of the billfold and between the pockets.

The pockets **20'** and **46'** are joined by a clip **65** as shown in Fig. 6 at the opposite side from which the pockets are joined by the clip **52** in the first form of the invention discussed above. This does not change materially the use of the billfold but tends to force the owner of the billfold to make his withdrawal of the bills from the space between the purse pockets. One side of this space is left free and open as the purse end of the billfold is opened.

It should now be apparent that there has been provided a combined purse and billfold wherein the linings are so formed and shaped that they can be made into a combined lining and purse pocket adapted to be respectively secured to the outer and inner pieces of the billfold and to make simple the work operations in constructing this combined purse and billfold.

It will also be apparent that there has been provided a simple construction for a combined purse and billfold in which the purse part of the billfold will be provided with two change pockets instead of one and wherein this is made possible without complicating or making intricate the construction of the billfold.

While various changes may be made in the detailed construction, it shall be understood that such changes shall be within the spirit and scope of the present invention as defined by the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A combined purse and billfold comprising outer and inner pieces, combined inner lining and purse pockets respectively assembled upon the outer and inner pieces and providing thereby inner and outer assemblies, said inner and outer assemblies being joined along the lower edge and half way up the one side edge whereby to provide a billfold opening at one side thereof, the inner and outer assemblies at the upper end of the billfold being separable from one another, and releasable fastening means joining the upper ends of the inner and outer assemblies and releasable to provide access to the dual changepurse pockets and the upper end of the billfold pocket, each of said combined inner lining and purse pockets comprising a single sheet piece having lower and upper portions, an intermediate portion therebetween, a wing portion extending laterally from each of the sides of the intermediate portion, said sheet piece being folded along a line in the middle of the intermediate portion and the opposing wing portions being joined together to provide collapsible end formations for the sides of the purse pockets and joined to assemblies along the lower and upper portions of the sheet piece.

2. A combined purse and billfold as defined in claim 1, and upper and lower card pocket pieces joined to the inner assembly and said outer piece having a hem portion extending about the inner assembly and the lower card pocket piece in joining the lower portion and the half side of the inner and outer assemblies, said means for fastening the separable purse portions of the billfold including hingeable frame pieces joined respectively to the inner and outer assemblies, the frame piece secured to the upper portion of the inner assembly overlying the inner lining of the inner piece and the upper pocket piece to finish off and secure the pieces together.

3. A combined purse and billfold as defined in claim 2, a tab also secured under the one frame member and centrally thereof, the lower end of the outer assembly having a fastener element thereon and said tab having a cooperating fastener element adapted to be secured to the one fastener element to hold the billfold folded upon itself.

4. A combined purse and billfold as defined in claim 1, and a card pocket piece joined to the inner assembly and said means for fastening the separable purse portions together including an extension of the card pocket piece and of the inner assembly adapted to overlie the upper portion of the outer assembly and fastener elements respectively adapted to be joined to one another to secure the first portions together and a tab extending from the card piece and having a cooperating fastener element upon the lower end of the outer assembly and adapted to receive the fastener element of the tab so as to maintain the billfold closed.

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