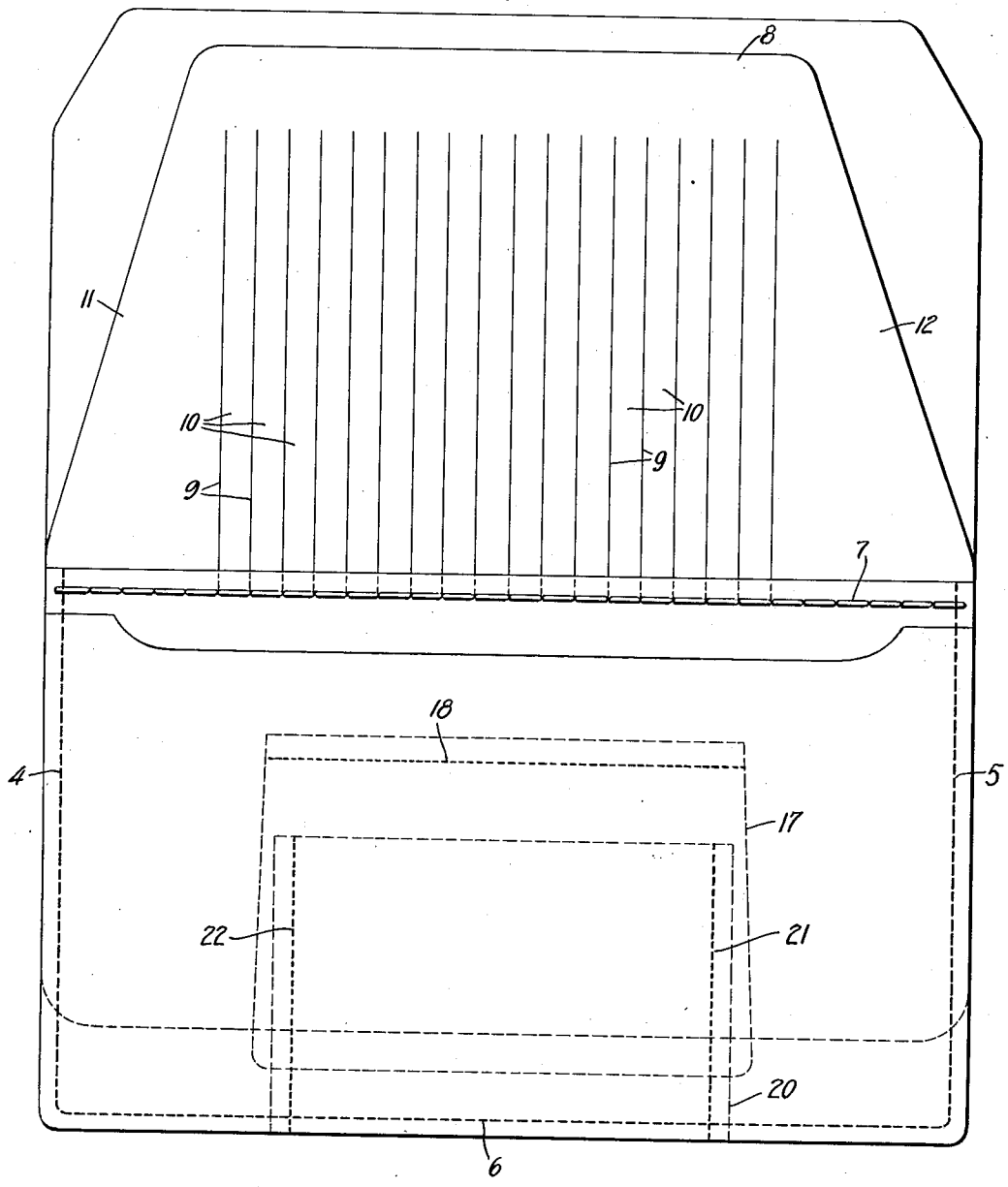
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Fig. 1.



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Fig. 2.

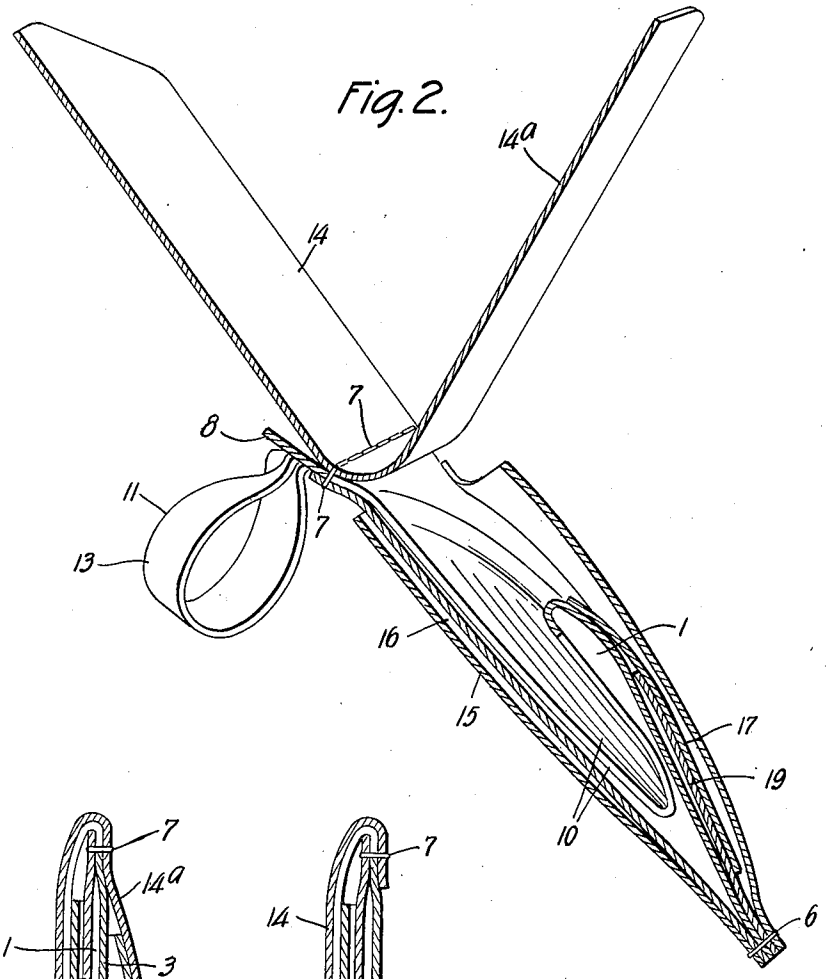


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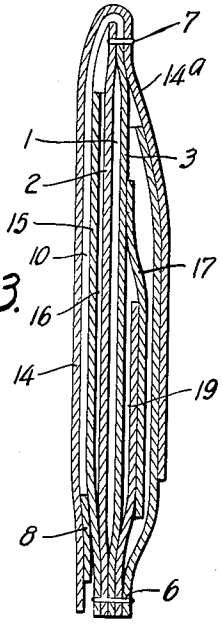
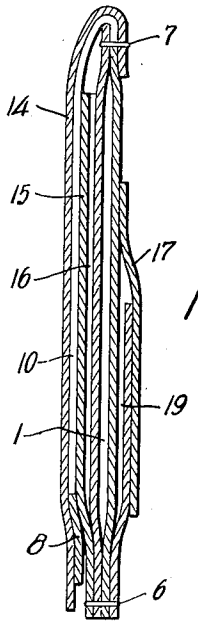


Fig. 4.



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This invention relates to pocketbooks. It is particularly concerned with a pocketbook of the type having a secret compartment.

The various features and objects of this invention will be understood from the following description of certain embodiments thereof having reference to accompanying drawings in which,

Fig. 1 is a view showing one form of embodiment with the pocketbook in an open position,

Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing the pocketbook of Fig. 1 in longitudinal section, the pocketbook being shown in a position such that access may be had to the secret compartment thereof,

Fig. 3 is a sectional view of the pocketbook of Figs. 1 and 2 showing the same in folded position, and

Fig. 4 is a sectional view corresponding to Fig. 3 but showing a modified form of construction.

Similar characters of reference designate similar parts in each of the several views.

The secret pocket of the pocketbook of the present invention is designated in Fig. 3 by the reference character 1. This pocket is formed between a sheet of material 2, constituting the front wall of the pocket and a sheet of material 3 constituting the back wall. Walls 2 and 3 are united to form the secret pocket 1 by means of side seams 4 and 5 and bottom seam 6. The upper end of the secret compartment is closed by means of an additional seam 7 which is of special construction, as described below.

Above seam 7 the rear wall 3 is provided with an extension flap 8. The central area of this flap is provided with a number of slits 9 which extend at right angles to the seam 7 and which form a series of narrow ribs 10 in the extension flap. The slits 9 extend down to the seam 7 and the stitches of seam 7 are passed through slits 9 so that the slitted portion of the extension flap is free to slide through the seam 7, the only resistance to this sliding being offered by the frictional resistance of the stitches of the seam. The marginal portions 11 and 12 of the extension flap 8 are unslitted so that these portions are not free to slide through seam 7, with the result that these portions form loops, such as shown at 13 in Fig. 2 when the slit central area of the extension flap is pulled through the seam as shown in Fig. 2.

It will be noted that in the position of Fig. 2, access may be had to the secret compartment 1 through the slits 9. The stitching of seam 7 is preferably the same in the marginal portions 11 and 12 as it is in the central slitted area, so that an inspection of the pocketbook will not draw attention to the fact that the stitches of the seam pass only through the slits 9 in the slitted area. An outside cover piece 14 is united to the pocketbook by the same seam 7 and thus also serves to divert attention from the peculiarity of the seam.

On the outer surface of the front wall 2 is stitched a piece of material 15 to form a pocket 16 on the outer side of front wall 2. This pocket is united with the front wall by seams 4, 5, and 6. It will be observed that in the closed position of the pocketbook indicated in Fig. 3, the front pocket 16 is closed by the outside cover piece 14 and the slitted extension flap 8.

On the rear side of back wall 3 is provided a flap 17. This flap is narrower in width than rear wall 3, as will be seen by an inspection of Fig. 1. It is united to this back wall by means of stitching 18. The purpose of flap 17 is to provide a convenient pull flap for pulling the slitted extension flap through seam 7 for the purpose of providing access to the secret compartment. To mask this purpose of flap 17, there is provided under the flap a pocket 19 formed by means of a piece of material 20, which is united to the back wall 3 by the seam 6 and additional seams 21 and 22.

As a further mask to hide the purpose of flap 17 I prefer to provide adjacent back wall 3 an additional piece of material, which forms a pocket 24 with the said back wall 3, the material 23 being united to the back wall by the seams 4, 5, and 6. The flap 17 is thus contained within pocket 24 and appears to serve merely as a flap for a coin pocket 19. The outside cover material 14 is preferably provided with an extension 14^a to serve as a closure for the pocket 24.

In the modified form of embodiment shown in Fig. 4 the construction is exactly similar to that of Fig. 3, except that the pocket 24 and the cover 14^a for the pocket are omitted.

It will be understood that the material from which the pocket book is made is leather or other kind of sheet material conventionally employed in pocketbook manufacture.

I have described what I believe to be the best embodiments of my invention. I do not wish, however, to be confined to the embodiment shown, but what I desire to cover by Letters Patent is set forth in the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A pocketbook comprising a front wall, a rear wall, said walls being united at their lower ends and at their sides to form a secret pocket between them, said rear wall being provided with an extension flap, said extension flap having a multiplicity of slits therein extending lengthwise of said extension flap, a seam uniting said front

wall and said extension flap, the thread of said seam being passed through said slits so that the ribs are free to slide through said seam, the said extension flap having an unslitted area on each marginal side of said slits, the unslitted area being united with said front wall by a continuation of the said seam, the stitches of said seam being uniform throughout, an outside cover piece also united to said front wall and said extension flap by the said seam, means associated with said front wall to form a pocket with the front surface of said front wall, said pocket being adapted when said pocketbook is folded to be closed by said slitted extension flap and said outside cover piece, a pull flap on said back wall for pulling the slitted portion of said extension flap through said seam, said pull flap corresponding in width substantially to the width of the slitted portion, and means associated with said back wall, to form a pocket on the rear face of said back wall, said pocket being in such position that said pull flap constitutes a closure for said pocket.

2. A pocketbook comprising a front wall, a rear wall, said walls being united at their lower ends and at their sides to form a secret pocket between them, said rear wall being provided with an extension flap, said extension flap having a multiplicity of slits therein extending lengthwise of said extension flap, a seam uniting said front wall and said extension flap, the thread of said seam being passed through said slits so that the ribs are free to slide through said seam, the said extension flap having an unslitted area on each marginal side of said slits, the unslitted area being united with said front wall by a continuation of the said seam, the stitches of said seam being uniform throughout, an outside cover piece also united to said front wall and said extension flap by the said seam, means associated with said front wall to form a pocket with the front surface of said front wall, said pocket being adapted when said pocketbook is folded to be closed by said slitted extension flap and said outside cover piece, a pull flap on said back wall for pulling the slitted portion of said extension flap through said seam, said pull flap corresponding in width substantially to the width of the slitted portion, and means associated with said back wall to form a pocket on the rear face of said back wall, said pocket being in such position that said pull flap constitutes a closure for said pocket, a sheet of material united with said back wall to form a second pocket therewith, said pocket being substantially equal in area to the area of said back wall, so as to cover said last mentioned pocket and the said pull flap, and an extension on said outside cover material to form a closure for said last mentioned pocket.

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