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[54] **CHECK WALLET AND BLANK FOR FORMING SAME**

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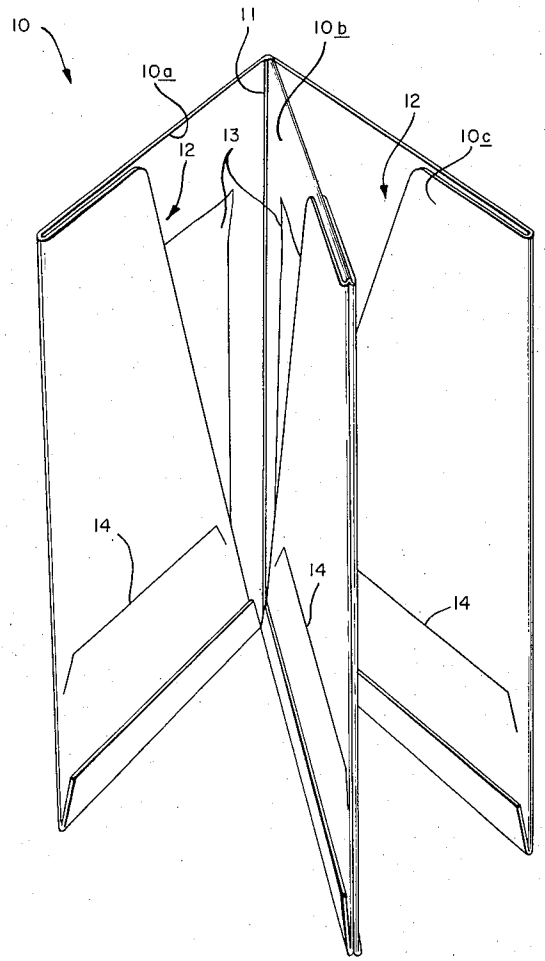
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A wallet made from a single cardboard blank has three pages connected along a common hinge line. Each page includes a pocket to hold slips of paper.

8 Claims, 5 Drawing Figures



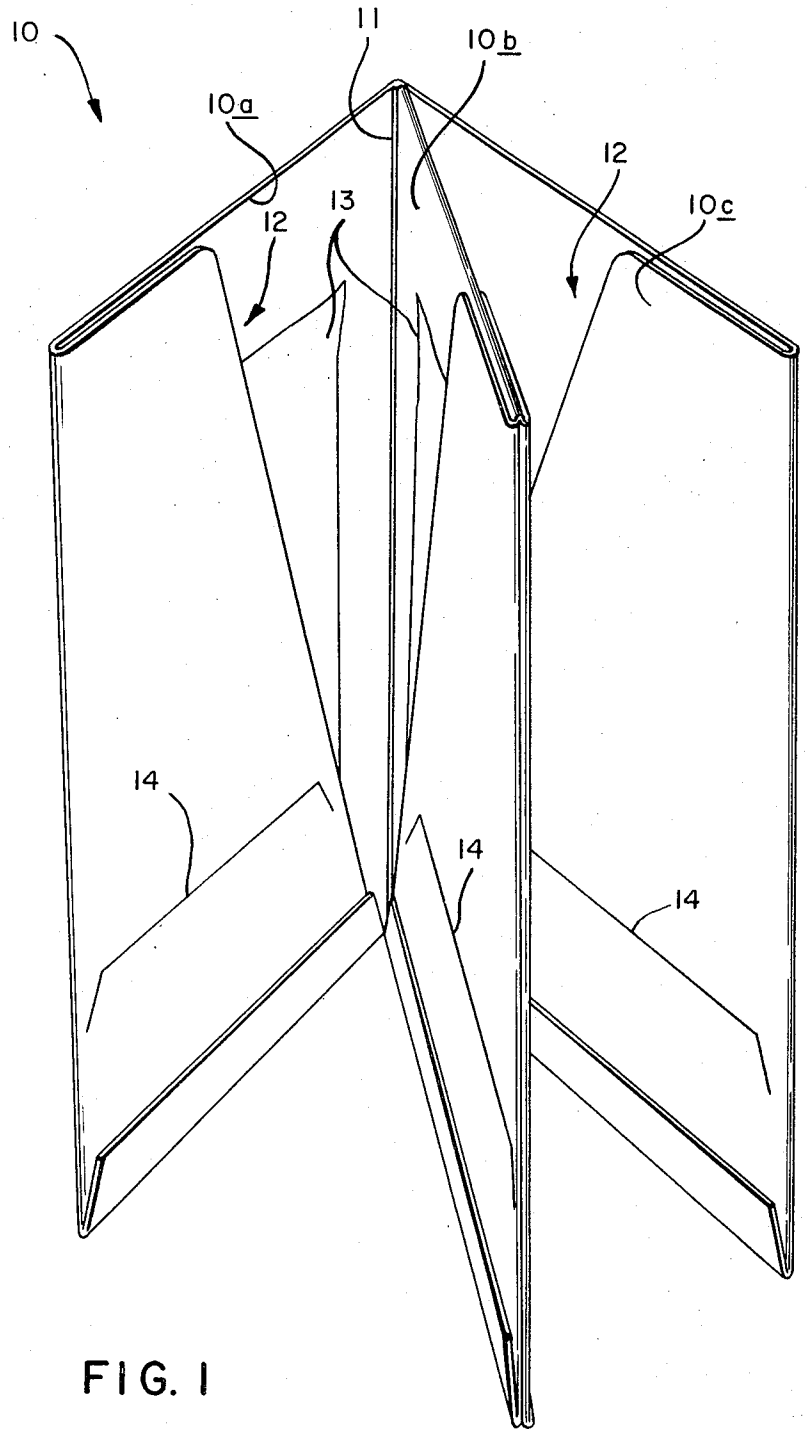


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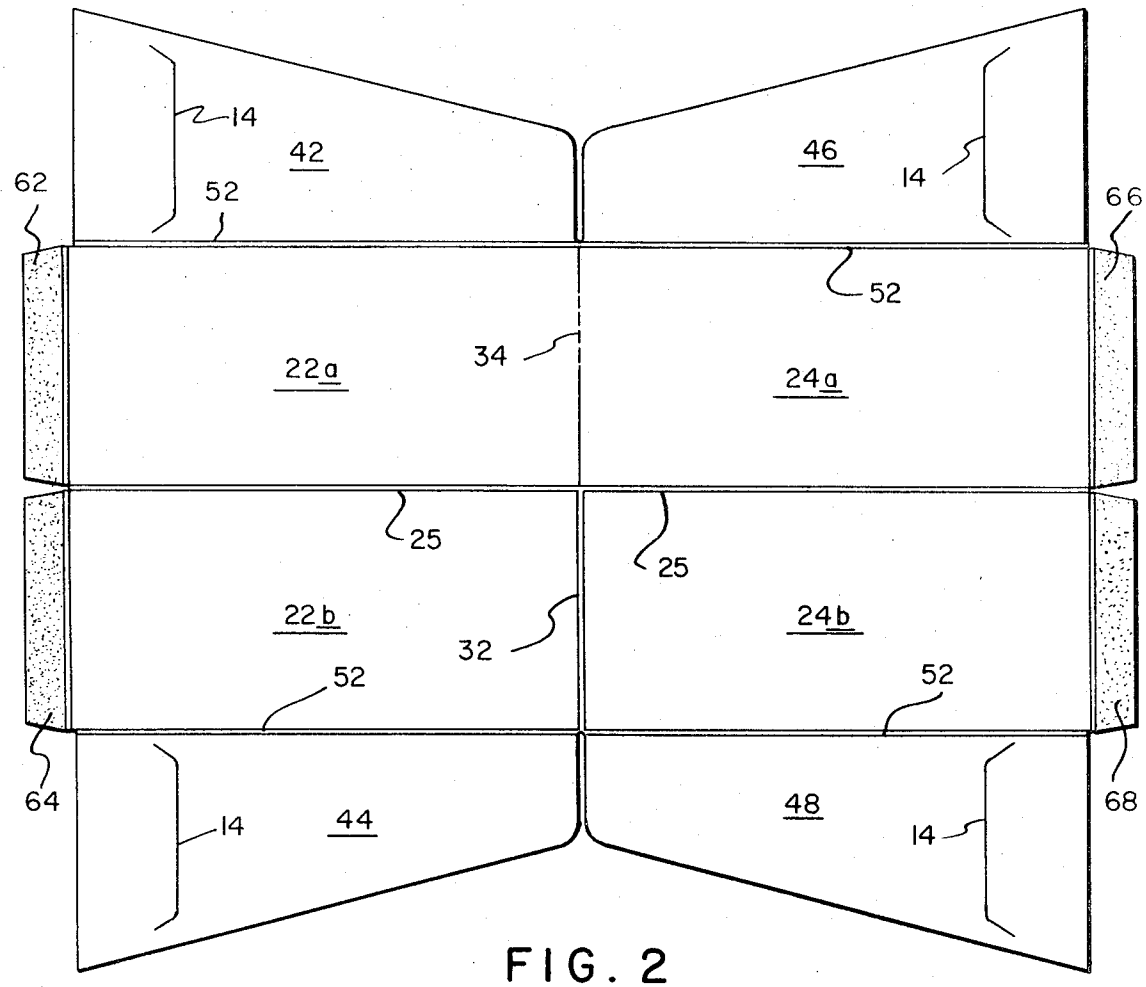

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FIG. 2

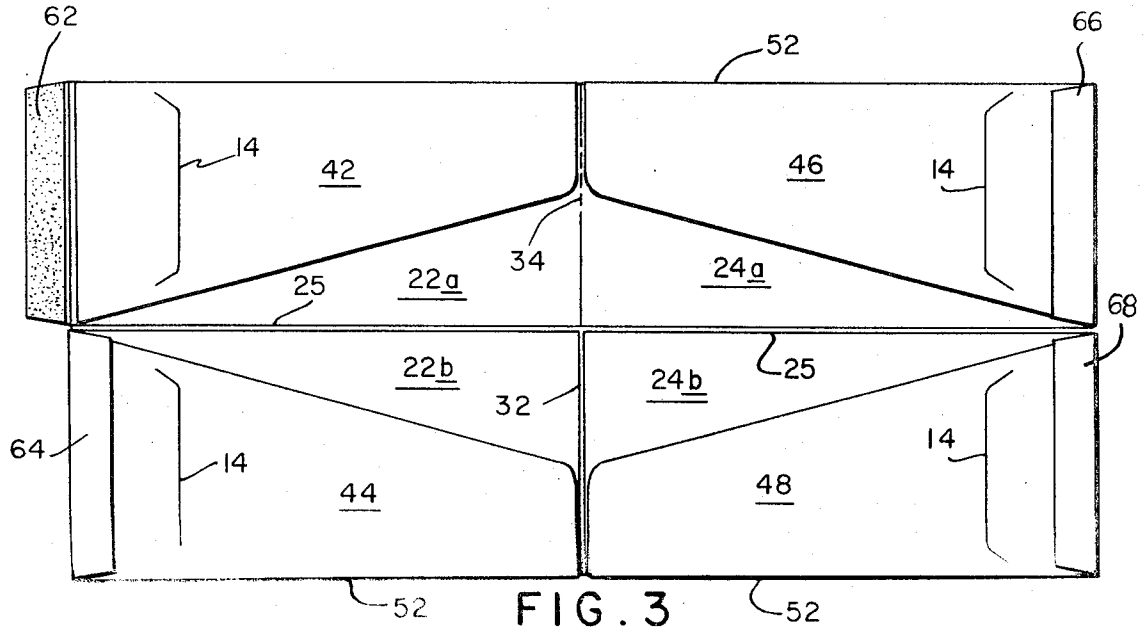

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FIG. 3

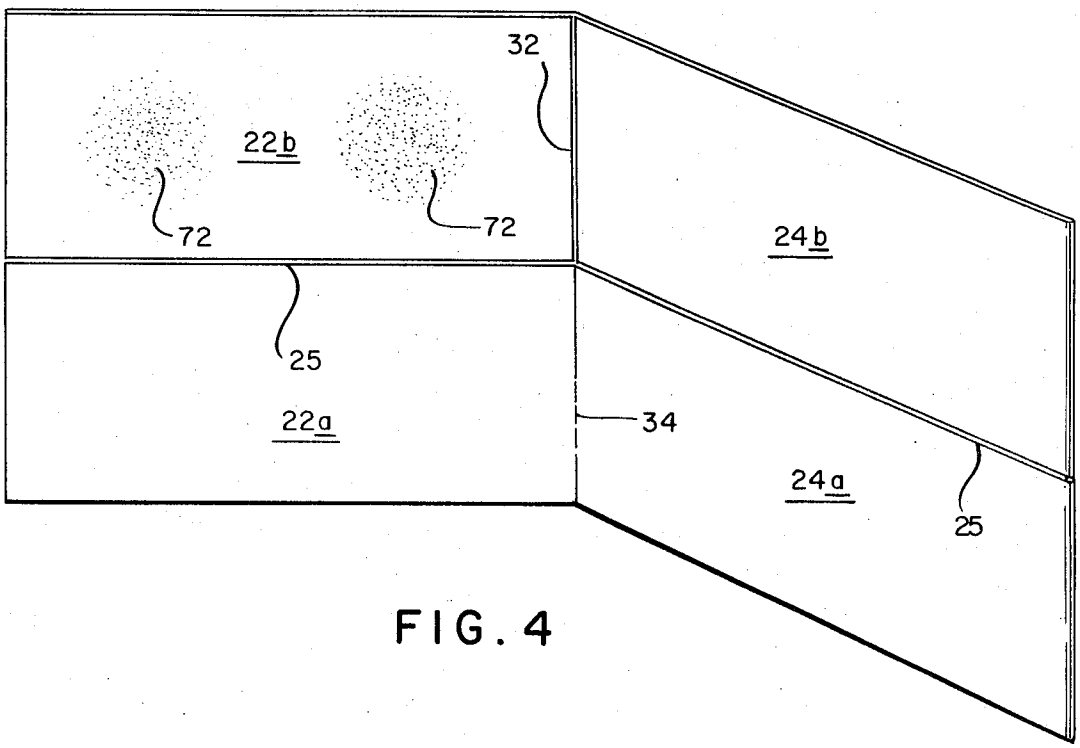


FIG. 4

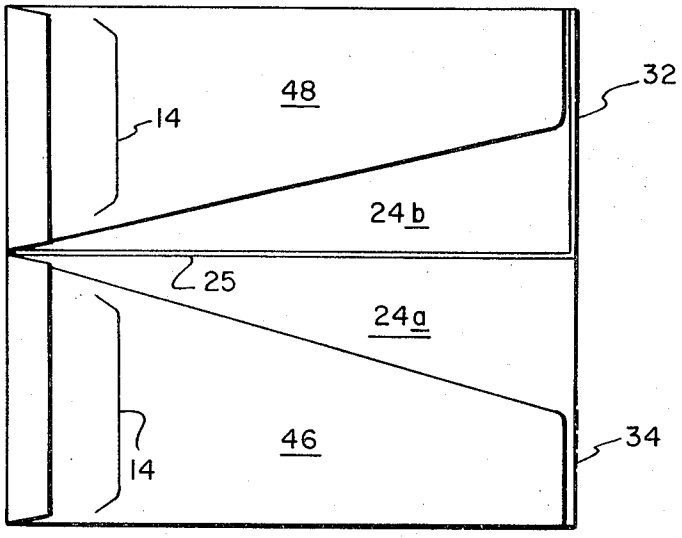


FIG. 5

CHECK WALLET AND BLANK FOR FORMING SAME

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

This invention relates to a wallet for slips of paper. It relates more particularly to a check wallet having pockets to hold checks or similar items.

Check wallets of the type with which this invention is concerned have tended to be rather complicated and, therefore, costly envelope-type folders. It is an object of the present invention to make a wallet of this general type which is able to hold a relatively large number of checks or other such slips of paper.

It is a further object of the invention to provide a wallet constructed from a single cardboard blank with a minimum number of cutting, folding and gluing operations.

Another object is to provide a blank from which a wallet of the above type may be formed.

Briefly, the present wallet is comprised of three or more pages connected at a common hinge line and each of which contains a pocket to hold a number of slips of paper. Additionally, each page has a slot for retaining other slips of paper such as selected checks, bank statements, etc.

The wallet blank is comprised of an endwise series of upper and lower rectangular panels. Each upper and lower panel is connected to the next pair in the series along a fold line common to a corresponding panel in each pair.

A pair of tapered flaps are hinged to the upper and lower edges of each panel pair and each flap is folded inwardly so as to overlie the panel to which it is attached and it is retained there by glue flaps attached to free ends of the panels of each pair.

The panel pairs are folded backward along their common hinge line leaving the tapered flaps exposed and the hinged-together panels of each pair are secured together back-to-back, forming the middle pages of a three-page wallet, with the other panels of each pair forming the wallet end pages.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

For a fuller understanding of the nature and objects of the invention, reference should be had to the following detailed description taken in connection with the drawings, in which:

FIG. **1** is a perspective view of the subject wallet;

FIG. **2** is a top plan view of the cardboard blank from which the FIG **1** wallet is made;

FIG. **3** is a similar view showing the wallet partially formed;

FIG. **4** is another view of the wallet in a further stage of development; and

FIG. **5** is a similar view of the wallet in a still further stage of development.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Turning now to FIG. **1** of the drawings, the wallet shown generally at **10** consists of a front page **10***a*, a middle page **10***b* and a back page **10***c* having a common hinge line **11**. Each page carries a pocket shown generally at **12** which is sufficiently deep to hold checks, bank statements and other such slips of paper indicated at **13**. Also, each page has a slot **14** into which the ends

of cancelled checks, bills or other slips of paper can be inserted to retain them.

Turning now to FIG. **2**, the wallet **10** is constructed of a single cardboard blank consisting of endwise connected pairs of rectangular panels **22***a*, *b* and **24** *a*, *b*. The panels in each pair are hinged along fold lines **25**. While we have specifically illustrated a three-page wallet, it should be understood that a wallet comprised of a larger number of pages is within the scope of this invention. Additional pages are added simply by adding to the number of endwise-connected panel pairs.

One panel from each pair, i.e., panels **22***b* and **24***b* are connected together along a hinge line **32**. The other panels in each pair, i.e., panels **22***a* and **24***a* can be completely separate. It is preferred, however, to have a temporary connection between them consisting of a short perforated hinge segment **34** to make the blank easier to handle during the folding and gluing operations. In other words, if the panels **22***a* and **24***a* were completely separate, they might tend to flop around as the blank is being manipulated by the gluer.

A pair of tapered flaps are hinged to the upper and lower edges of each panel pair. More specifically, flaps **42, 44, 46** and **48** are hinged along fold lines **52** to the free edges of panels **22***a*, **22***b*, **24***a* and **24***b*, respectively. These flaps are cut on a bias to provide the pockets shown in FIG. **1** which are shaped to expose a portion of the pocket contents **13**. The transverse slots **14** are formed in the blank during the cutting operation near the opposite ends of flaps **42, 44** on the one hand and flaps **46**, on the other.

Turning now to FIG. **3**, the wallet is formed from the blank by folding the flaps **42, 44, 46** and **48** inward so that they overlie the rectangular panels to which they are hinged. The flaps are held there by glue tabs **62, 64, 66** and **68** hinged to the free ends of panels **22***a*, **22***b*, **24***a* and **24***b*, respectively. More specifically, the glue tabs are folded inward and adhered to the exposed faces of flaps **42, 44, 46** and **48**, respectively. In FIG. **3**, all of the glue tabs except tab **62** are shown as being adhered to their corresponding flaps.

Next, the panel pairs are folded together along hinge line **32** as shown on FIG. **4** so that they lie back-to-back as depicted in FIG. **5**. The hinged-together panels **22***b* and **24***b* are secured together by glue spots **72** deposited between them The wallet is now complete and can be shipped to the ultimate user in this flattened condition shown in FIG. **5**.

To erect the wallet, the user simply tears the temporary connection **34** by pulling the panels **22***a* and **24***a* apart and folds these panels along their common hinge lines **25**, forming the book-like wallet illustrated in FIG. **1**. Thus, panels **22***a* and **24***a* constitute the front and rear pages **10***a* and **10***c* of the wallet, while panels **22***b* and **24***b* together constitute the middle page **10***b* thereof, with the fold lines **25** forming the common hinge line **11**. Each page, including the front and rear side of the middle page **10***b*, carries a pocket **12** and a slot or receptacle **14**.

It will thus be seen that the objects set forth above, among those made apparent from the preceding description, are efficiently attained and, since certain changes may be made in the above construction without departing from the scope of the invention, it is intended that all matter contained in the above description or shown in the accompanying drawings be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

It is also to be understood that the following claims are intended to cover all of the generic and specific features of the invention herein described.

I claim:

1. A wallet comprising a plurality of panels foldable together along a common hinge line to form the front and rear pages and at least one intermediate page of a book-like container, the intermediate page being comprised of a pair of panels secured together back-to-back, and flaps foldably connected to the panels to form a pocket on each of the pages.

2. The wallet defined in claim **1** and further including a slot formed in each of the pages to retain paper slips.

3. The wallet defined in claim **1** and further including means defining a temporary connection between the front and rear pages of the wallet.

4. A blank for forming a wallet comprising an endwise series of upper and lower panel pairs, at least one panel in each pair being hinged to a corresponding panel in the adjacent pair along a fold line, a pair of flaps hinged to the upper and lower edges of each panel pair, said flaps being foldable inward so as to overlie the panels to which they are hinged, means for retaining the flaps in their folded condition and means for securing the panels of one panel pair to one another so that they form together an interior page of a multi-page, book-like wallet.

5. The blank defined in claim **4** wherein the retaining means are glue tabs hinged to the free ends of said panels.

6. The blank defined in claim **4** and further including means for temporarily securing together the opposing edges of the panels of the other pair of panels.

7. The blank defined in claim **4** and further including a transverse slot formed in each flap near one end thereof.

8. The blank defined in claim **4** wherein the free edges of the flaps opposite their hinges are cut on a bias.

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