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FIG. 1

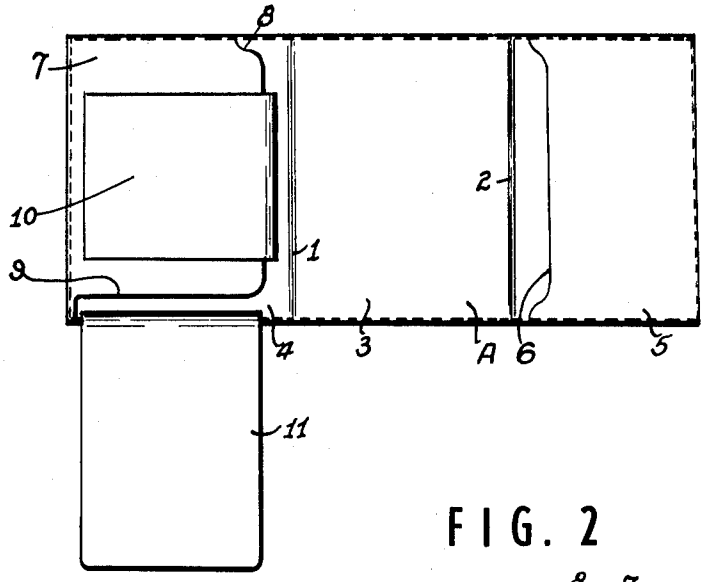


FIG. 2

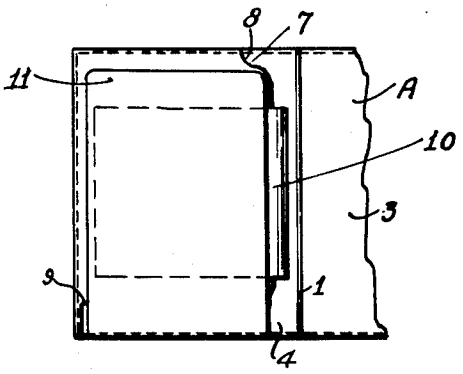
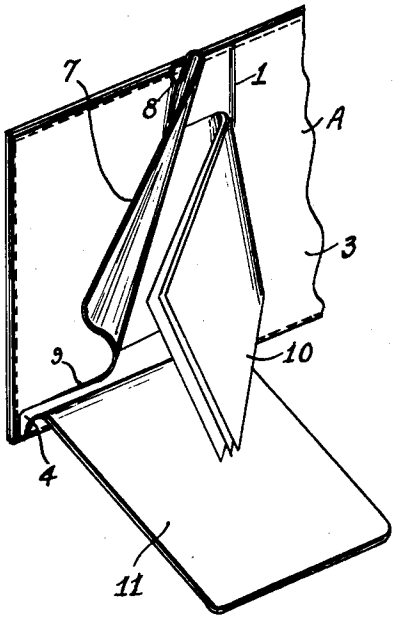


FIG. 3



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This invention relates to improvements in pocket wallets, and more particularly to a bill-fold of novel construction and having certain advantages.

One of the objects of the invention is to so construct a bill-fold of the kind just mentioned, that a bill may be inspected and withdrawn from any other bills therein, without removing or disturbing any bill other than the one to be withdrawn.

An added object of my invention is to so construct a bill-fold wherein the bills may be held flat and folded in a pocket of smaller size than the full length of the bill-fold, so that only a portion of the latter need be opened to remove one of the bills therefrom.

A further object of the invention is to so construct a bill-fold that the money-retaining compartment will be automatically expandible to accommodate varying thicknesses of bills therein, to thereby retain the device in neat and orderly appearance.

Other objects of the invention are to produce a device of the kind described, that will be simple and economical in cost and construction, easy to make and use, and which will be otherwise satisfactory and efficient for use.

Many other objects and advantages of the construction herein shown and described, will be obvious to those skilled in the art to which this invention appertains, as will be more clearly apparent from the disclosure that follows.

In the drawings, wherein like reference numerals represent like or corresponding parts,

Figure 1 is a plan view of the bill-fold extended flat, and with the tongue turned back on itself;

Figure 2 is a similar fragmentary view, but with the tongue in normal service position; and

Figure 3 is a fragmentary detail, shown in perspective, with certain of the parts bent in order to show the construction more clearly.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, wherein I have illustrated a preferred embodiment of the invention, the bill-fold is shown as having an outer cover sheet A of horizontally elongated rectangular shape, and preferably being made of any sufficiently durable and flexible material, such as of leather, plastic, etc.

This sheet may be divided into several sections or panels, by providing spaced apart, vertically extending, parallel fold lines **1** and **2**, to provide the central panel **3** and end panels **4** and **5** adjoined to the opposite ends of said central panel. It is to be noted that one of the end panels, say the panel **4** is preferably wider than the other end panel **5**, for a purpose to be more clearly hereinafter set out.

The end panel **5** may have a pocket provided therein, as by affixing an inside liner **6** to said panel, said liner being approximately rectangular and secured along its top and bottom and outermost side edge to the corresponding edges of said panel.

The end panel **4** is adapted to form the bill retaining compartment with other elements, as will now be described. A flexible flap **7**, of generally rectangular shape, is secured along only its top or horizontal edge and along its outermost vertical or side edge to the corresponding edges of said panel **4**, by stitching, adhesives, or the like, the other two edges of the flap being free and unsecured, as shown.

It is to be especially noted that this flap is somewhat narrower than the width of said panel, so that the innermost free vertical edge of the flap terminates a predetermined distance from the adjacent fold line **1**, so that said flap may be reentrantly bent upon itself at said free edge, without transmitting undue strain to the horizontal upper edge of the flap, and if desired, a corner between said upper secured edge and the said free vertical edge may be cut away, as shown, at **8**.

Substantially all of the lowermost edge **9** of said flap is similarly free and unsecured, said edge terminating a predetermined distance from the corresponding bottom edge of the panel **4**, to thereby provide easy and convenient access to the pocket formed between said flap and end panel, but which will, in addition, minimize the thickness of the bill-fold adjacent the bottom of the latter.

A supply of individual bills or notes **10** may be inserted into the pocket thus formed at the end panel **4**, about one-half of the length of the bills extending into the pocket, flat, and with the other portion of the bills projecting horizontally beyond said pocket. This extending portion of the bills is folded over the free edge of the flap and superimposed onto the adjacent surface of said flap, but not extending to the vertical outermost edge of the latter.

This flap may then be lifted at the lower inner corner, to substantially the position indicated in Fig. 3, whereupon the exposed ends of the bills may be counted, inspected, or one of them removed at will, without removing the remaining bills from the pocket. The bills will generally be sufficiently narrower than the height of the flap to be properly retained in place by the part.

A tongue **11**, also of preferably rectangular form, is secured along only its bottom horizontal edge to the corresponding edge of said panel **4**, and is of flexible material so that it may be easily and conveniently folded therealong, said tongue extending vertically of said panel and superimposable toward said flap to cover those portions of the bills that lie on the exterior face of said flap. This tongue is preferably narrower than the width of said end panel **4** and has its outermost vertical edge spaced a predetermined distance from the corresponding edge of the panel and flap, so that said edge portion of the bill-fold will be of a minimum thickness.

This tongue will cover the bills when the bill-fold is in normal carrying position, and when it is necessary to remove a bill, said tongue is first bent downwardly reentrantly on itself, as indicated in Figs. 1 and 3, and a given bill withdrawn, after which said tongue is bent to its normal position before replacing the bill-fold into its usual repository.

I claim:

In a bill-fold, an elongated rectangular cover sheet having a pair of vertical spaced apart fold lines to form a central panel and a pair of end panels, a substantially rectangular flap narrower than one of said end panels and having an outermost vertical edge and a horizontal top edge secured to the corresponding edges of the one said end panel while the other vertical edge and bottom edge of said flap are unsecured, the innermost vertical edge of said flap terminating a predetermined distance from the adjacent fold line, and the lowermost horizontal edge of said flap terminating a predetermined distance from the adjacent horizontal bottom edge of said panel, there being an innermost portion of said flap unsecured along its horizontal top edge, and a tongue superimposable on said

flap and having only its horizontal bottom edge secured along the corresponding edge of said end panel, said tongue being of sufficient height to overlap a major portion of the height of said flap.

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