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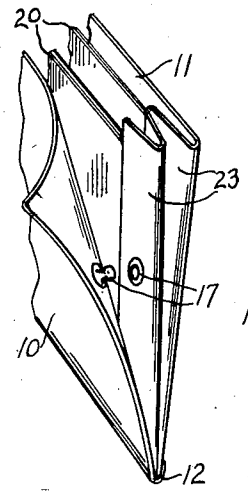



Fig. 4.

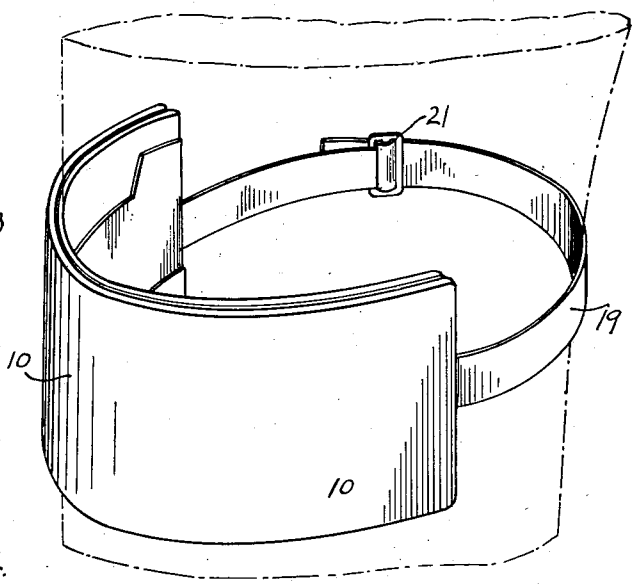



Fig. 1.

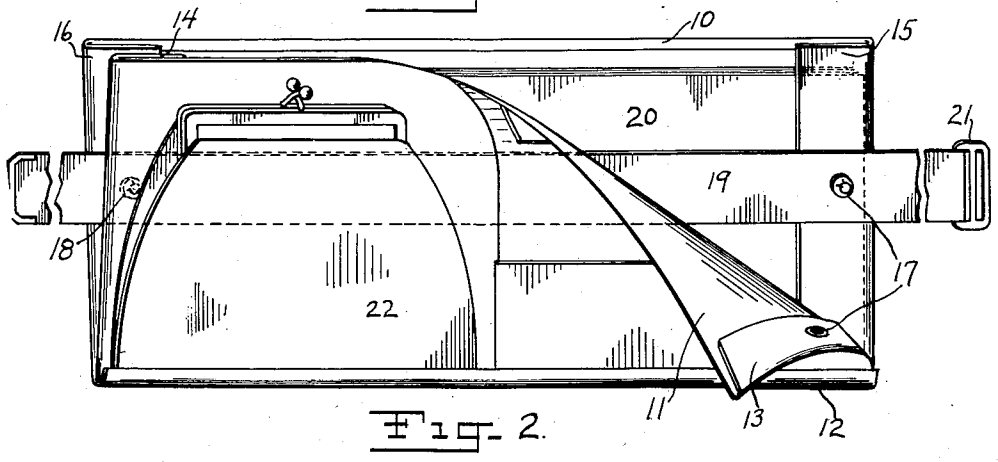



Fig. 2.

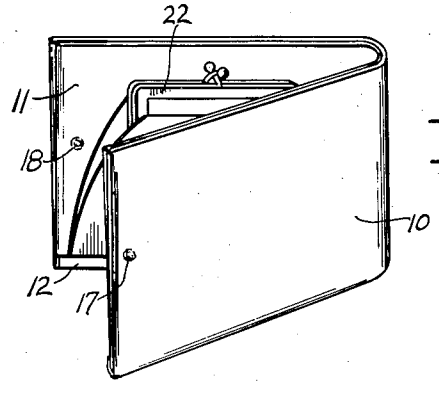



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This invention relates in general to money receptacles and more particularly to a type of receptacle which may be utilized for carrying coins and bank notes such as described and shown in my co-pending application Serial No. 556,800, filed August 13th, 1931.

The primary object of the present invention is to provide a money receptacle of this type, which is constructed to enable the user to carry the same in the ordinary manner as a bill fold or pocketbook and also is adapted for use in association with a garter or other fastening means by which the same may be retained in a position against the leg of the wearer.

The inventive conception, herein disclosed, further includes the provision of a money receptacle, which may be interchangeably utilized in either of the manners described above, the construction of the receptacle being such that this change may be readily facilitated.

Another object is to combine a bill fold and coin receiving purse into a unitary structure, the ends of the bill fold being provided with detachable means for associating the same with a garter or other elastic retainer by means of which the receptacle may be pressed against the leg of the wearer.

Still another object of the invention is to utilize the means provided for retaining the receptacle against the leg to also prevent the loss of money therefrom.

Other objects and advantages of the invention embodied in its preferred form in the drawing will become apparent as the description proceeds.

Referring to the drawing;

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the improved money receptacle showing the manner in which the same is retained against the leg of the wearer.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged side elevation of the receptacle in an open position.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the receptacle in a partially folded position, illustrating its adaptability for use as a bill fold or pocketbook, and

Fig. 4 is a partial perspective view of one of the ends of the receptacle in a modified form.

The money receptacle, forming the embodiment of the present invention, includes a bank note compartment defined by an outer body member 10 and an inner body member 11 both of which are preferrably of flexible material such as leather. The members are joined together at their lower longitudinal edges by stitching or otherwise the connection being indicated at 12. The respective ends of the members 10 and 11 are left open and are each constructed to form a plait or return fold such as clearly shown at 13 in Fig. 2. The fold at the opposite end of the body member 11 is indicated at 14. The adjacent and corresponding plaits or folds located at the ends of the exterior body member 10 are indicated at 15 and 16 respectively. In the form of the invention illustrated, the plaits are an integral portion of the body members, it being understood however that the same may be formed in other manners such as, for instance, by stitching separate pieces of material on the body members, without departing from inventive conception herein disclosed. The plaits or folds 13 and 15 are provided with a fastening means such as a snap fastener 17, which retains the adjacent ends of the folds together. The fastener for the plaits 14 and 16 is indicated at 18. Bank notes are shown in the drawing at 20, the ends of the same being firmly retained by means of the plaits 15 and 16 and the body of the notes between the members 10 and 11 defining the compartment. The money may also be retained in a position against the inner body member 11 by means of the folds or plaits 13 and 14 and within the compartment provided for the same.

Referring particularly to Figs. 1 and 2, a garter or other elastic fastening means for retaining the receptacle against the leg of the wearer is indicated at 19. The garter is provided with openings, therein, by means of which the detachable snap fastening means on the plaits may be caused to engage the same between their cooperating parts. The bank notes, if placed in the compartment having its ends defined by the fold or plait portions 13 and 14, will be firmly retained against the leg of the wearer by means of the elastic fastening means 19, which when utilized divides the compartment into two parts. The garter may be provided with a buckle or other lengthwise adjusting means as indicated at 21. In the event that the snap fastening means be inadvertently opened the money in the half of the compartment defined by the plaits 13 and 14 will be prevented from falling out due to the position of the garter 19, which extends longitudinally across the receptacle. It is apparent from the foregoing description, that the utilization of the money receptacle as a pocketbook or bill fold when folded as shown in Fig. 3 can be readily changed to the form in which the same is substantially open and in association with the retaining means by which it is secured against the leg. The converse relation is equally true as by detaching the snap fastening means, securing the receptacle to the garter, the same may

be easily separated, therefrom, without disturbing the position of the garter.

The inner body member 11 may have secured, thereto, a miniature coin purse 22, which forms an integral unit with the bill fold of the receptacle. The purse and other features of the receptacle located on the face of the bill fold body member 11 are shown and described in my copending application, hereinbefore, referred to. In the present form of the invention, the surface of the receptacle containing the coin purse is preferably adapted to be disposed against the leg of the wearer as shown in Fig. 1.

Referring to Fig. 4, the plait structure at the ends of the bill fold is illustrated in a modified form. A double fold or plait 23 is utilized in this instance, the same extending from the ends of the inner body member 11. The exterior body member 10 is not plaited. The detachable fastening means, as employed in the preferred form of the invention is utilized in this form also, being indicated at 17. Individual retainers are formed for the ends of the bank notes 20, each plait in this instance performing this function.

While I have shown and described a single embodiment of my invention with a modification, thereof, I do not desire to limit myself to the specific forms illustrated, but may alter the construction and arrangement of elements as occasion requires without enlarging the scope of my invention or departing from the spirit, thereof, as contained in the appended claims.

I claim as my invention:

1. A money receptacle formed of connected body members having separate adjoining plaited end portions, means located upon the respective end portions for detachably connecting their adjacent surfaces, a garter, and means for securing the garter between the connectible plaited end portions of the receptacle.

2. A money receptacle comprising connected body members having open plaited end portions, means located upon the respective end portions for detachably connecting their adjacent surfaces, a garter for positioning the receptacle against the leg of the wearer, said garter having means thereon whereby the same is securable between the connecting means on the plaited end portions of the receptacle.

3. A money receptacle comprising connected body members defining a compartment for bank notes, the respective ends of the body members being open, snap fastening means located at the open end portions for detachably connecting their adjacent surfaces, a garter, and means for securing the garter between the connectible end portions of the receptacle.

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