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Fig. 1

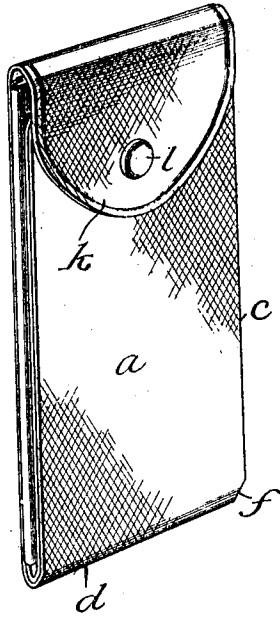


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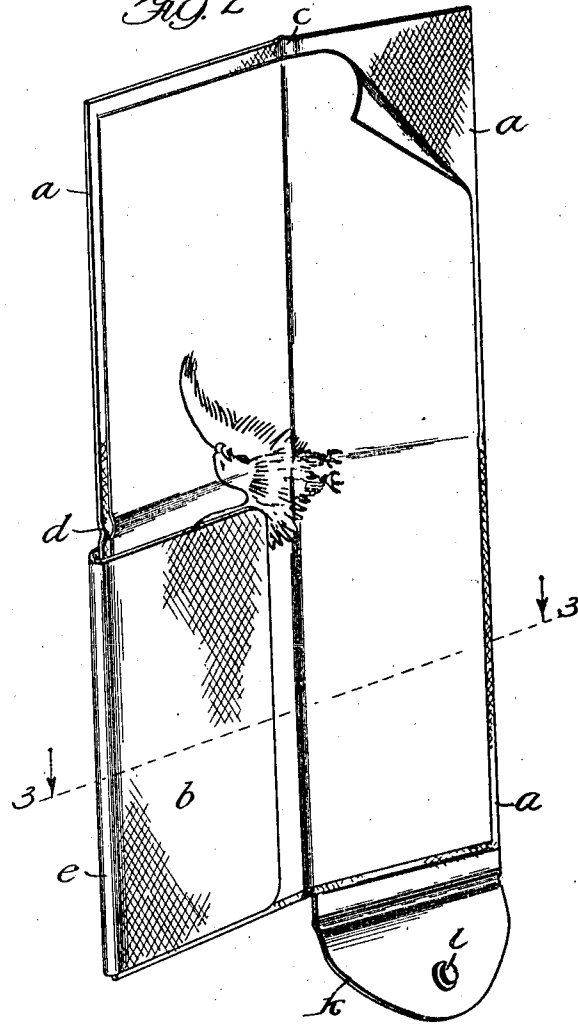
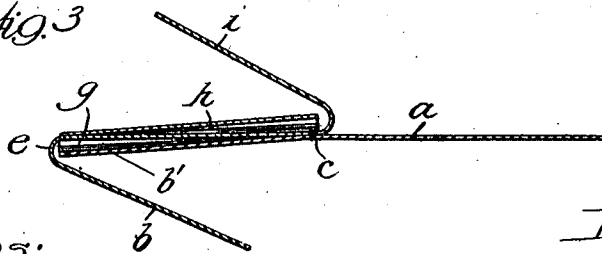


Fig. 3



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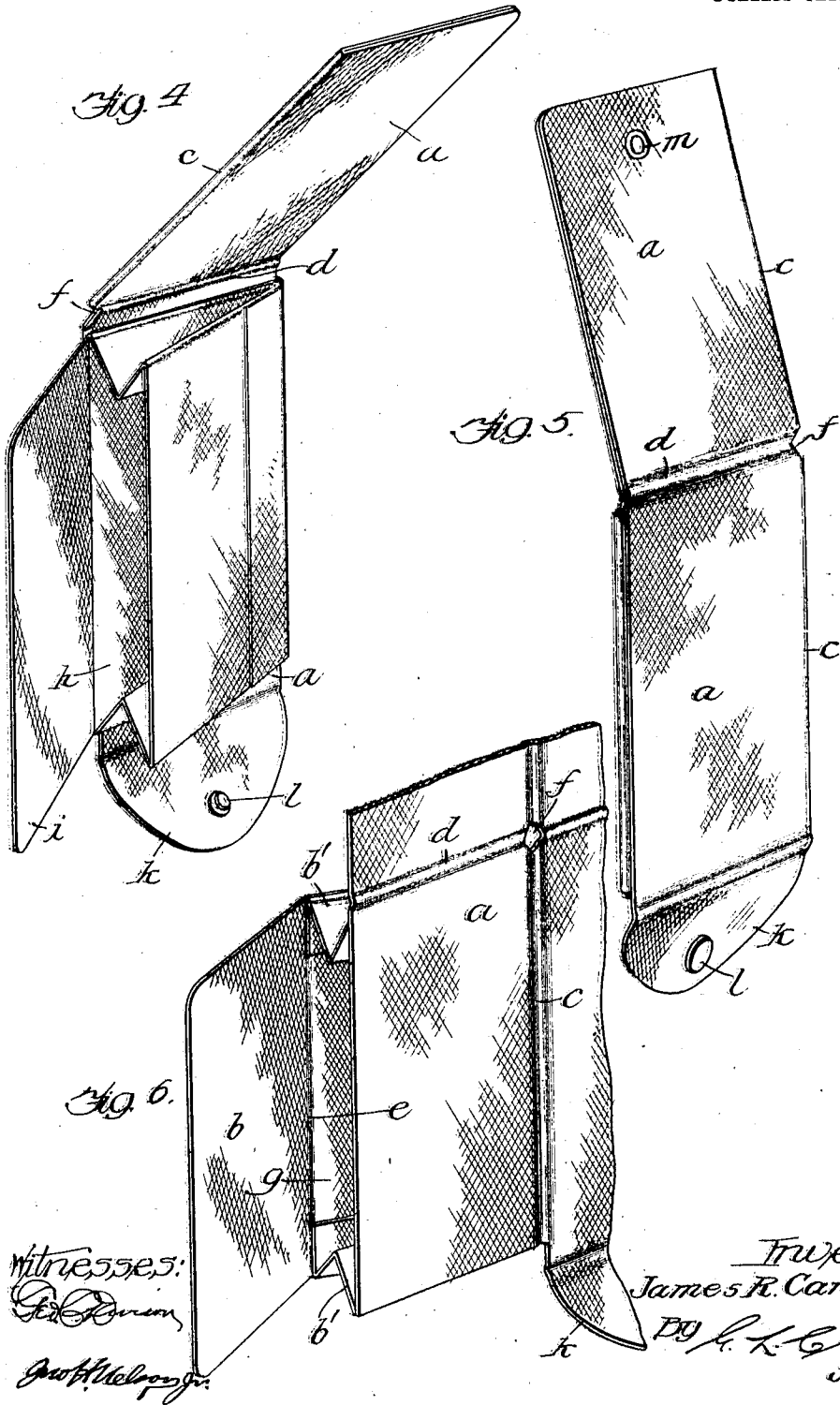
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES R. CARDWELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Wallets, of which the following is a full, clear, concise, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification.

My invention relates to wallets, and has for its object the construction of a very simple form of wallet which is adapted to contain both paper money and coin or other loose objects within small compass.

In the preferred embodiment of my invention, I employ a sheet of some suitable wallet material, preferably leather, approximating in superficial area the size of a bank note, which sheet of leather I preferably crease along two lines, one extending longitudinally of the sheet and dividing the same into two equal parts and the other extending cross-wise or transversely of the sheet and also dividing the sheet into two equal parts. Material of the wallet is absent, and preferably entirely absent, where the folding lines intersect so that a bank note or notes may readily be interfolded with the sheet without buckling or bunching the sheet where its folding lines intersect. In order positively to insure the retention of the bank notes within the folded sheet of the wallet, I project a wing from one of the quarters of the sheet, which wing may be inturned upon the bank notes and inclosed within the wallet sheet when folded, the bank notes being interposed between the wing and the main sheet of the wallet. The wing also serves as a separator between the folds of the bank notes so that the bank notes may readily be unfolded when the wallet is opened.

The structural portion of my invention thus far described is disclosed in my United States Letters Patent No. 940,853, dated November 23, 1909, and in accordance with my invention is also a component part of a pocket portion or portions that may well serve to hold coin or other loose or small objects to which the pockets may be adapted. In carrying out my invention, one pocket wall portion is comprised of a division of the sheet of wallet material that is defined by the folding lines, whereby there is superimposed upon and made a part of the

bank note holding wallet element, a loose or small object receiving pocket contained within the area of the bank note receiving portion when folded.

In the preferred embodiment of the invention there are two pockets and both are desirably arranged to have the openings thereto guarded against opening, by the bank note receiving portion of the wallet when folded. In the preferred embodiment of the invention the opening of one of the pockets is itself desirably closed by the wing extension of the bank note holding portion of the wallet which has been described, said wing extension thus also constituting a pocket closing flap.

I will describe my invention more fully by reference to the accompanying drawings illustrating the preferred embodiment thereof and in which Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the wallet in its completely folded condition, Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the wallet looking at its interior when all but the wing is unfolded, Fig. 3 is a sectional view on line 3—3 of Fig. 2, Fig. 4 is a view in perspective looking upon the exterior of the wallet after the bank note holding portion has been folded along its longitudinal folding line, an extra pocket not closed by the wing being illustrated, Fig. 5 is a reverse view of that which is shown in Fig. 4 with the extra pocket in a slightly rearranged condition, and Fig. 6 is a view of that portion of the interior of the wallet in its unfolded condition where the wing extension is located, the pocket of which the wing constitutes a flap being illustrated.

Like parts are indicated by similar characters of reference throughout the different views.

The bank note receiving portion of the wallet comprises, in the preferred embodiment of the invention, a substantially flat main sheet *a* which approximates in superficial area the area of a bank note, said main sheet having a wing extension *b*. The main sheet of the wallet has a longitudinal crease *c* dividing the wallet longitudinally into two substantially equal parts, and a transverse crease *d* dividing the wallet into two substantially equal parts. The wing *b* is foldable along a crease *e* over the sheet *a*, the wing substantially lying within one of the divisions of the wallet sheet into which it may be folded along its folding lines. I

discontinue the material of the sheet where the creases *c* and *d* intersect, to which end the aperture *f* is preferably formed clear through the wallet sheet *a*.

5 In order to cause the portion of the wallet *a* to hold bank notes, said portion is opened flat, the bank notes are properly superposed upon said wallet portion while the wing *b* is fully extended, whereafter the wing is
10 folded over the bank notes and the bank notes and sheet *a* are first folded along the longitudinal folding line, as indicated in Fig. 5, and thereafter along the transverse folding line, as indicated in Fig. 1. It will
15 be seen that the bank notes are thus thoroughly interfolded within the wallet and are not removable from the wallet until the sheet *a* thereof is unfolded, the wing *b* not only
20 separating the folds of the bank notes so that they do not remain interfolded when the wallet sheet *a* is unfolded.

One of the coin holding pockets *g* includes in its formation one of the divisions of the
25 sheet *a* determined by its folding lines, and the wing *b* is elongated so as to be attachable to the sheet *a* near its longitudinal folding line rather than to the edge of the sheet beyond which the wing projects. The edges
30 of the wing extending transversely to the sheet *a* may be attached thereto by bellows portions *b'*. The opening to the pocket thus formed is at the outer edge of the sheet *a* and where the wing *b* folds in over the sheet,
35 said wing serving to close the pocket *g*, of which it forms a part, when it also serves to secure the bank notes in their interfolded relation with the sheet *a*.

The portion of the wing that is permanently superposed upon the sheet *a* also constitutes a wall of another pocket *h*, whose opening is preferably opposite to and parallel with the opening to the pocket *g*. The
45 flap *i* to the pocket *h* is upon the outside of the wallet sheet *a*, when it is flat, and is located between the folds thereof when the wallet sheet *a* is finally folded. To insure the closure of the flap *i*, a retaining tab *k*
50 may be extended from one end of the wallet sheet *a*. This retaining tab folds over the free ends of the folded sheet *a* and may be provided with one member *l* of a snap fastener adapted to grip or engage a companion member *m* of such fastener that is disposed
55 upon the opposite end of the sheet *a*. When the tab is held down, as by means of the snap fastener, all of the contents of the wallet are thoroughly secured therein.

It is obvious that changes may be made
60 in the preferred embodiment of my invention herein shown and particularly de-

scribed, without departing from the spirit of my invention.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters 65 Patent the following:—

1. A wallet comprising a sheet of suitable wallet material, approximating the size of a bank-note and adapted to receive on the upper side a plurality of bank-notes, said sheet 70 being divided into four quarters by longitudinal and transverse folding lines, having a plurality of pockets disposed beneath one of said quarters, closing means for the said pockets, one of said means being extended 75 and adapted to be disposed above and onto the upper side of said main portion and bank-notes that may be laid thereon, said pockets being embraced and surrounded by the main portion when the main portion is 80 folded upon the said folding lines.

2. A wallet comprising a sheet of suitable wallet material having a main portion approximately the size of a bank-note divided into four quarters by longitudinal and transverse folding lines, said main portion having 85 a pocket beneath one of the said quarters, the opening of the said pocket being adjacent the outer longer edge of the said quarter of the main portion, and having the lower side 90 of the said pocket extended and adapted to be folded above and over the main portion and the bank-notes that may be disposed thereon, a second pocket disposed beneath the outer wall of the first named pocket, and 95 having the opening parallel to and adjacent the bottom of the first named pocket, and means closing the second pocket, the main body portion being adapted to fold on the said longitudinal and transverse folding 100 lines to surround both pockets, and means holding wallet in folded position.

3. A wallet comprising a sheet of suitable wallet material of approximately the size of a bank-note, adapted to be folded longitudinally and transversely on predetermined lines to substantially one-fourth of its original size, a coin-receiving pocket arranged on one section of said sheet to open along the outer edge of said section, a second pocket 10 also arranged on said section to open along the folded edge of the section, and flaps normally covering the mouths of both of said pockets, said flaps lying between and retained in place by the superposed sections of 11 the folded wallet.

In witness whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name this 8th day of April A. D. 1910.

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