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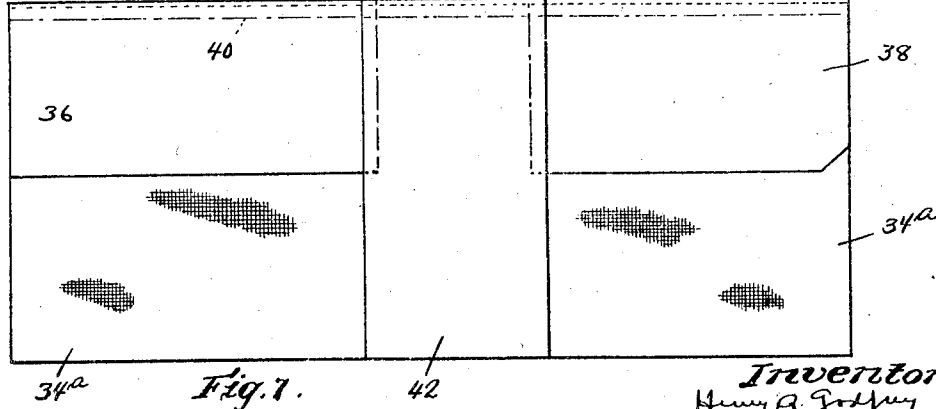
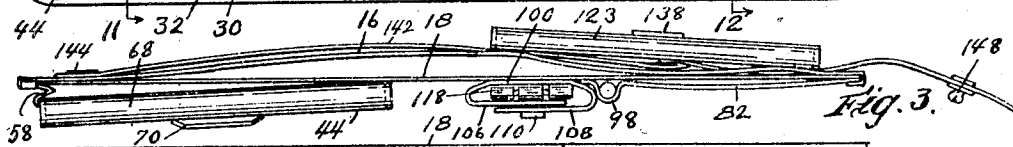
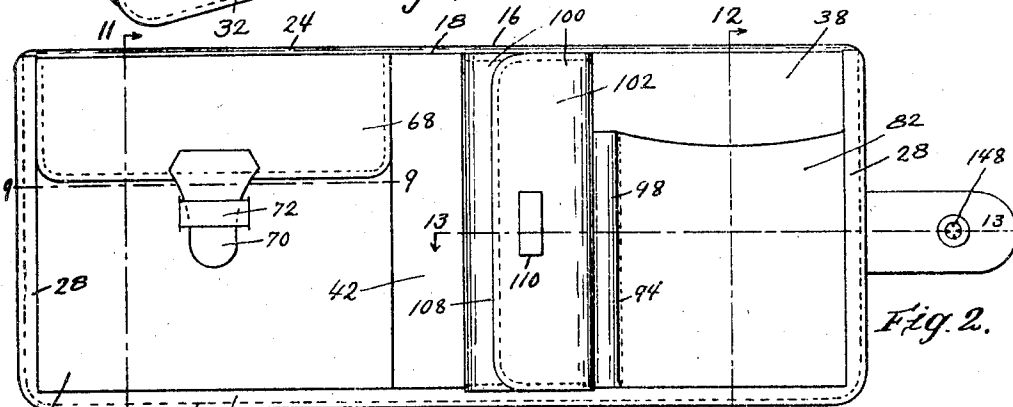
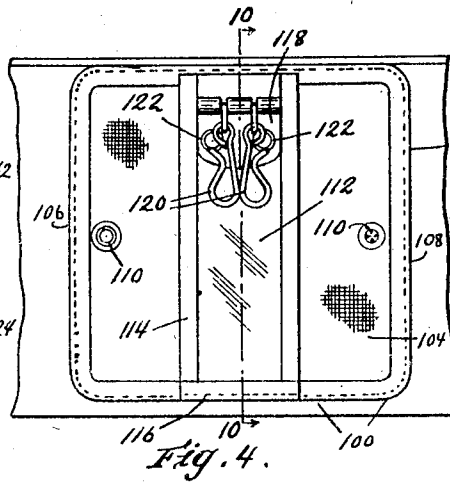
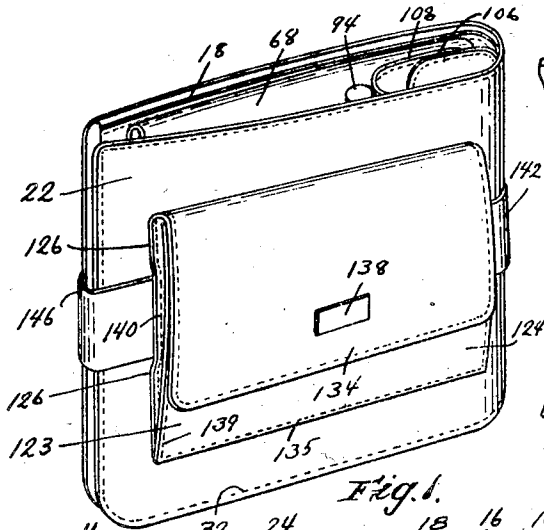
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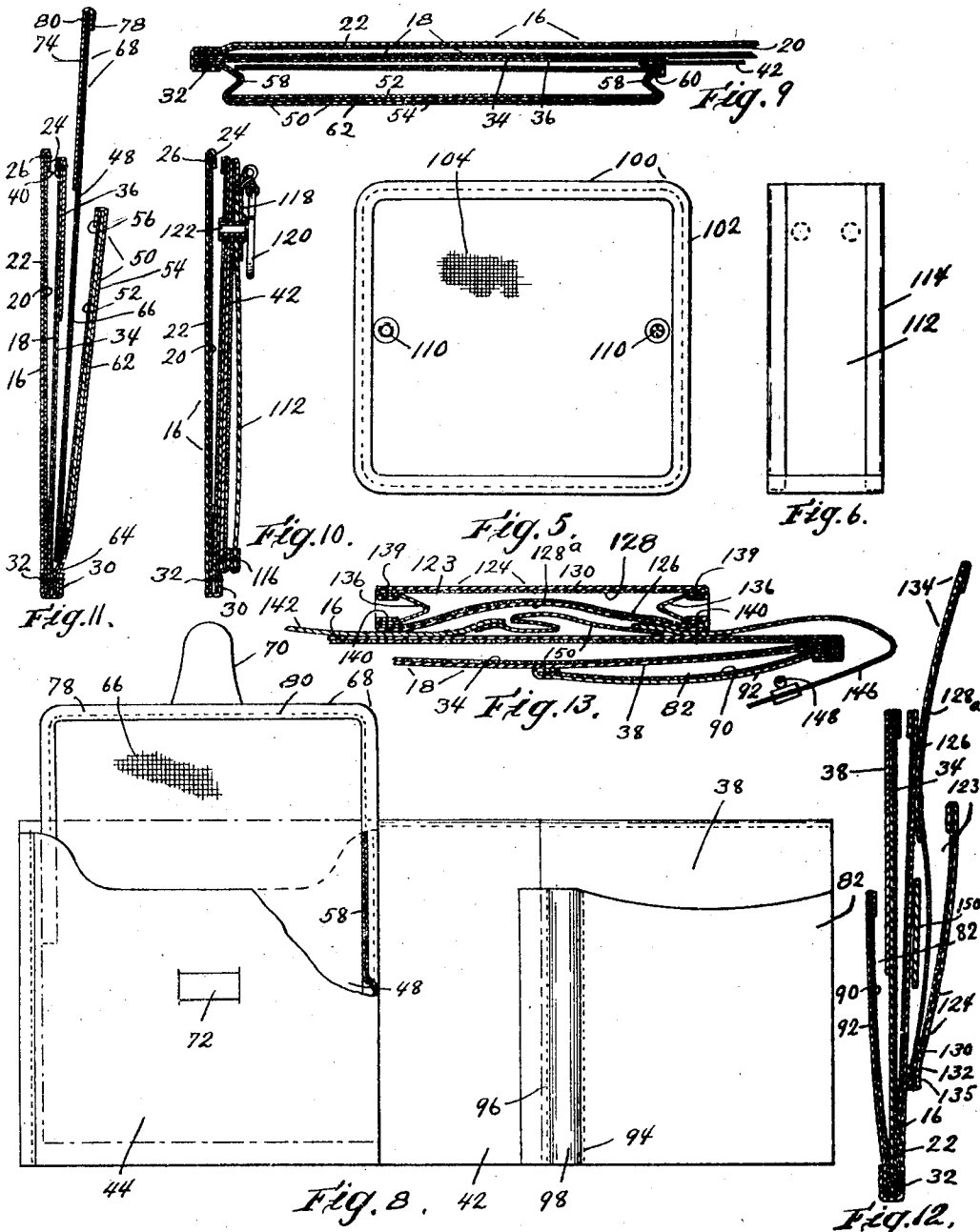
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PURSE AND POCKETBOOK

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This invention relates to purses and pocket books and particularly to the type adapted to be carried on the back of the hand.

One of the objects of the present invention is the provision of a purse that shall have a compartment or pocket for bills and a separate closed compartment or pocket for change, together with other pockets or compartments adapted to hold various articles, as a pocket or case for keys, a separate pocket which can contain a shopping list and the like or a card of matches and another pocket for holding a pencil.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a purse of the above type which is folded upon itself with the free ends secured together by a strap and with that pocket adapted to contain the bulkiest objects and specifically a keycase located on the inner face of the purse adjacent the line of fold so that the purse will not be unduly distorted out of shape because of the presence of the bulky contents of the case.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a purse of the above type having such construction that all exposed surfaces are composed of leather or other dressing material but with the material terminated under the pockets thereby to provide an economical construction; and with the pockets overlying the seams in the material whereby to improve the appearance of the purse.

A further object is the provision of a purse so designed that it can be constructed of small pieces of dressing material and thereby can be economically manufactured.

A further object is a purse having a pocket constituting a keycase which is secured to the body of the purse in a novel manner.

Another object is a purse of the above type having a pocket or compartment especially adapted to hold cigarettes the pocket having such construction that the bottom thereof is loose and yielding so that the ends of the cigarettes will not be crushed.

A further object is the provision of a purse of the above type having a strap under which the fingers of the hand may be passed for carrying the purse on the back of the hand, the strap also constituting means to secure

together the folded sides of the purse and having a loose section which overlies and is concealed by one of the pockets of the purse.

A further object is the provision of a purse composed of two sections one of which has a plurality of pockets and the edge of the other of which section is folded over the pocket carrying section and constitutes the bottom closure for the pockets.

A further object is generally to improve the construction of purses of the above type.

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the purse embodying the present invention.

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the inner face of the purse.

Fig. 3 is a plan view of the top edge of the purse.

Fig. 4 is a plan detail of the keycase.

Fig. 5 is a plan detail of the cover of the keycase.

Fig. 6 is a plan detail of the middle partition or re-inforcing strip of the keycase.

Fig. 7 is a plan view of the inner section of the purse and illustrating particularly the arrangement of the lining and cover materials prior to the application of the pockets thereto.

Fig. 8 is a view similar to Fig. 7 but with two of the pockets applied thereto.

Fig. 9 is a sectional detail along line 9—9 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 10 is a section along line 10—10 of Fig. 4.

Fig. 11 is a section along line 11—11 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 12 is a section along line 12—12 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 13 is a section along line 13—13 of Fig. 2.

The purse here shown as embodying the present invention has the outer or front section 16 and the inner or rear section 18. Both sections are rectangular and are superimposed and provide between them a long compartment for bills which compartment is open at the top. The outer section 16 is composed of the inner lining section 20 composed of textile material and the outer or cover section 22 which is composed of leather, or other suitable dressing or cover material.

The top edge of the cover material 22 is folded over upon the top edge of the lining material as indicated at 24 and constitutes a binding therefor; and the lining and cover material and the folded-over edge are secured together by a line of stitching 26. The cover material has inturned side edges 28, see especially Fig. 2, which are folded over the short side edges of the inner section 18 and also over other sections hereinafter to be described. The bottom edge 30 of the cover material is also folded over the long bottom edge of the inner section 18 and other sections and all are secured together by the line of stitching 32 which line of stitching also extends through the side edges of the purse. The cover material 22 is composed of a single piece and is continuous throughout the extent of the outer section.

The inner section 18, see especially Figs. 11 and 7, includes the textile fabric 34 which is continuous throughout the extent of said inner section. Superimposed upon the upper portion of the fabric section 34 are two pieces 36 and 38 respectively of leather or other cover material which extend from the top edge of the inner section down approximately to the longitudinal middle of the section and are terminated thereat. Said sections 36 and 38 are also terminated in rather widely spaced relation at the vertical middle of the section. Both sections 36 and 38 have their upper edges 40 folded over upon the top edge of the outer face of the lining strip 34. This arrangement provides two exposed lining sections 34a which are adapted to be covered by compartments or pocket-sections hereinafter to be described.

A third section of cover material 42 is attached as by an adhesive to the fabric 34 in the vertical middle thereof and is coextensive with the top and bottom edges of the fabric and overlies the confronting edges of the sections 36 and 38 and also has its upper edge folded over upon the outer face of the fabric section 34 and overlaps and forms a continuation of the folded-over edges 40. Said section 42 is covered in part by a key-case hereinafter to be described and its uncovered or exposed section is located in the vertical middle of the case at the line of fold thereof.

A compartment or pocket 44, see Fig. 2, is applied to the inner face of the section 34 to overlie and conceal the exposed fabric section and also to overlie the lower part of the section 36 and the left hand edge portion of the section 42. Said pocket 44 is so constructed that it is especially adapted to receive cigarettes although it can be used for other purposes. The pocket includes a front section 48 and a rear section 50. The rear section 50 includes a lining strip 52 of textile material the bottom edge of which is secured to the bottom edge of the purse

by the line of stitching 32. A strip of cover material 54 is superimposed upon and is secured to the lining strip and is also attached to the lower edge of the purse by the line of stitching 32. The folded-over edge 30 of the outer section 16 is turned over the bottom edges of the pocket and thus constitutes a closure therefor. The top edge of the cover material 54 is folded over the top edge of the lining material and adhesively is fixed thereto as indicated at 56, see Fig. 11. The side edges of the attached lining and cover materials 52 and 54 are reflexed to form gussets 58, see Fig. 9, of which the edge of the left hand gusset is secured to the left hand edge of the purse by the line of stitching 32, while the edge of the right hand gusset is secured to the rear section 18 by the vertical line of stitching 60, which stitching also passes through the left hand edge of the vertical section 42. A strip 62 of stiff lining material as cardboard is interposed between the lining 52 and the cover material 54 and extends from the top edge of both downwardly and is terminated a substantial distance above the bottom edge of the purse so as to provide a soft and pliable bottom section 64 which can act as a gusset to expand and receive the ends of the cigarettes contained in the pocket without crushing the ends. The front section 48 of the pocket 44 consists of a lining strip 66 which is located in the pocket and has a loose lower edge and extends upwardly above the top of the purse to provide a flap 68 which forms a closure for the pocket and has a tab 70 which can be inserted under a strap 72 to hold the flap in closed relation with the open top of the pocket. The flap 68 is provided with a strip of cover material 74 which overlies the front face thereof and has its edges inturned over the rear face of the lining strip 68 at the top and also at the sides as indicated at 78, and a line of stitching 80 is passed thereabout. Said stitching is also passed through the tab 70. The cover material 74 extends downwardly and is terminated below the top edge of the inner section 18. Said section 48 has its right hand edge inserted between the folded-over edge of the right hand gusset 58 and secured thereto by the line of stitching 60. The left edge, however, is free and unattached.

A pocket 82 is secured to the inner section 18 of the right hand exposed portion of the fabric 34 and over the lower portion of the cover material 38. Said pocket is formed by a flat strip 90 of lining material as textile fabric and a superimposed and attached strip of cover material 92, see Figs. 2 and 13. The two strips are secured to the lower and right hand edge of the purse and within the folded-over edge 30 by the line of stitching 32. The top edge of the pocket is terminated about in the longitudinal mid-

dle of the section 38. The left hand end of the pocket-section is secured to the inner section 18 by two spaced lines of stitching 94 and 96 and the material composing the pocket is bulged outwardly therebetween to form a long and narrow pocket 98 especially adapted to receive a pencil.

The junction between the left hand edge of the pocket 82 and the right hand edge of the section 42 is concealed by a superimposed keycase, see especially Figs. 2, 4, 5, 6 and 9. Said keycase includes a cover strip 100 which is composed at the front side of a strip of cover material 102 and at the rear side of a strip of superimposed lining material 104, the edge of the cover material being folded over upon the edge of the lining material. The cover strip is applied to the rear face of the section 18 to overlie and conceal the left hand edge of the pocket 82 and the right hand edge of the section 42; and the top of the cover strip is in line with the top of the section 18. The lower edge of the cover strip is terminated just above the folded-over edge 30 of the cover material of the outer section 16. The cover strip 100 is provided with right and left hand flaps 106 and 108 which are adapted to be folded over the intermediate section and secured together by a snap fastener 110. A transparent partition or reinforcing member 112 consisting preferably of celluloid and having a binding 114 of cover material on its edges overlies the middle portion of the cover strip 100 between the flaps thereof. Said partition is secured to the cover strip at the bottom by a line of stitching 116, which stitching also passes through the cover strip and through the section 18, thereby securing the three parts together.

A metal plate 118 which carries key hooks 120 is superimposed on the upper end of the partition 112 and has eyelets or other rivets 122 which pass through said partition and also through said cover strip 100 and said section 18 whereby to secure the parts together at the upper edge thereof. The keycase thus formed is located at the right hand side of the exposed portion of the section 42 where the line of fold of the purse is located. The keycase is thus disposed immediately at one side of and parallel to the line of fold and thus is in a location best suited to receive the keys with the least distortion of the purse.

The purse is also provided with a pocket 123 which is located on the outer face of the outer section 16 and is especially adapted to hold small coins and the like. Said pocket, see especially Figs. 12 and 13, has the outer section 124 and the inner section 126, the outer section including fabric lining material 128 which is duplicated at 128a in the inner section 126. A strip of cover material 130 is attached to the lining mate-

rial and has an inturned lower edge 132 which is superimposed upon the cover material 22 of the outer section 16 and is secured at the bottom edge by a line of stitching 135. The inner section 126 is extended upwardly above the outer section 124 to provide a flap 134 which can be folded upon the outer section and secured thereto by a snap fastener 138. The pocket is provided with side sections 136 which are folded inwardly to provide gussets and are secured under the inturned side edges of the folded rear sections 124 and 126 respectively by lines of stitching 139 and 140, which line of stitching 140 also passes through the front section 16 whereby to secure the pocket thereto at the sides, the line of stitching 140 being in effect continuous with the bottom line of stitching 135. The inner section 126 of the pocket is not attached to the section 16 at the top so that there is a space between said sections 126 and 16 which also constitutes a pocket.

As before stated, the purse is adapted to be folded in the middle so that the right and left hand portions thereof are superimposed; and fastening means are provided to secure the purse removably in such relation. Said means includes a strap 142 which overlies the outer face of the outer section 16 and is secured at one end thereto by a snap fastener member 144 which passes through the outer section 16 and constitutes an attaching rivet for the strap. The strap is provided with a tab 146 which extends beyond the outer edge of the outer section 16 and is adapted to be folded over the superimposed free edges of the purse and has a cooperating snap fastener member 148 which engages the snap fastener member 144. The strap 142 is extensible so that the fingers of the hand can be inserted thereunder, for carrying the purse. For this purpose, the free end of the strap 142 is free to slide under the pocket 123, as shown in Fig. 12, the line of stitching 140 being terminated on opposite sides of the strap to provide a passage in which the strap is freely movable. The inner end of the strap is attached to a slack flexible band 150 preferably of textile material which is disposed in loop form under the pocket and has its other edge attached to the tab 146 and to the section by the other line of stitching 140. The inner end of the strap 142 can thus be extended to the limit of the slackness of the band 150 to provide for the insertion of the fingers under the strap. The band 150 also provides a highly satisfactory means for securing the loose end of the strap permanently to the purse.

The various lining sections herein described can, and in practice do, consist of two or more superimposed sheets of lining material adhesively or otherwise secured together.

I claim:

1. A purse having superimposed outer and inner sections which are united at their short side and long bottom edges and are free at their top edges, the space therebetween being open at said top edges, said section adapted to be folded together about the transverse median line thereof with the inner section innermost, said inner section consisting of a lining material and separate sections of cover material which are attached thereto at the top portion only of the lining material and expose the bottom portion of said lining material, a third section of cover material extended transversely of said inner section from the top to the bottom edge thereof and covering the space between said aforesaid sections of cover material, and means providing pockets carried by said inner section which overlie and conceal the exposed fabric section and also overlie said sections of cover material and are located on opposite sides of the line of fold.

2. A purse having outer and inner superimposed sections united at their short side and long bottom edges and being free at their top edges whereby to provide a compartment between them that is open at the top, said sections adapted to be folded together about the transverse median line of the fold with the inner section innermost, said inner section consisting of a strip of lining material and two strips of cover material which are longitudinally spaced on the strip and overlie the top portions only of said lining strip and expose the lower portion of said lining strip, a third strip of cover material located in the middle of said lining strip and extended from the top to the bottom thereof and overlying the space between said first two strips of cover material and located in the line of fold, means providing pockets carried by said inner section including pocket sections which overlie the exposed portions of the lining strip and also overlie parts of the strips of cover material, and means providing a third pocket including a pocket strip which is attached to the inner section and overlies one of said aforesaid pocket sections and a portion only of said third strip of cover material and being located entirely on one side of said line of fold.

3. A purse having outer and inner superimposed sections united at their short side and long bottom edges and being free at their top edges whereby to provide a compartment between them that is open at the top, said sections adapted to be folded together about the transverse median line of the fold with the inner section innermost, said inner section consisting of a strip of lining material and two strips of cover material which are longitudinally spaced on the strip and overlie the top portions only of said lining strip and expose the lower portion of said lining strip,

a third strip of cover material located in the middle of said lining strip and extended from the top to the bottom thereof and overlying the space between said first two strips of cover material and located in the line of fold, means providing pockets carried by said inner section including pocket sections which overlie the exposed portions of the lining strip and also overlie parts of the strips of cover material, and means providing a third pocket including a pocket strip which is attached to the inner section and overlies one of said aforesaid pocket sections and a portion only of said third strip of cover material and being located entirely on one side of said line of fold, and means attaching said third pocket strip to said inner section including a line of stitching which is passed through the bottom edge only of said strip and through the bottom edge of said inner section, and eyelets passed through the upper edge of said strip and through said inner section.

4. A purse having outer and inner superimposed sections which are united at their side and bottom edges and are free at the top edges and provide between them a compartment which is open at the top, said inner section consisting of a strip of lining material, two strips of cover material attached to said lining strip in spaced relation at the top portion thereof and exposing the lining strip therebeneath and therebetween, a third strip of cover material attached to said lining strip and extended from the top to the bottom thereof and overlying and concealing the lining strip between said aforesaid cover strips, the purse adapted to be folded about the transverse median line thereof and about said third strip of cover material with the inner section innermost, means providing pockets carried by said inner section including pocket strips which overlie the exposed sections of said lining strip and a portion of said aforesaid cover strips, means providing a third pocket strip which overlies said third cover strip and an edge of one of said pocket strips, said third cover strip extended between the top and bottom edges of said inner section, a re-inforcing strip overlying the third cover strip in the middle only thereof, a line of stitching passed through the bottom edges of said re-inforcing strip and said inner section, a metal plate resting upon the top portion of said re-inforcing strip, key holding hooks carried by said plate, eyelets passed through said metal plate, said re-inforcing strip, said cover strip and said inner section, said third cover strip being free at opposite sides of said re-inforcing strip, and said free portions constituting overlapping flaps, and means to secure said overlapping flaps together.

5. A purse having outer and inner superimposed sections united at the short side and

long bottom edges and being free at the top edges and providing between them a compartment which is open at the top, said purse adapted to be folded about its transverse median line with the inner section innermost, said inner section comprising a lining strip and having means providing a plurality of pockets which are disposed on opposite sides of the line of fold, one of said pockets constituting a key case and including a pocket strip which is extended between the top and bottom edges of said inner section, a re-inforcing strip located in the middle of said pocket strip and extended between the top and bottom edges thereof, a line of stitching passed through the bottom edge of said reinforcing strip and said lining strip, a hook holding plate overlying the upper end of said re-inforcing strip, and eyelets passed through said plate and said re-inforcing pocket strip and inner section, the portions of said pocket strip lying on opposite sides of said re-inforcing strip being free of said inner section and constituting flaps, and means to secure said flaps detachably together over said re-inforcing strip.

6. A purse having superimposed outer and inner sections which are united at their short side and long bottom edges and are free at their top edges and provide between them a compartment which is open at the top, said purse adapted to be folded about the transverse median line thereof with the inner section innermost, and means to secure the purse in folded condition including a strap which is attached at one end to one end of one of said sections and encircles the folded purse and has a tab at the other end of said other section which overlies the ends of the folded sections, said strap being extensible.

7. A purse having outer and inner superimposed sections which are united at their side and bottom edges and are free at the top edges and provide between them a compartment which is open at the top, said purse adapted to be folded about the transverse median line thereof with the inner section innermost and the short side edges disposed in confronting relation, and means to secure said purse in such folded relation including a strap which overlies said outer section and encircles said folded purse and has one end secured to said outer section adjacent one side edge thereof and has a tab at the other edge which passes across the confronting side edges and has means securing it to the fixed end of said strap, said strap being extensible and consisting in part of a slack section which overlies the outer face of said outer section, and means overlying said outer section in concealing relation with said slack section.

8. A purse having outer and inner superimposed sections which are united at their side and bottom edges and are free at the top

edges and provide between them a compartment which is open at the top, said purse adapted to be folded about the transverse median line thereof with the inner section innermost and the short side edges disposed in confronting relation, and means to secure said purse in such folded relation including a strap which overlies said outer section and encircles said folded purse and has one end secured to said outer section adjacent one side edge thereof and has a tab at the other edge which passes across the confronting side edges and has means securing it to the fixed end of said strap, said strap being extensible and consisting in part of a slack section which overlies the outer face of said outer section, and means constituting a pocket attached to said outer section and overlying and concealing said slack section.

9. A purse having outer and inner superimposed sections which are united at their side and bottom edges and are free at the top edges and provide between them a compartment which is open at the top, said purse adapted to be folded about the transverse median line thereof with the inner section innermost and the short side edges disposed in confronting relation, and means to secure said sections in such folded relation including a strap which overlies said outer section and encircles said folded purse and has one end secured to said outer section adjacent one side edge thereof and has a tab at the other edge which passes across the confronting side edges and has means securing it to the fixed end of said strap, said strap being extensible and consisting in part of a slack section which overlies the outer face of said outer section, a pocket carried by said outer section on one side of the line of fold and concealing said slack section, said pocket including a pocket strip which has a line of stitching passed through the side edges thereof to secure said strip to said outer section, said line of stitching being also passed through said tab to secure it to said outer section, and the line of stitching being discontinuous on the other side of said pocket strip whereby to provide a slot in which said strap can slide.

10. A purse having outer and inner superimposed sections which are united at their side and bottom edges and are free at the top edges and provide between them a compartment which is open at its top, said purse adapted to be folded about the transverse median line thereof with the inner section innermost and the short side edges disposed in confronting relation, a pocket carried by said outer section on one side of the line of fold including a pocket strip which has its opposite sides secured to said pocket strip by a line of stitching, a tab having one end located between said pocket strip and said outer section and secured in the aforesaid relation

- by said line of stitching, and a looped strap-member located between said pocket strip and said outer section having one end thereof secured to said tab by said aforesaid line of stitching, the line of stitching on said other side of said pocket strip being discontinuous and providing a slot between said pocket strip and outer section, and a strap extended freely in said slot and secured to the free end of said strap-member, said strap being extended lengthwise of said outer strip and secured thereto at a free end thereof, and means detachably connecting said strap and said tab with the tab overlying the confronting side edges of the folded purse.
11. A purse having outer and inner superimposed sections which are united at their side and bottom edges and are free at the top edges and provide between them a compartment which is open at the top, said purse adapted to be folded about the transverse median line thereof with the inner section innermost and the short side edges disposed in confronting relation, said inner section consisting of a strip of lining material, strips of cover material overlying the top portion only of said lining material and attached thereto and exposing the lower portion of said lining material and pockets carried by said inner section overlying and concealing said exposed portion of said lining material, one of said pockets including a pocket strip having a line of stitching which secures its opposite sides and bottom edges to said lining material, the opposite sides of said lining material being gusseted and said cover strip having a stiff lining which is terminated in spaced relation with the stitched bottom edge thereof to provide said pocket strip with a section between said stitched edge and the bottom edge of said stiff lining strip that is flexible and yielding.
12. A purse having a long piece of flexible material, two shorter sections of lining material attached to said long piece of material by folding over the outer edges of the flexible material to form a binding for the lining material, all pieces of material joined together by a row of stitching at their short sides and long bottom edge, the aforesaid flexible and lining material constituting outer and inner sections adapted to be folded in the middle of the length of said envelope, said inner section having pockets on both sides of said fold, and said outer section having a pocket on one side only of said fold, and a strip of extensible material encircling said envelope to form a holding and fastening means for the purse and passed over said outer section and freely under the pocket thereon.
13. A purse having front and rear sections which are united at the side and bottom edges and are free at the top and provide a compartment between them, said purse adapted to be folded at its middle, one of said sections having means providing a pocket located at one side of said line of the fold, and a cover for said pocket secured at one edge only beneath the outer wall of said pocket and projecting above the top edge thereof to provide a flap foldable over the outer wall of said pocket.
14. A purse having front and rear sections which are united at the side and bottom edges and are free at the top and provide a compartment between them, means forming a pocket on one of said sections, and a cover for said pocket secured at one edge only beneath the outer wall of said pocket and projecting above the top edge thereof to provide a flap foldable over the outer wall of said pocket.
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