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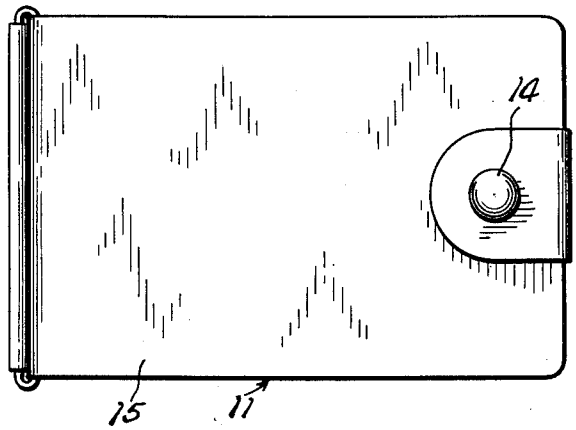


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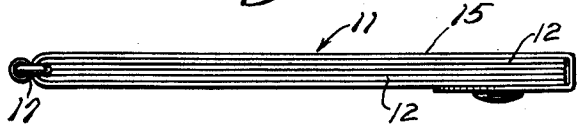


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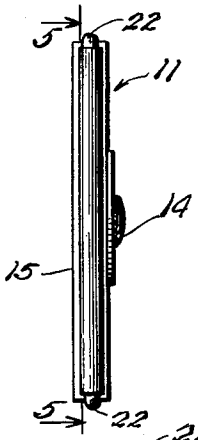


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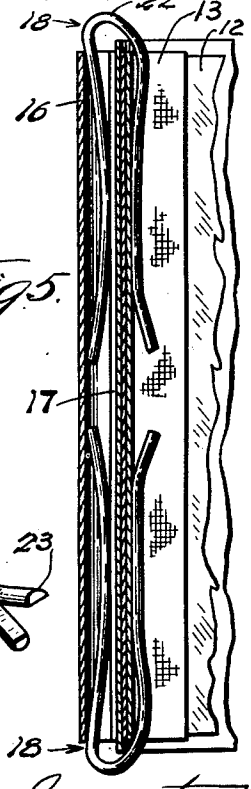


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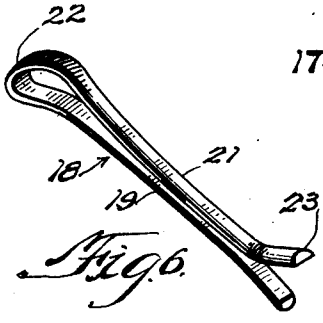
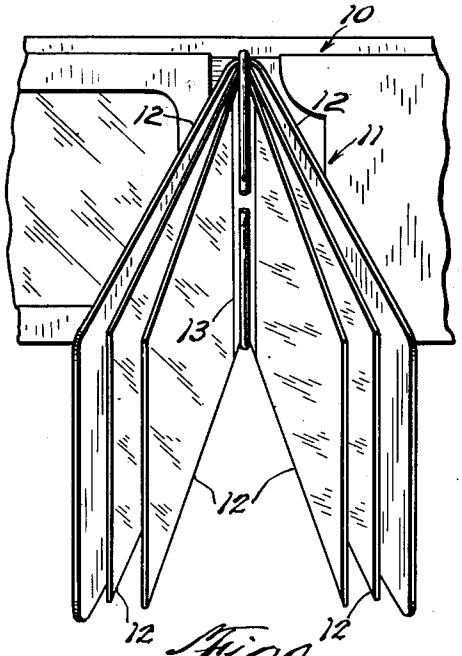


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My invention relates to improvements in billfolds and more particularly to a card holding folder and to means for attaching the same to a billfold.

One of the objects of my invention is the provision of improved means whereby card holding sections or other articles can be releasably secured and retained within the billfold.

Another object of my invention is the provision of means of the foregoing type which will be compact and inconspicuous, yet efficient in the performance of its functions.

Other and further objects and advantages of my invention will become apparent from the following description when considered in connection with the accompanying drawings in which:

Fig. 1 is an elevational view of a card holding folder embodying my invention.

Fig. 2 is a top plan view thereof.

Fig. 3 is an end elevational view thereof.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view showing the card holding folder in open position and associated with a billfold.

Fig. 5 is a cross sectional view on an enlarged scale taken on line 5—5 of Fig. 3, and

Fig. 6 is a perspective view of a clamping element.

Referring to the drawing, the numeral 10 designates generally a conventional billfold which in its simplest form consists of inner and outer walls sewed together along their ends and the bottom to provide a partition therebetween open at the top and free upper and lower longitudinal edge portions at the hinge portion of the billfold, the said edge portions being engaged by the securing means forming part of my invention and hereafter to be described.

Referring to Figs. 1–4, my improved card holding folder 11 is shown as comprising a plurality of window-like sections 12, the said sections being joined in pairs along the inside ends thereof to form book-like leaves hinged together so that the said sections may be folded one on the other in a manner similar to that of folding the billfold along its hinge portion. The said sections may be joined by a hinge portion 13 which may consist of any suitable flexible material so that it may be subjected to bending without cracking or breaking, while the window-like sections may be formed of suitable transparent plastic material. In the embodiment illustrated in Fig. 4, the window sections 12 each are adapted to receive one or more cards. Outer cover sections 15 are provided, the said sections being preferably formed of leather or similar material and having suitable snap fastening elements 14 to lock all of the window sections together as a unit.

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The securing means for holding the sections 12 together comprises a tubular member 16 having a length substantially equal to the width of the sections 12 and, in the embodiment shown, has a longitudinal slot, 17 although it is to be understood that the slot may be omitted and the cross section of the tubular member may be entirely circular. Cooperating with the tubular member 16 are two opposed substantially V-shaped clip elements 18 which are identical in construction, and each of which includes legs 19 and 21 which are resiliently urged toward each other by a connecting bight portion 22. The leg 19 is slightly bowed so that when it is received within the tubular member 16 it will frictionally engage the inner walls thereof and will be frictionally retained therein against inadvertent displacement. The terminal end 23 of the leg 21 is turned outwardly away from the leg 19 so that when the leg 19 is slid into the tubular member 16 the end 23 of the leg 21 will not dig into the surfaces with which it comes in contact.

As will be seen more clearly in Fig. 5, the bight portion 22 is inclined towards the leg 19 so that when the said leg is fully inserted within the tubular member 16 the leg 21 is urged with greater force against an opposing surface, thereby insuring secure engagement of the articles between the leg 21 and the tubular member 16. The leg 21 is substantially straight so that when the clip is in fully inserted position within the tubular member 16 substantially the entire inside face of the leg 21 which is relatively flat will engage the retained articles.

In order to assemble a plurality of card holding sections 12 into book form, as illustrated in Fig. 4, at least one of the clip elements 18 must be first slid outwardly from engagement with the tubular member 16 and then the said tubular member together with the remaining clip 18 may be slid out of engagement with the hinge portions 13 of the sections 12. The sections 12 may then be arranged in desired order and the tubular member and clip slid on to assume the positions shown in Figs. 4 and 5 with the tubular member 16 disposed contiguous to the hinge portion 13 of the outer sections 15. The remaining clip 18 is then slid into the open end of the tubular member 16 and when the parts are in assembled relation they assume the positions illustrated in Fig. 5. It is to be understood that when it is desired to remove one or more sections 12 the same manipulation above described is required.

While the folder 11 is shown as a complete unit and may be carried independently of a billfold, it is within the contemplation of my invention to incorporate the said folder into a conventional billfold. In such case the folder 11 may be secured to the billfold in one of two ways. According to one manner of attaching the folder to the billfold, one of the outer cover sections 15 is inserted in one of the pockets usually provided in conventional billfolds, the normal frictional engagement of the cover section within the pocket serving to retain the folder against inadvertent displacement.

According to another manner of attaching the folder, the outer cover sections 15 preferably, are removed and only the window sections 12 are secured by their hinge portions to the hinge portions of the inner wall of the billfold.

It will be apparent that because of the smooth contours of the tubular member 16 and the bight portions of the clips 18 no sharp points or projections are exposed, such as would catch on or would cause snagging of a bill or paper when the same are inserted into the compartment of the billfold. Additionally, the tubular member 16 serves to add rigidity transversely of the billfold so as to prevent crushing or injury of any cards that may be contained within the folder or in the billfold itself.

I claim:

In combination with a plurality of pliable

elements foldable across their width, a longitudinally closed tubular member extending substantially the full width of said elements, said tubular member open at its opposite ends, a pair of opposed substantially U-shaped spring clips, each having one leg slidably received in one end of said tubular member in frictional engagement therewith and having the other leg lying externally of said tubular member for the reception of and removal from between it and the tubular member of pliable elements with the fold portions thereof being in alignment with said last mentioned leg and lying wholly exteriorly of said tubular member, the other leg of said clips respectively encompassing the top and bottom of said pliable elements adjacent said legs and terminating adjacent each other approximately midway of the width of said pliable elements.

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