June 17, 1947. E. F. MILLER 2,422,432

COMBINED WALLET AND CARD CASE

Filed Dec. 24, 1943 2 Sheets-Sheet 1

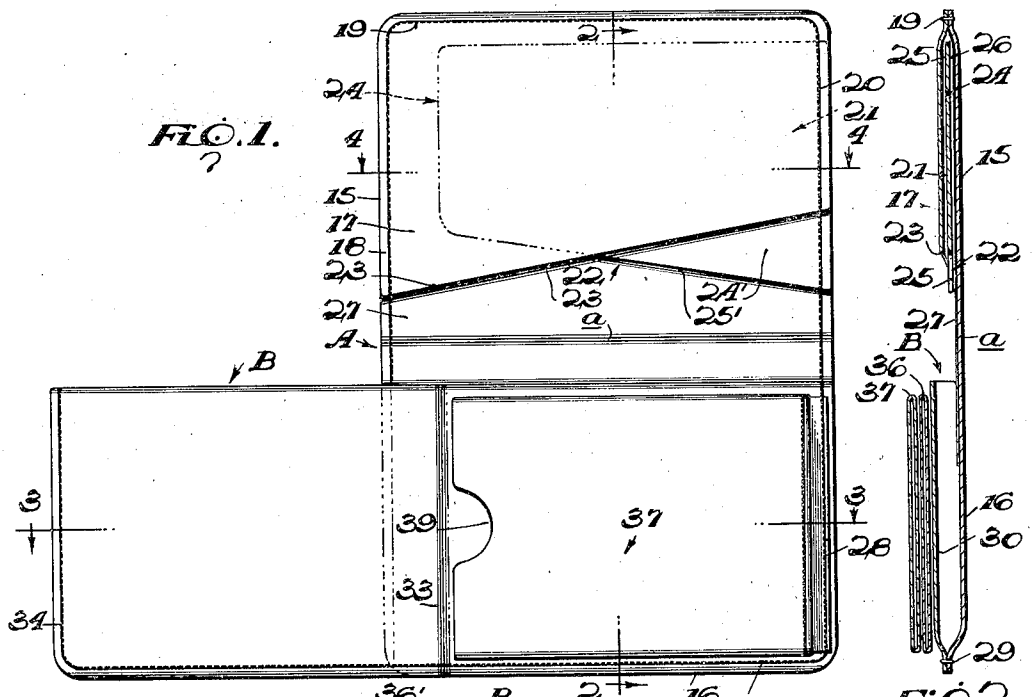


FIG. 1.

FIG. 2.

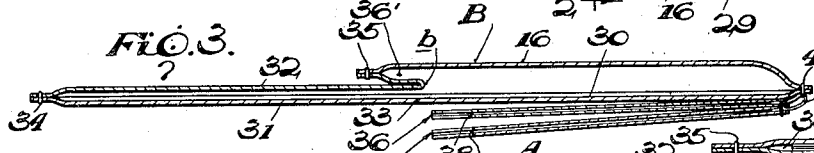


FIG. 3.



FIG. 3a.



FIG. 4.

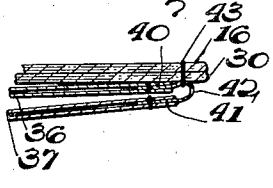


FIG. 6.
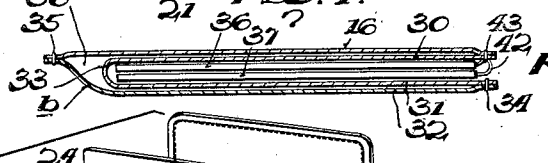


FIG. 5.

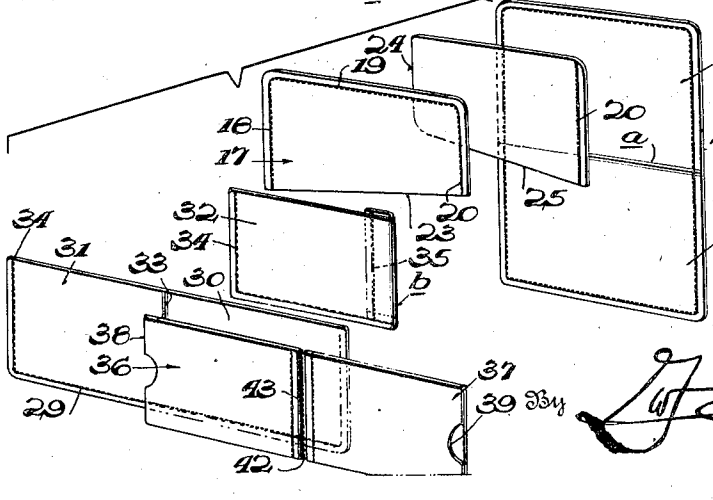


FIG. 7.

Inventor

Edward F. Miller.

By

Attorney

June 17, 1947. E. F. MILLER 2,422,432

COMBINED WALLET AND CARD CASE

Filed Dec. 24, 1943 2 Sheets-Sheet 2

FIG. 8.

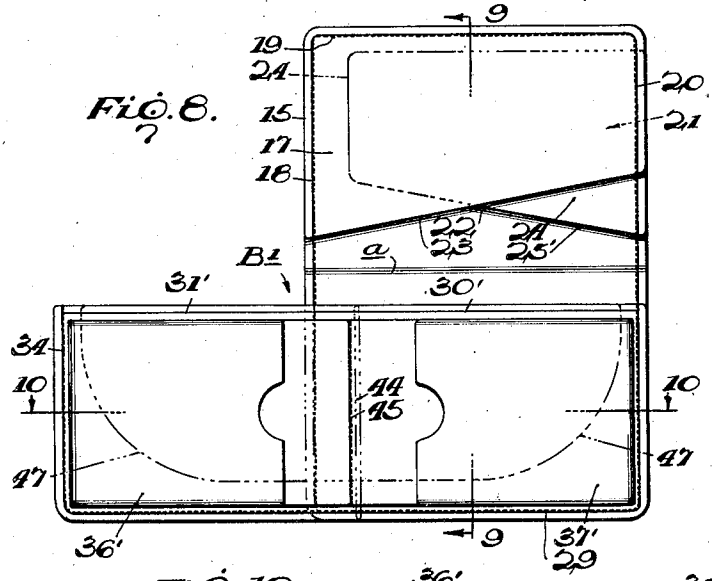


FIG. 9.

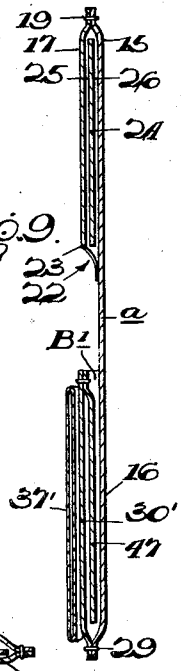


FIG. 10.

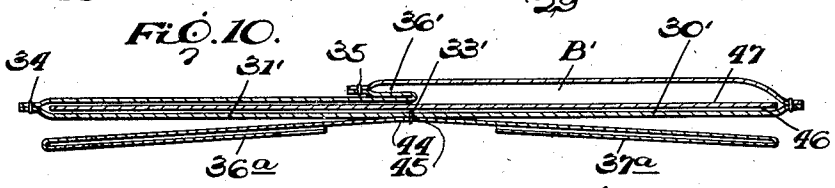


FIG. 11.

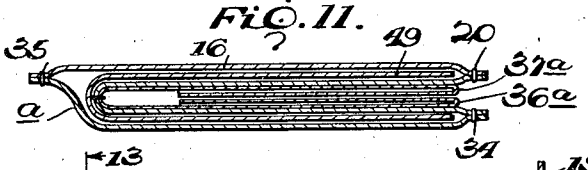


FIG. 12.

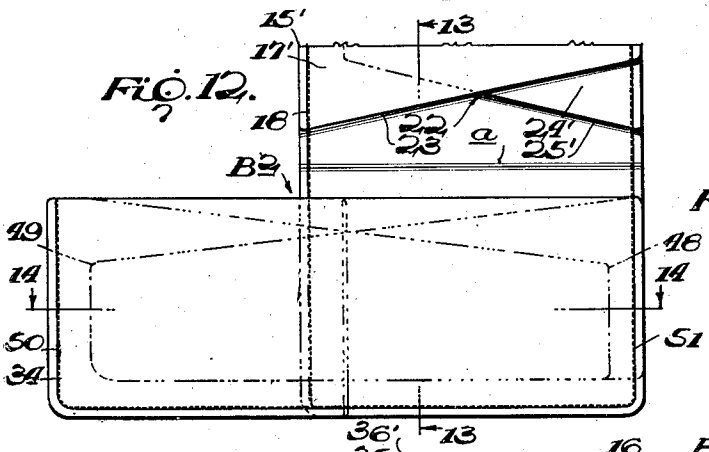


FIG. 13.

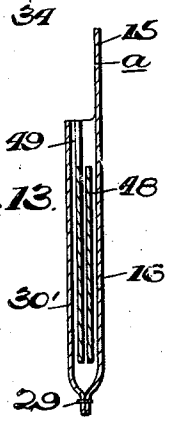
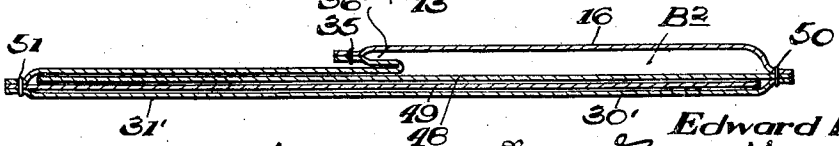


FIG. 14.



Inventor

Edward F. Miller

By

Attorney

Patented June 17, 1947

2,422,432

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

2,422,432

COMBINED WALLET AND CARD CASE

Edward F. Miller, Rochester, N. Y., assignor to Hickok Manufacturing Company, Inc., Rochester, N. Y., a corporation of New York

Application December 24, 1943, Serial No. 515,560

4 Claims. (Cl. 150—35)

1

This invention relates to wallets.

One object of the invention is to provide a wallet of considerable capacity as compared with wallets now in use and to so construct the same as to permit of ready selective arrangement of currency, bills, cards, and the like in the wallet without interfering with the requisite flexibility and general size required in articles of this character.

Another object of the invention is to provide a wallet of the nature stated in which some of the interior parts have floating or free independent movement relative to adjacent parts and which require in some instances nothing more than scrap material and in which economy of material and labor is greatly reduced in the production of the wallets.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a foldable wallet embodying a currency compartment in which a secret pocket may be formed and in which a separate card pocket is provided and also one or more transparent card receivers foldably connected with the wallet and through which, if desired, printed cards may be readily placed for reading purposes.

It is still further proposed to provide a foldable wallet embodying a currency compartment in which is provided a recess to receive ends of cards or folded bills without disturbing flattened out bills carried in said compartment and without interfering with the insertion or withdrawal of flat currency into or from the compartment incident to the cards or a folded bill or two or other paper which can have an edge fitted in said recess.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings and pointed out in the claims hereto appended, it being understood that various changes in the form, proportions, and minor details of construction, within the scope of the claims, may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

In the accompanying drawings:

Figure 1 is a plan view of the wallet opened up and looking at the interior thereof;

Fig. 2 is a sectional view on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a sectional view on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3a is an enlarged fragmentary detail sectional view drawn to show the pocket 36' in sub-

2

stantially normal condition with a card or a folded bill inserted and held therein particularly when the wallet is folded.

Fig. 4 is a sectional view on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 5 is a transverse sectional view similar to Fig. 3 showing the wallet in folded condition;

Fig. 6 is an enlarged fragmentary detail view of the hinged connection between the transparent pockets and the wallet;

Fig. 7 is an exploded view showing in perspective the various parts forming the wallet structure illustrated in Figs. 1 to 6, inclusive;

Fig. 8 is a plan view of a modified form of wallet opened up and looking at the interior of the same;

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

Fig. 10 is a sectional view taken on the line 10—10 of Fig. 8;

Fig. 11 is a transverse sectional view of the wallet of Figs. 8, 9 and 10, folded;

Fig. 12 is a plan view of another modification of the invention of the wallet opened up and looking at the interior of the same;

Fig. 13 is a sectional view taken on the line 13—13 of Fig. 12; and

Fig. 14 is a sectional view taken on the line 14—14 of Fig. 12.

Referring now to the accompanying drawings and more particularly to Figs. 1 to 7, inclusive, the reference character A indicates a piece of flexible leather or other suitable flexible material foldable along the line of fold *a* to provide a cover consisting of cover sections 15 and 16.

A wall 17 is sewed or otherwise secured at three of its edges 18, 19 and 20 to the corresponding three edges of the cover section 15 to provide a card or like pocket 21 open at 22 at the side opposite to said line of fold *a*, the edge 23 of the wall 17 being formed upon an incline, as shown to facilitate insertion or removal of cards or the like into or from the pocket 21.

A flexible flap 24 of leather or other suitable thin, flexible material is secured at one end of the cover section 15 by the aforesaid stitches 20 and lies freely for the most part in the said pocket 21 to divide the pocket into separate divisions 25 and 26. This flap 24 is floatable in the pocket 21, a portion 24' of the flap 24 being exposed to view adjacent the open end of said pocket 21 therebetween and said line of fold *a*. This flap 24 at its exposed portion 24' has an inclined edge 25' which intersects with the inclined edge 23 of the pocket wall 17 at a point substantially

intermediate the ends of the inclined edge 23 to facilitate insertion or withdrawal of cards or the like with relation to the divisions 25 and 26' of the pocket 21. The flap 24 may be of a color contrasting with the color of adjacent parts of the wallet.

A colorful or other thin flexible lining 27 is shown as secured to the inner face of the cover member A across the line of fold *a* for ornamental purposes and to strengthen the line of fold *a*.

A foldable currency pocket B closed at one end, as by stitching 28, and closed along its lower longitudinal edge, as by stitching 29, consists of the cover section 16 and the flexible wall sections 30, 31 and 32, the end wall section 30 being hingedly or foldably connected end to end with the intermediate wall section 31 along the line of fold 33 and the flexible intermediate wall section 31 is connected with the end wall section 32 along the line of stitching 34, the outer end of wall 32 being sewed at 35 or otherwise secured to the end of section 16 of the cover.

The end wall section 32 has a line of fold *b* adjacent to but spaced slightly from its line of connection 35 with the cover section 16 and which line of fold *b* lies adjacent the line of fold 33 between the wall sections 30 and 31, resulting in the formation of a transverse recess 36' intermediate the ends of the currency compartment when the latter is unfolded to receive one end or edge of one or more cards or the like or to receive an edge of one or more folded bills alongside of fully flattened out bills disposed in said compartment as shown at X. For instance, the part of the flexible wall section 32 between the connected end thereof and the line of fold 33 is resilient and as the wallet is opened this part of the wall 32 springs toward the inner face of the cover section 16 and when the wallet is folded said front of the wall section 32 lies close enough to the cover section to hold cards or bills having an edge inserted in said recess.

As will be seen by reference to the drawings, the card pocket 21 and the currency compartment open toward each other in spaced relation on opposite sides of the line of fold *a* of the cover member when the wallet is unfolded.

Additional card pockets or receivers may be introduced into the hereinbefore described assembly to increase the capacity of the wallet and these additional card holders or receivers consist preferably of transparent receivers 36 and 37 which are hingedly connected to the outer face of the currency wall 30 with the open ends 38 and 39, respectively, directed toward the line of fold 33 between the wall sections 30 and 31 when the wallet is folded, reducing chance of loss of cards. These transparent card receivers are preferably independently hingedly connected to said wall 30 at the outer end thereof in any suitable manner but, as shown, the bottoms of the transparent holders are closed by the sides 40 and 41 of a flexible folded fabric or other strip 42 (see Fig. 6) to which the outer ends of the walls of the transparent holders are sewed or suitably connected. A line of stitching 43 between the transparent holders connects the flexible or resilient fabric with the wall 30 and the cover section 16, as clearly illustrated in Fig. 6. Any other suitable equivalent hinged mounting may be employed to swingingly connect the transparent pockets or holders to the wallet.

A modified form of the invention is shown in Figs. 8 to 11, inclusive, and wherein it will be seen

that the transparent receivers 36*a* and 37*a* are oppositely disposed longitudinally when the wallet is unfolded as in Fig. 10, there being an intermediate flexible folding portion 44 sewed or otherwise secured at 45 at the line of fold 33' between the walls 30' and 31'. The transparent pockets 36*a* and 37*a* open opposite to each other on opposite sides of the line of fold 33' to reduce chance of loss of cards when the wallet is unfolded. In this modified form of the invention, there is provided a secret currency pocket 46 in the currency compartment B' by means of a flexible flap 47 disposed in the currency compartment and suspended therein by stitching or otherwise from the upper longitudinal edges of walls 30' and 31' and which flap 47 is otherwise unconnected with the wallet. This flap 47 may be lifted out of the currency compartment and bills placed against the inner faces of walls 30' and 31' and the flap then folded back into the currency compartment so as to have the bills confined between said walls and said flap and thereby concealed from view when the wallet is open. In all other respects the wallet illustrated in Figs. 8 to 11, inclusive, is the same as the wallet described and illustrated in Figs. 1 to 7, inclusive.

Another modification of the invention is illustrated in Figs. 12 to 14, inclusive. In this third embodiment of the invention, the currency compartment B^2 is provided with two flexible, floatable, overlapping, parallel, division flaps 48 and 49 extending in opposite directions and unconnected and free of each other, the flap 48 being secured at one end only to the end of the compartment B^2 by a line of stitching 50 and the flap 49 being secured to the opposite end only of the compartment B^2 by the line of stitching 51. These flaps may be secured in the compartment B^2 in any other well-known manner so long as they are free of each other and connected each at one end only to the compartment B^2. The pocket 17'—15' in this form of the invention is substantially the same as like pockets of the other two forms illustrated and described herein. In fact, except for the flaps 48 and 49 this modified form of wallet is substantially the same as the other forms described throughout except for said flaps 48 and 49 and the elimination in this last form described of the transparent pockets illustrated in Figs. 1 to 11, inclusive.

From the foregoing it will be seen that in one or more forms of the present invention there is provided a wallet having a foldable currency compartment to receive bills in flattened out condition in combination with one or more card receivers arranged in alinement with the compartment as well as a card receiver or pocket offset or opposite to the foldable currency compartment, all of the card receivers or pockets being independent of one another and one or more of them having transparent walls if desired.

It will be seen also that in each form of the invention there is a transverse recess in the currency compartment intermediate the ends thereof when the wallet is unfolded into which an edge of a card or cards or the edge of one or more folded bills can be disposed and held alongside of flattened out bills in the currency compartment, the part of the aforesaid wall 32 between the connected end of the wall 32 and the line of fold in the wall 32 adjacent said connected end of the wall 32 being resilient and moving toward the inner face of the cover as the currency compartment is opened to insert or extract bills from the currency compartment and always lying close

to the inside of the cover when the wallet is folded.

It is also apparent that in some instances the secret pocket of the currency compartment may be employed or eliminated and that if desired oppositely disposed independent flaps may be arranged in the currency compartment for division purposes.

What is claimed is:

1. A wallet comprising a foldable outer wall or cover member having a line of fold substantially intermediate the ends thereof providing foldable cover sections, an inner wall section secured to the inner face of one of the cover sections and providing a compartment for cards and the like and having an opening adjacent the said line of fold which opening is substantially the width of said cover section, an elongated compartment foldable substantially intermediate its ends, inwardly of the other cover section to contain currency or the like and supported by the said other cover section, the latter cover section providing a portion of the outer wall section of the currency compartment, an extension outer wall section of the currency compartment secured to the inner face of and at one side of the last mentioned cover section, a foldable inner wall section of the currency compartment being secured to the last mentioned cover section and to the said extension outer wall section and providing a shallow pocket opening adjacent the line of fold of the cover member, and substantially one-half of the currency compartment when unfolded projecting laterally beyond an edge of the second mentioned cover section and when the currency compartment is folded upon itself its projecting part will be disposed in and be confined between the folded cover sections.

2. A wallet comprising a foldable cover member having a line of fold substantially intermediate the ends thereof, providing foldable cover sections, a wall section secured to the inner face of one of the cover sections and with the latter providing a compartment for cards and the like and having an opening adjacent the said line of fold, and an elongated currency compartment including the other cover section and an inner wall section secured at one end to the inner face of said other cover section at one end of the latter and an inner wall section foldably connected at one end to the opposite end of the last mentioned wall section and an outer wall section foldably connected at one end to the last mentioned inner wall section and connected at its opposite end to the end of said other cover section opposite the end to which the first mentioned inner wall section is connected, whereby to provide an elongated currency compartment having an elongated opening and which currency compartment is foldable and unfoldable between said cover sections and when folded is adapted to lie between said cover sections and when completely unfolded having a portion extending laterally beyond said other cover section, with a portion of the currency compartment opening adjacent said line of fold and substantially in alignment therewith and opening toward and substantially opposite the card compartment opening, with the other portion of the currency compartment opening located laterally beyond the respective end of said other cover section and substantially in alignment with the other opening portion of the currency compartment opening.

3. A wallet comprising a foldable outer wall or cover member having a line of fold substantially intermediate the ends thereof providing foldable cover sections, and a currency compartment comprising one of said cover sections, a flexible wall section having one end secured to the inner face of one end of said one of said cover sections, another flexible wall section having one end secured to the inner face of the opposite end of said one cover section, and an intermediate flexible wall section having one end foldably connected to the inner end of the first mentioned wall section and its opposite end foldably connected to the outer end of the said second mentioned flexible wall section, all three of said wall sections cooperating with the cover section to which the two first mentioned flexible wall sections are connected to provide an elongated currency compartment.

4. A wallet comprising a foldable cover member having a line of fold substantially intermediate the ends thereof providing foldable cover sections, and a currency compartment comprising one of said cover sections, a flexible wall section of a length less than the length of said cover sections and having its outer end secured to one end of one of said cover sections, another flexible wall section of a length substantially the same as the length of said one cover section and having its outer end secured to the opposite end of said one cover section, and an intermediate flexible wall section of a length substantially the same as the length of the first mentioned flexible wall section and having one end foldably connected to the inner end of the first mentioned flexible wall section and having its opposite end connected to the inner end of the second mentioned flexible wall section, the second mentioned flexible wall section overlying the foldable connection between the first mentioned flexible wall section and the intermediate wall section when the billfold is folded and when the billfold is unfolded the second mentioned flexible wall section and the said one cover section forming a transverse recess therebetween adjacent the foldable connection between the second mentioned flexible wall section and the said one cover section.

EDWARD F. MILLER.

REFERENCES CITED

The following references are of record in the file of this patent:

UNITED STATES PATENTS

Number	Name	Date
1,542,124	Halvorsen et al.	June 16, 1925
2,154,826	Stember et al.	Apr. 18, 1939
2,124,287	Claviez	July 19, 1938
1,787,054	Scheuer	Dec. 30, 1930
1,799,383	Mayer	Apr. 7, 1931
1,924,702	Wege	Aug. 29, 1933
2,294,635	Sherwood	Sept. 1, 1942
2,350,503	Gardner	June 6, 1944

FOREIGN PATENTS

Number	Country	Date
140,233	Great Britain	Mar. 25, 1920