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POCKET BOOK.

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Fig. 1.

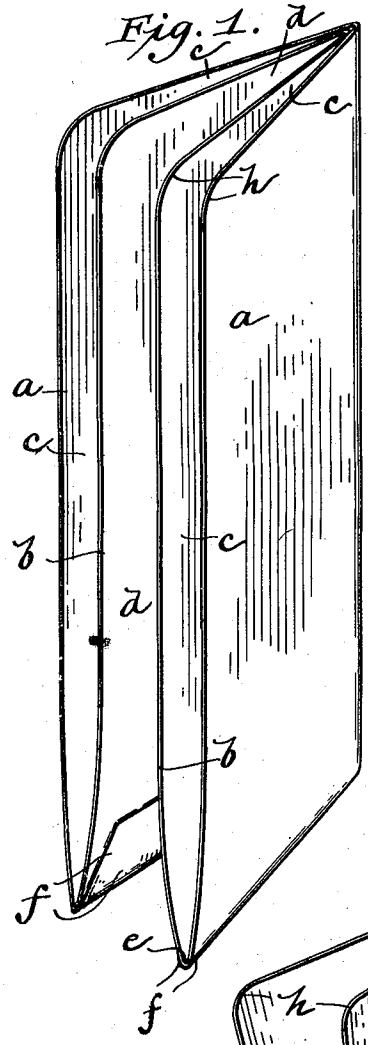


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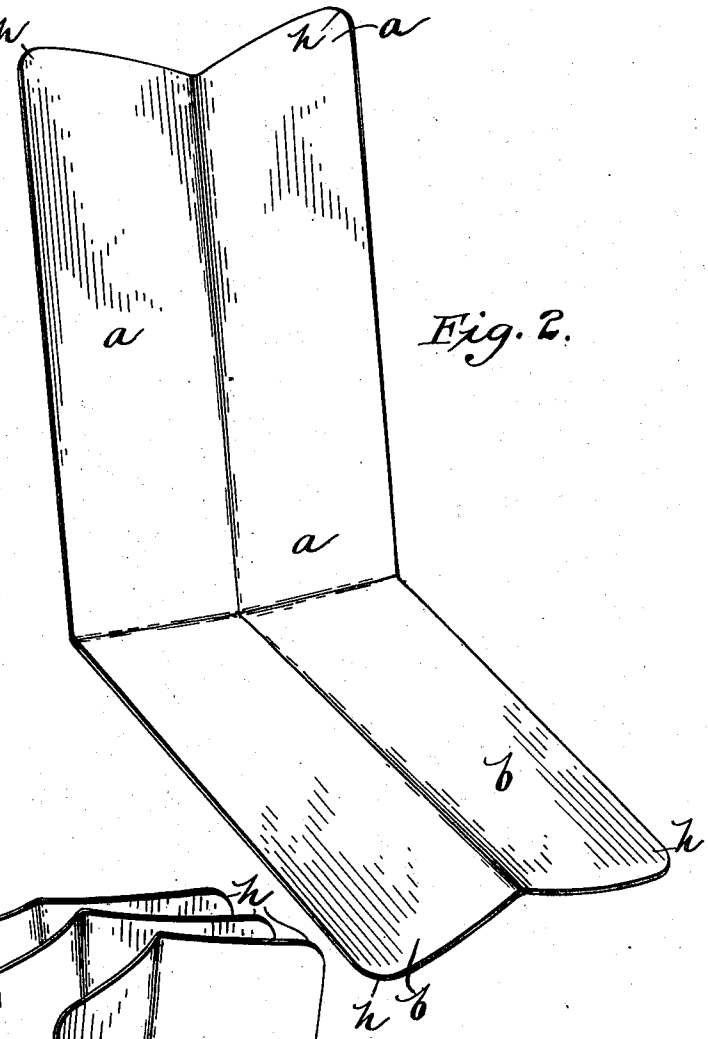
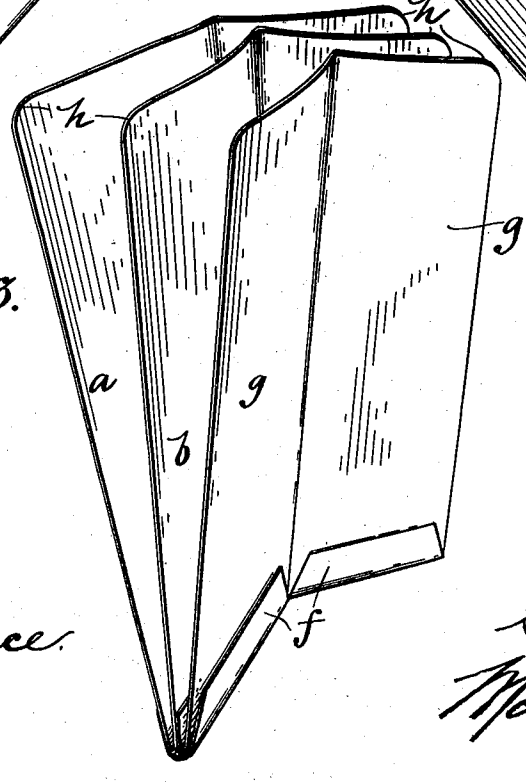


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE A. WIELAND, a citizen of the United States, residing at Duluth, in the county of St. Louis and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pocket-Books; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in pocket-books especially designed for holding and carrying papers, bills, and the like.

The object of the invention is to provide a pocket-book suitable for carrying bank-bills and documents which will involve a minimum cost of manufacture and be adapted to receive on its surfaces advertisements or the like, whereby it may be employed advantageously as an advertising medium and thus form a novel and useful article of manufacture.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a pocket-book embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the book partially folded, and Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the book provided with two additional pockets.

The pocket-book is formed of stiff paper of fine fiber or other suitable material to give it the desirable surface for printing and to give it durability to last a considerable time. In Figs. 1 and 2 the paper is folded twice, thereby producing four thicknesses *a a* and *b b*, thus providing two outer pockets *c c* and an intermediate or central space *d*. The two outer pockets, it will be seen, are open at the front and at one end, while the remaining end is closed, and the central space or pocket is open at both ends and the front, the central pocket thus permitting long documents to be projected equally from each end; also, the inner sheet forming the folds *b b* is continuous from side to side and is not secured to the outer sheet except where the blank is folded the first time; but the stiffness of the material retains the folds in place, with a slight tendency of the pocket-book to open. Thus a document may be placed in the pocket-book and extend between the inner and outer layers of papers from one outer pocket to the other. The outer face is usually designed to bear advertisements, though the inner surfaces similarly may be utilized, or the advertisements may be omitted entirely.

To make the book more durable, especially when the blank is creased, I reinforce the same at these points by means of a suitable binding *f*, which also serves as a hinge. The binding may extend on either side of the crease to a slight extent or it may cover the entire outer surface of the book when folded.

In Fig. 3 I have shown the pocket-book constructed of four outer compartments and one central space. This is accomplished by securing an additional single sheet *g* to the first double sheet and folding the same lengthwise, as shown in the drawings. Any desired number of pockets can be secured by adding single or double sheets to the first blank. One outer front corner *h* of each fold preferably is rounded, as shown, to remove sharp corners that would be liable to injury. The opposite corners *e*, being of double thickness, will not need to be so rounded.

The simple form of the pocket-book and the material enable the pocket-book to be produced at a cost to warrant its use for the purpose of gratuitous distribution by advertisers, and it forms a useful and comparatively durable article.

Having now described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a pocket-book formed of stiff paper, the said paper being folded twice, the said pocket-book comprising an inner and an outer sheet connected with each other at one end edge only and forming two outer pockets and an intermediate or central space or pocket, the sheets maintaining their shape and their folded position by the stiffness of the material, the outer pockets being open at the front and one end and closed at the opposite end, the central space or pocket being open at both ends and the front, and binding secured over the creased portion to receive the same and serve as a hinge, substantially as described.

2. As a new article of manufacture, an advertising pocket-book formed of stiff paper

adapted to receive advertisements, the said paper being scored so as to enable it to be folded twice, the said pocket-book comprising an inner and an outer sheet connected with each other at one edge only and forming two outer pockets and an intermediate or central space or pocket, the sheets maintaining their shape and their folded position by the stiffness of the material, the outer pockets being open at the front and one end and closed at the opposite end, the central space or pocket being open at both ends and the front, and binding secured over the creased portion to receive the same and serve as a hinge, and the outer corners of the several layers of the pocket-book at the end where the pockets are open being rounded, substantially as described.

3. As an improved article of manufacture, a pocket-book formed of stiff paper or other material comprising in its construction an inner and an outer sheet connected with each other at one edge only, and another sheet secured to the first sheet along one edge only so that when the sheets are folded, as described, two outer pockets closed at bottom and open at the top and ends, and an inner space open at top, bottom and front and closed at rear, are secured, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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