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ABSTRACT: A wrist purse having a flat circular coin or money compartment surrounded by a zipper closure, the zipper being opened only partway to form the compartment within the wrist purse. The purse includes a wrist band or strap which is buckled about the wrist of the wearer so that when the zipper is closed, money or other items carried therein cannot become mislaid or lost.

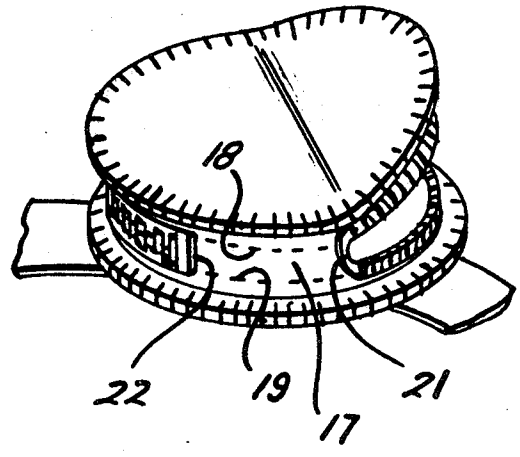

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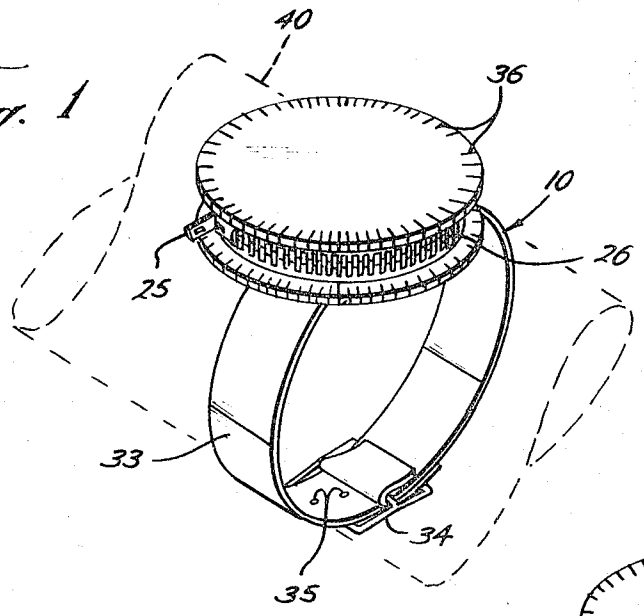
Fig. 1



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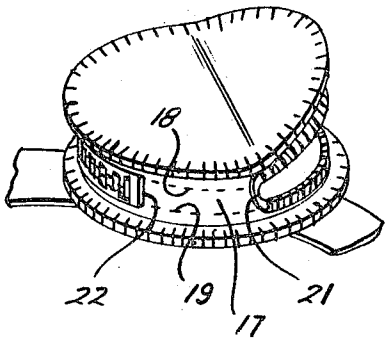
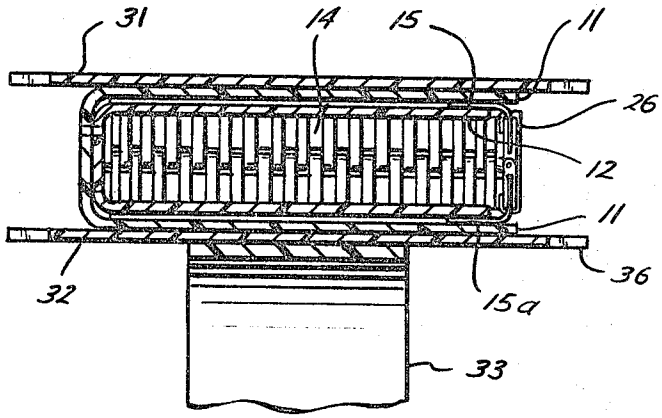


Fig. 2



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WRIST PURSE

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

There is a tendency for most people to loose or mislay small objects, such as coins, when they are carried by hand or in pockets of their clothing, or in other more or less haphazard way. School children, especially, are prone to lose lunch money and other small objects which they must of necessity take with them from home each school day and keep until used. It frequently happens that school children, when lunchtime arrives, find that they no longer have the lunch money or other expense money which they were given in the morning before departing from their home to attend school. Also, there are persons in most schools who will, if possible, steal money from other children if they have the opportunity to do so. All of these things are not only costly, or may deprive a child of lunch, but are a nuisance to teachers and lunchroom custodians because either the child must do without his or her lunch or a lunch must be provided with payment therefor to be made at a later time. The invention will be useful for persons other than school children, as the wrist purses according to the invention may be made to be very neat and decorative, so that they may be used by any person who desires to carry small amounts of change or other small articles on their persons without the necessity of holding onto a purse or having bulging articles in their pockets which would be awkward or defacing.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The wrist purses according to the invention are made by stitching together or bonding layers of similar shapes to form a fully lined receptacle closed by a surrounding slide fastener. Decorative ornamentation may be employed in order to improve the attractiveness of the wrist purses. Because each layer of the wrist purse is unitary, forming layed layers both of the bottom and upper walls of the wrist purse, the construction is both simple and strong and may be made economically for sale at relatively low cost. Among the advantages of the invention are the facts that coins and other articles placed therein are not susceptible to being accidentally lost, the purses have attractive appearances, and the purses are flat and not overly protruding when strapped about the wrist so that they do not get in the way and are not prone to be scraped or hung upon articles encountered by the wrist. The purse has no projection or hard components which might be injurious to other persons, so that they are safe for use by school children.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is an upper perspective view showing a wrist purse of preferred form according to the invention, the purse being shown in a position as strapped about the wrist of a person.

FIG. 2 is a vertical cross-sectional view showing the multiple layer construction of the wrist purse, and the zipper closure thereof.

FIG. 3 is a side elevational view showing the wrist purse of FIG. 1, shown open and illustrating the hinge connection between the multiple layer elements.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Referring now to the drawings, there is shown a wrist purse 10 of preferred form according to the invention, the wrist purse being formed of a base layer 11, a lining layer 12, the zipper 14 being stitched at its web 15*a* between the edges of base and liner layers. The zipper extends completely around the purse except at the hinge area 17, where the bends of the layers 11 and 12 are disposed and are stitched together at lines 18, 19 to form a substantial double-layered hinge. The zipper ends 21, 22 are stitched to the sides of hinge 17. Zipper end 21 is the end against which the zipper closure slide 25 engages when the zipper or slide fastener is completely closed, and end 22 is the terminal permanently held together end of the zipper against which the slide would rest when the zipper is completely open. According to the invention, a slide stop 26 is placed at an intermediate location to stop slide movements therepast, so that the slide in opening and closing movements along the zipper may be moved only between zipper end 21 and the slot 26.

Upper and lower l elements 31, 32, respectively, are applied to the basic purse elements and secured by stitching or by adhering with glue or resin, or the like. A wrist strap 33 having buckle 34 having the usual pivotal tong for reception through one of the holes 35 spaced along the one end of the strap is secured by stitching beneath the lower decorative element or sheet 32.

Additional decorative elements may be used, for example artificial flower decorations, or the like, made of fabric or plastic may be sewed or glued to either or both of the decorative elements 31, 32, these usually being disposed on element 31. The decorative element may include a series of spaced peripheral radial slots 36 extending inwardly from their outer edges in order to make a tassellated finish, and the several layers and elements may be of the same or different colors in order to improve the decorativeness of the purses.

An unusual aspect of the wrist purses according to the invention is that the elements 11, 12, are formed as one-piece elements. These are overlaid one upon the other and sewed together with the slide fastener webs 15, 15*a* interposed therebetween so that the slide fastener is installed while the elements are in open condition with ready access to all locations thereof for sewing. Then, after the slide fastener has been sewed into place, the slide fastener may be drawn together and closed by movement of the slide element 25 toward the fastener end 21, and the stop element 26 is then fixed in place so that thereafter the slide may be moved in opening movement only until it engages the stop. There is thus formed an upwardly open enclosure within which coins may be conveniently placed without danger of the coins falling therefrom before the slide is returned to its closed position. The wrist purse will preferably be placed upon the wrist with the hand toward the lower right as the purse is shown in FIG. 1, and with the elbow toward the upper left. The arm of a person is indicated by dashed lines and referred to by reference numeral 40. As will be observed, with the wrist purse in the position described, when the slide fastener is opened, the opening is directed upwardly when the hand is in a thumb-up position, so that the coins, or other objects may readily be placed therein and the slide fastener closed without danger of anything placed in the wrist purse falling out. The straps or bands 33 may be made of any size suitable for fitting the wrist of a person of a particular size. The wrist purse, for school children, will conveniently be of a size such that a 50 cent piece will fit therewithin with slight clearance. Smaller coins may of course be placed in the purse alone or with a 50 cent piece, but this denomination of coin is the largest that is normally necessary for the purchase of school supplies and lunches. This purse size will also result in a wrist purse which is not overly large for use by school children and other persons so that the purse will be of relatively minimal size and not objectionably large.

The purses according to the invention, to be complete structures, must include at least one of the layers 11, 12, these each including an englarged formation at each end forming the top and bottom walls of the purse, and a narrowed integral strip therebetween forming the hinge. Although the enlarged portions of each layer are shown in the drawings as being circular, they may if desired take other shapes, such as square, rectangular, diamond-shaped, heart-shaped, eliptical or oval, etc. The layers or webs may be of cloth, leather, plastic impregnated fabric, plastic, or any other material having the required finish and flexibility. The layers may be of the same or different materials. The band or strap for fixing the purse to the wrist may include any available form of connection, and so-called "stretch" types having no connection elements are included. Padding may be included in the construction.

It will have been noted that all constructions of the purse, except installation of the slide fastener stop 26 may be done

with the purse in an open condition so that the making thereof is readily and easily accomplished either by hand or by machine. Then, after the stop is installed, the purse has a uniform appearance around its sides, but with only a part of the length of the slide fastener being capable of being opened.

While a preferred embodiment of the invention has been shown and described, many modifications thereof may be made by a person skilled in the art without departing from the spirit of the invention, and it is intended to protect by Letters Patent all forms of the invention falling within the scope of the following claims:

I claim:

1. Purse adapted especially to be worn on the wrist of a person, comprising at least one layer of flexible material having identical enlarged formations at its opposite end portions and having a narrowed hinge portion therebetween, slide fastener means having each of the connection strips thereof respectively fixed from one side of said hinge portion of said layer around the peripheries of said enlarged formations to the other side of said hinge portion, stop means disposed intermediate the length of said slide fastener whereby said slide fastener may be opened over only a portion of its length and a substantial length of the remainder of the slide fastener forming a permanent wall extending between said enlarged formations from said one side of said hinge portion, arm band means connected to one of said enlarged formations for securing about the arm of a person, whereby closing of said slide fastener forms a purse enclosure between said enlarged formations.

2. The combination of claim 1, said stop being disposed approximately halfway about the side of each said enlarged formation from said other side of said hinge portion, whereby about one half of the side of said purse may be opened by opening said slide fastener from said other side of said hinge to said stop, whereby the remainder of the length of said slide fastener and said hinge portion are permanently closed to retain articles placed in said purse enclosure when the opened portion of said slide fastener is directed upwardly.

3. The combination of claim 2, there being two said layers of flexible material formed as described, said slide fastener connection strips being disposed between said two layers, whereby one said layer forms an interior liner layer for said purse and whereby the other layer forms an exterior surface of said purse, the said hinge portions of said layers being disposed one against the other to form a double layered hinge.

4. The combination of claim 3, including an additional decorative layer affixed to the exterior side of at least one of said enlarged formations.