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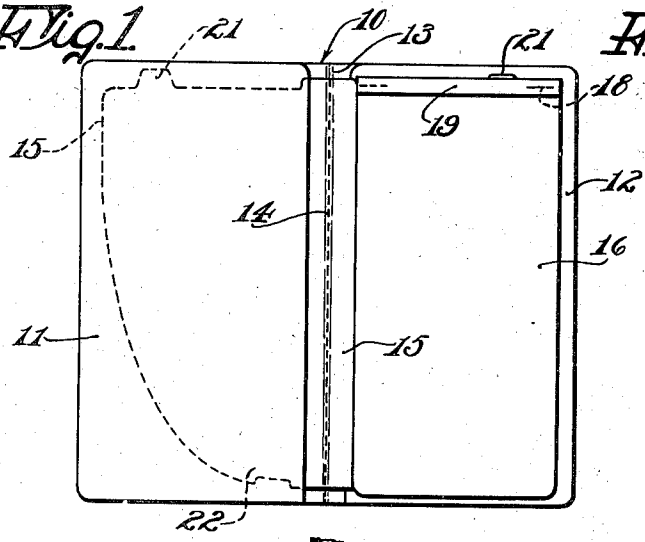

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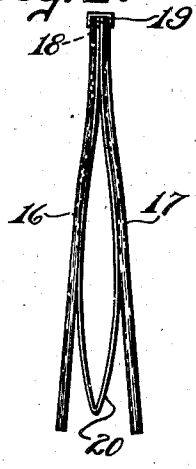

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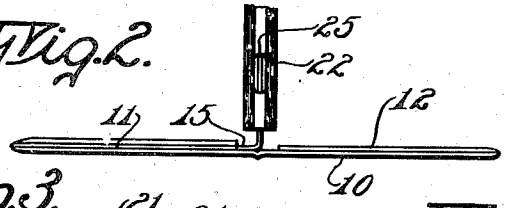

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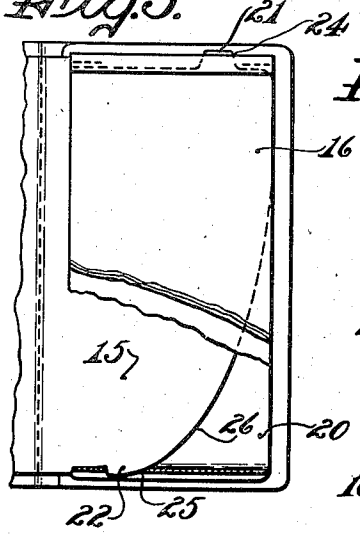

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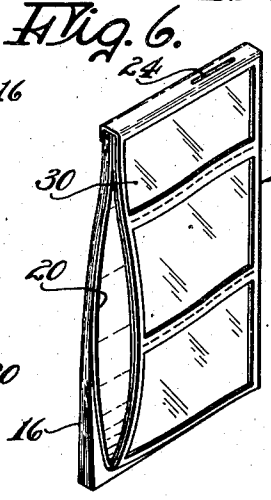

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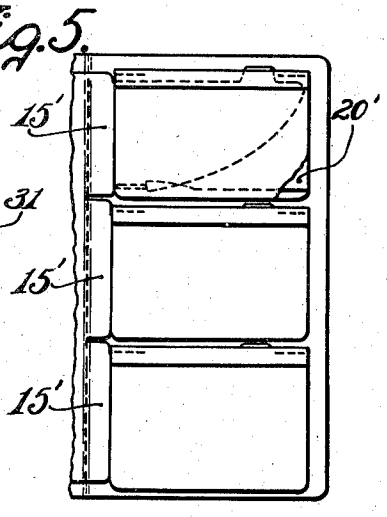

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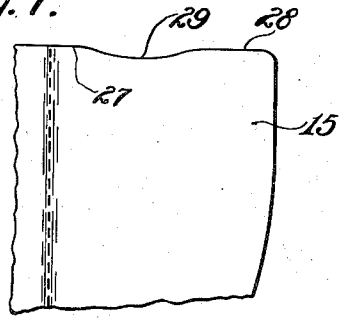

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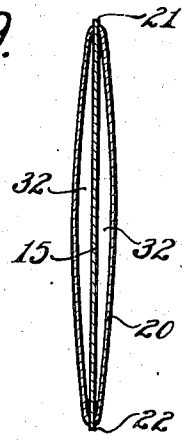

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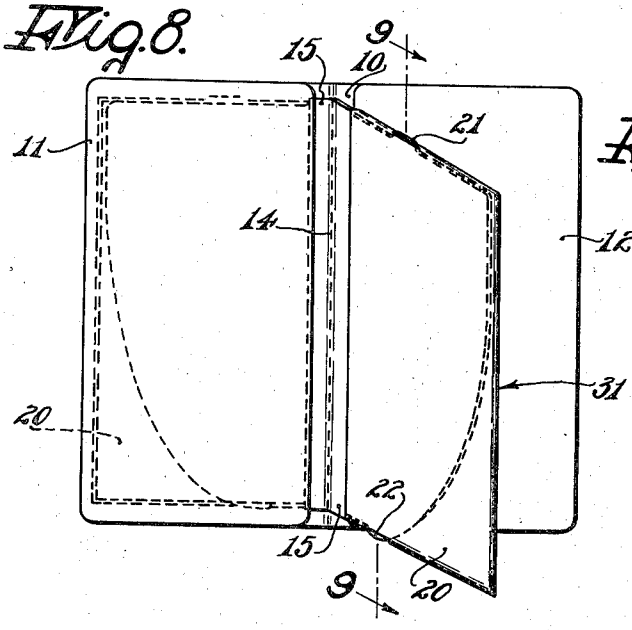

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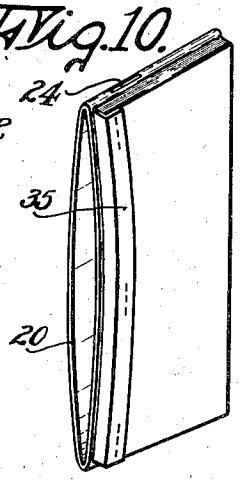

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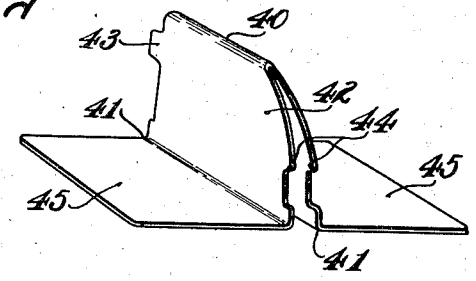

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This invention relates to flexible pocket receptacles.

One object of the invention is to increase the range of use of such receptacles and provide a degree of selectivity in the character of use to which such receptacles may be put, at least in part, by the addition of auxiliary elements thereto.

Another object of the invention is to secure economy in the manufacture of a line of pocket receptacles having a variety of uses.

Other and further objects residing in the details of construction will be made apparent in the following specification and claims.

In the accompanying drawings:

Fig. 1 is an elevational view of a pocket receptacle embodying the invention, the receptacle being shown in open position.

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary view looking toward the bottom edge of the structure shown in Fig. 1, the memorandum pad element being swung to vertical position;

Fig. 3 is a detail view of the right hand portion of Fig. 1, parts being broken away;

Fig. 4 is a side edge view of the memorandum pad element of Fig. 1, removed from the receptacle proper;

Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 3 but showing section memorandum pads;

Fig. 6 shows a modified form of removable element embodying both a memorandum pad and a plurality of identification card or pass cases;

Fig. 7 is a fragmentary view showing a modified form of one of the holding elements;

Fig. 8 is a perspective view of a receptacle showing an alternative form of the invention;

Fig. 9 is a section substantially on line 9—9 of Fig. 8;

Fig. 10 is a perspective view of a modification of the removable element of Fig. 8; and

Fig. 11 is a perspective view showing a modified form of a supporting wing member.

Referring to Fig. 1 of the drawings, the pocket receptacle is shown as comprising a rear or outer wall member 10 to which are secured two inner wall members 11 and 12, spaced from each other and secured along their outer and bottom edges to the adjacent edges of wall member 10. Wall member 10 is provided with a central fold line 13 about which the halves of the receptacle may be folded one upon the other in the usual manner. As shown, the wall members 11 and 12 are not secured along their top edges, thus providing the receptacle with opposed pockets open at the top and the sides adjacent fold line 13.

Secured to the rear wall member 10, preferably along the fold line 13, as by stitching 14, are a pair of wing members 15. When employed as later described as a support for a pad or other removable element, these wing members may be positioned outwardly of the pockets formed by the walls 11 and 12, as shown at the right of Fig. 1, and in Figs. 2 and 3. When not so employed, members 15 are tucked in the pockets as shown in dotted lines at the left of Fig. 1.

The removable element, as shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3, comprises a pair of memorandum pads 16 and 17. Pads 16 and 17 are secured at their upper ends, as by staples 18 and binding 19, to the opposite outer faces of a loop member 20 which may be formed of light cardboard or similar material. As perhaps best shown in Figs. 2 and 3, loop member 20 is adapted to be telescoped over one of the wing members 15. The wing members 15 are provided with means to interengage the loop member to releasably lock the latter on the wing member. As shown in Figs. 1 to 5 inclusive, this latter means comprises tongues 21 and 22 respectively, provided on the upper and lower edges of the wing members. The tongues 21 and 22 are adapted to respectively engage in slits 24 and 25 formed in the upper and lower closed edges of the loop member. The lower free corner portion of the wings 15 are preferably cut away as indicated at 26 to facilitate positioning loop 20, and the elements carried thereby, on the wing and removing it therefrom.

The tongues 21 and 22 may be variously positioned on the wings or replaced by equivalent means. For example in Fig. 7, the upper edge of the wing may be provided with two straight edge portions 27 and 28 adapted to wedge in the bight formed at the upper end of loop 20 by the staples 18. The straight edge portions 27 and 28 are separated by a "well" 29 in which the corner of the loop may be temporarily seated to permit the lower end of the loop to slide more easily over the tongue or other holding formation at the bottom of the wing.

If desired, one or both wings 15 may be cut into sections as shown at 15' in Fig. 5, each section being formed as previously described to receive a loop 20' commensurate in size with its supporting wing 15'.

The loop 20 may be provided on one or both sides with other auxiliary elements than memorandum pads, such as one or more card or pass display pockets 30 in Fig. 6. Additional pocket capacity may be added to the receptacle by closing the outer edge of the loop as shown at 31 in

Figs. 6 and 8, whereby two pockets 32 are formed between the walls of the loop and the supporting wing upon which the loop is positioned. When used as a support for one or more memorandum pads such a closed sided loop affords a convenient place to store sheets torn from the pad.

When, as best shown in Fig. 8, the removable member, in the form of a closed sided loop is employed solely to give added pocket capacity to the receptacle, the loop carrying wing may be positioned as shown at the right of Fig. 8 so that the pockets formed by the wing 15 and the walls of the closed loop member are both accessible or it may be positioned as shown in dotted lines at the left of Fig. 8, in the pocket of the receptacle between rear wall 10 and the inner wall 11. When in the latter position a pocket open only at the top is formed between the wall 10 and the adjacent wall of loop 20 while the pocket between the latter wall and wing 15 is wholly concealed and closed by the stitching 14 which secures the wing to wall 10. The outer pocket between member 20 and the wing forms an additional pocket closed at the top but open toward the fold line of the receptacle while the pocket formed by wall 11 retains its character of a pocket open at the top and side. Access is had to the concealed pocket by withdrawing the wing and member 20 from the main pocket.

When a memorandum pad is employed it need not of course be of the top bound variety. As shown in Fig. 10, the pad may be bound along one side edge as at 35 and this bound edge stapled or otherwise secured to a side edge of the member 20.

In Fig. 11 is shown a modified wing structure. In the latter figure a single sheet of leather is centrally folded at 40 and reversely folded at 41, providing a two-ply wing 42, which is formed with holding tongues 43 and 44 for receiving any desired loop structure as previously described. The reverse folds 41 provide sidewise extending portions 45 which may be inserted in the opposed pockets of a conventional wallet or letter case to associate the wing therewith. The structure of Fig. 11 may, if desired, be used separately from the wallet, the portions 45 forming "covers" for the pockets, pads or other elements comprising whatever loop element is telescoped on the double wing 42.

As will be evident, the present invention makes it possible for the manufacturer to provide a wide range of combinations, and for the dealer to easily meet the demands for varying types of pocket receptacles. The dealer may stock a line of receptacles made up in various styles and kinds of leather provided with supporting wings which, if the customer does not desire additional or special capacities, remain tucked in the side pockets, the exposed portion serving as a finish lining for the wallet in the manner described in the patent to Buxton No. 2,219,807, issued October 29, 1940. The dealer may also stock a number of the loop devices provided with a variety of auxiliary structures from which he may make up a wallet having the capacity desired by the customer. The same range of selection may be enjoyed by the manufacturer in supplying wallets to dealers who do not desire to, or are not in a position to carry a large inventory. The ultimate user may, if desired, be provided with one or more loop devices supporting elements of differing capacities which he may use selectively as his needs require.

It will be understood that the specific forms of additional "capacities" described do not by any means exhaust the possible uses of the invention, and many alternatives will occur to those skilled in the art.

What is claimed is:

1. A flexible pocket receptacle having side portions foldable one on the other, at least one wing member hinged to the receptacle to be enclosed by said portions when the latter are folded together, an auxiliary carrying means removably mounted on said wing member and including a flattened loop member removably telescoped over said wing member, the walls of the loop member forming supports for the desired auxiliary elements, and means releasably holding said loop member in predetermined position on the wing member.

2. A flexible pocket receptacle having side portions foldable one on the other about a predetermined line of fold, at least one wing member hinged to the receptacle substantially at said line of fold to be enclosed by said portions when the latter are folded together, an auxiliary carrying means removably mounted on said wing member and including a flattened loop member removably telescoped over said wing member, the walls of the loop member forming supports for the desired auxiliary elements, and means releasably holding said loop member in predetermined position on the wing member.

3. A flexible pocket receptacle having side portions foldable one on the other about a substantially central fold line, pockets formed on said side portions and opening toward said fold line, a pair of wing members hinged to the receptacle substantially along said fold line, an auxiliary carrying means removably mounted on at least one of said wing members and including a flattened loop member removably telescoped over the wing member, the walls of the loop member forming supports for the desired auxiliary elements, and means releasably holding the loop member in predetermined position on the wing member, the wing members being respectively nestable in said first named pockets in the absence of the auxiliary carrying means.

4. A flexible pocket receptacle having side portions foldable one on the other, at least one wing member hinged to the receptacle to be enclosed by said portions when the latter are folded together, an auxiliary carrying means removably mounted on said wing member and including a flattened loop member removably telescoped over said wing member, the walls of the loop member forming supports for the desired auxiliary elements, and means releasably holding said loop member in predetermined position on the wing member, the outer edge of the loop member being closed to provide additional pockets between the wing member and the sides of the loop member when the latter member is in position on the wing member.

5. A flexible pocket receptacle having side portions foldable one on the other about a substantially central fold line, pockets formed on said side portions, said pockets being open at the top and the side adjacent said fold line, a pair of wing members hinged to the receptacle substantially along said fold line and adapted to be positioned in said pockets or swung outwardly therefrom, an auxiliary carrying means removably mounted on at least one of said wing members and including a flattened loop member removably telescoped over the wing member, the walls of the loop member forming supports for the desired auxiliary elements, the loop member having its

outer edge closed to form additional pockets between the wing member and the adjacent sides of the loop member, one of the so formed additional pockets being being rendered inaccessible when the wing and loop member are inserted in the adjacent pocket on one of said side portions, and means to releasably hold the loop member in predetermined position on the wing member.

6. A flexible pocket receptacle having side portions foldable one on the other, at least one wing member hinged to the receptacle to be enclosed by said portions when the latter are folded together, an auxiliary carrying means removably mounted on said wing member and including a flattened loop member removably telescoped over said wing member, the upper and lower edges of said loop member being provided with slits, and tongues extending from the adjacent edges of the wing member for engagement in said slits to releasably hold said loop member in predetermined position on the wing member.

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