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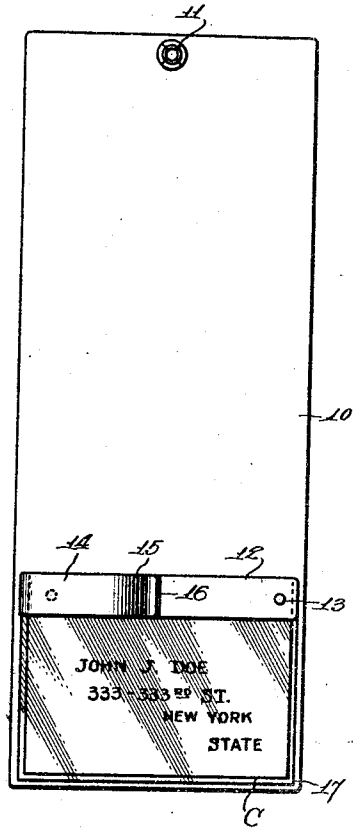


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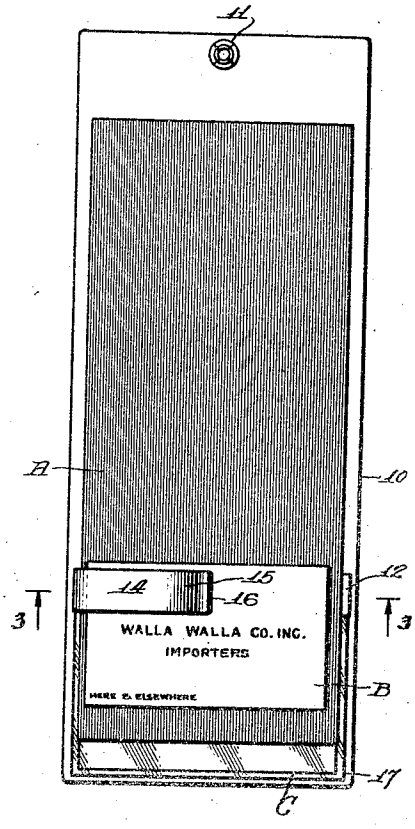


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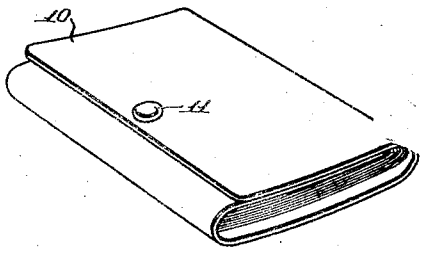


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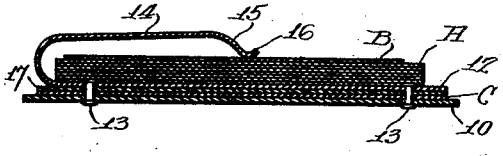
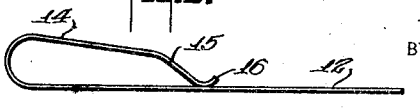


Fig. 5.



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My invention relates to a bill fold and particularly to a bill fold having means to clamp bills, memorandum sheets, cards, or the like.

The general object of my invention is to provide an improved bill fold in which the clamping means will be effective for its purpose and of a character to promote convenience in being grasped to insert or release the bills, sheets, or cards held thereby and to provide a transparent element adapted to hold and form a cover for an identification card, a ticket, or the like.

A more specific object of the invention is to so dispose the clamping means as to lend the minimum bulkiness to the bill fold and to determine the line of folding thereof.

The nature of my invention and its distinguishing features and advantages will clearly appear as the description proceeds.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, it being understood that the drawings are merely illustrative of one example of the invention.

Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved bill fold at the inner side showing the same in the unfolded position, the view showing an identification card held beneath the transparent sheet;

Figure 2 is a similar view showing additional articles held by the clamp above the transparent sheet;

Figure 3 is a transverse vertical section as indicated by the line 3—3; Figure 2;

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the bill fold in the folded position;

Figure 5 is a side elevation of the clamp given to show the form of said clamp before application to the bill fold and before being strained by the holding of bills or sheets in the bill fold.

In carrying out my invention in accordance with the illustrated example, a sheet of leather or equivalent flexible material 10 is provided of suitable size to receive bills, memorandum sheets, or the like. To hold the bill fold in folded position as in Figure 4, suitable fastener elements indicated generally by the numeral 11 are provided adjacent the ends of the sheet 10.

A clamp 12 is provided and disposed transversely on the sheet 10 at the inner side. Said clamp 12 comprises a flat base strip extending for nearly the full width of the sheet 10. Said base strip is secured by rivets 13 to the sheet 10. The material forming the clamp is returned on top of the base as at 14 and the turned over portion normally inclines for the major portion thereof to the plane of the base as clearly shown in Figure 5. Adjacent the free end of the returned portion of the clamp 12, the material has a more abrupt inclined bend 15 and the extreme edge 16 is upurned to prevent direct edge contact with the bills or sheets A or contact with a business card B. It will be seen that the form of the returned portion of the clamp is such as to enable the same to be conveniently clamped to place articles therebeneath and at the same time the more abrupt inclination of the portion 15 adjacent the free end of the clamp lends effectiveness to the clamping action.

The disposing of the clamp transversely and nearer one end of the sheet 10 than the other, determines the bend or fold of the sheet 10 and the folded portion of the sheet is directly adjacent the clamp so that the minimum additional bulkiness afforded by the clamp is minimized.

A sheet 17 is provided formed of celluloid or other transparent material and said transparent sheet is secured to the sheet 10 by the rivets 13 that secure the base of the clamp 12 to sheet 10. The opposite edge of the sheet 17 extends close to one end of the sheet 10 and it stiffens that portion between said end and the clamp 14 so that the sheet 10 inevitably folds on a line adjacent to the clamp 12. The remaining fold in doubling up the bill fold as in Figure 4, follows without special care on the part of the user. The celluloid sheet 17 permits of an iden-

tification card C being conveniently placed therebeneath and securely held in a manner to be readily removed.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

A bill fold including an oblong sheet of flexible material, a clamp having a base strip disposed transversely of said sheet and extending for nearly the full width thereof, said clamp including a returned clamping member, a sheet of transparent material having an edge portion thereof extending beneath the base strip of the clamp, and rivets jointly securing the base strip of the clamp and said transparent sheet to the oblong sheet, said transparent sheet having the opposite edge portion free and adjacent an end of the oblong sheet and constituting a holder for an identification card.

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