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Fig. 1.

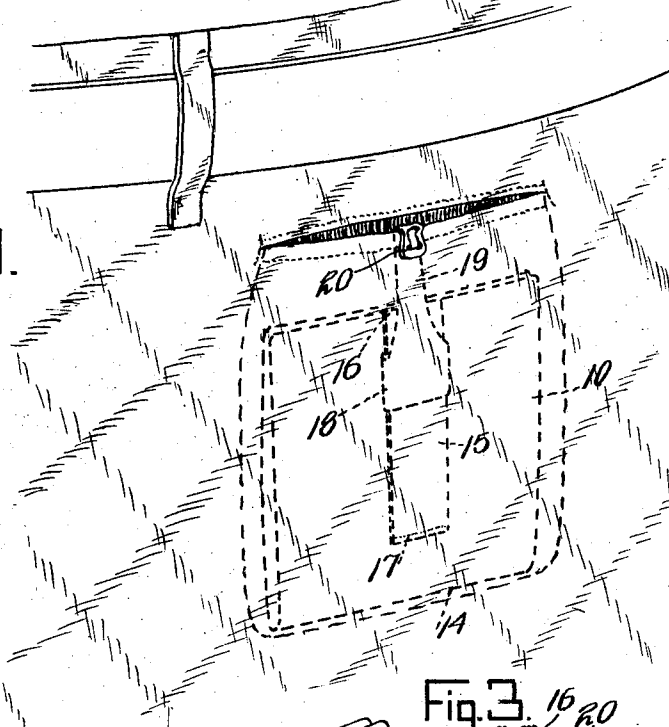


Fig. 2.

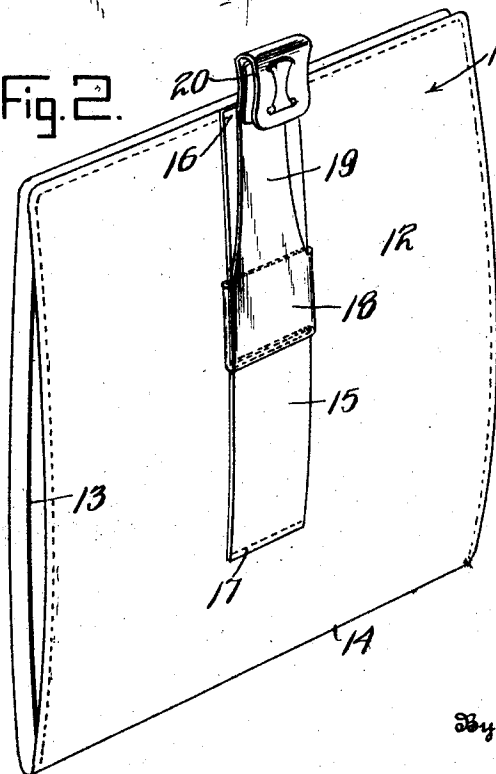


Fig. 3.

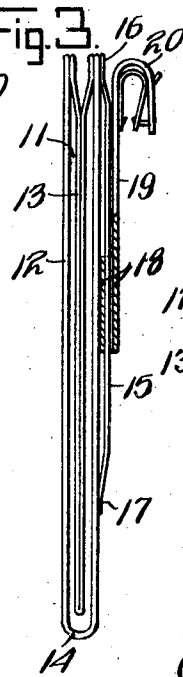


Fig. 4.

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My invention relates to safety clamps for bill folders and the like and it is an object of the invention to provide a clamping device attached to a bill folder or purse whereby the purse may be detachably fastened to clothing.

A further object of the invention is to provide a fastening device of this character which will permit the bill folder to rest securely in the pocket regardless of the depth of the pocket and to rest on the bottom of the pocket instead of being suspended from the rim of the pocket.

Referring to the accompanying drawings which are made a part hereof and on which similar reference characters indicate similar parts,

Figure 1 is a view of my device attached to the hip pocket of the wearer.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the device.

Figure 3 is a section through the line 3—3 of Fig. 2, and

Figure 4 is a view similar to Fig. 3 of a modified form of the device.

In the drawings reference character 10 indicates a bill folder or purse of familiar construction having a plurality of longitudinal pockets 11 formed between the walls 12 and 13 of the purse.

As is well known, bill folders of this type are usually folded along a line 14 midway of the folder. Attached to one side of the purse is a strip 15 preferably of the same material from which the bill folder is formed although this strip may be of other material which is more rigid than the leather of the bill folder. This strip 15 is attached to the bill folder at 16 and 17 being either sewed or fastened by rivets or other fasteners. Secured around the strip 15 is a clamp 18 which is adapted to slip over the member 15 and to slide longitudinally thereon. This clamp 17 is elongated as at 19 and has on the upper end thereof a snap fastener 20 of well-known construction. The fastener 20, as shown in Fig. 1, is adapted to grip the upper edge of the pocket and secure the bill folder thereto allowing the folder to rest within the pocket. The clamp 18, having a slidable engagement with the strip 15, permits the bill folder to rest in the bottom of the pocket of the wearer rather than upon the edge of the pocket. The clamp 18 is secured around the strip 15 preferably before the latter is attached to the bill folder.

As shown in Fig. 4, the strip 15 may be attached to the inner side 13 of the bill folder

instead of the outside, as shown in Fig. 2. This construction protects the pocket from engagement with the sliding clamp 18 and therefore saves the wear and tear due to friction of the metal clamp on the cloth material of the pocket. However, either construction provides a bill folder securing device which allows the folder to rest firmly in the pocket without resting on the upper rim or edge of the pocket.

While I have defined and described my device with a view to its use with a bill folder or purse, it is obvious the device is not limited to this use. The device, obviously, could be used for holding keys or any objects which it is desired to secure against accidental loss and to allow them to rest in the pocket rather than to be suspended from the rim of the pocket.

It will be obvious to those skilled in the art that various changes may be made in my device without departing from the spirit of the invention, and I, therefore, do not limit myself to what is shown in the drawings and described in the specification, but only as set forth in the appended claims.

Having thus fully set forth my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. A device of the kind described comprising a bill folder, an elongated strip attached thereto, a slidable clamp adapted to be positioned around said strip between the points at which it is attached to the bill folder and adapted to slide upon said strip, the clamp having an elongated upwardly extending portion having attached thereto means for securing the device upon the clothing of a person, substantially as set forth.

2. A device of the kind described comprising a bill folder, a strip fastened to the inside of said folder, a clamp slidably gripping said strip, and means on the clamp for attaching the device to the pocket of a person, substantially as set forth.

3. A bill folder holding device comprising a strip attached to the inside of the bill folder, a clamp slidably attached to the strip, and means on the clamp for attaching the device to the rim of the pocket of a person's clothing, substantially as set forth.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, this 20th day of August, A. D. nineteen hundred and twenty-seven.

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