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WALLET.

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Fig. 1.

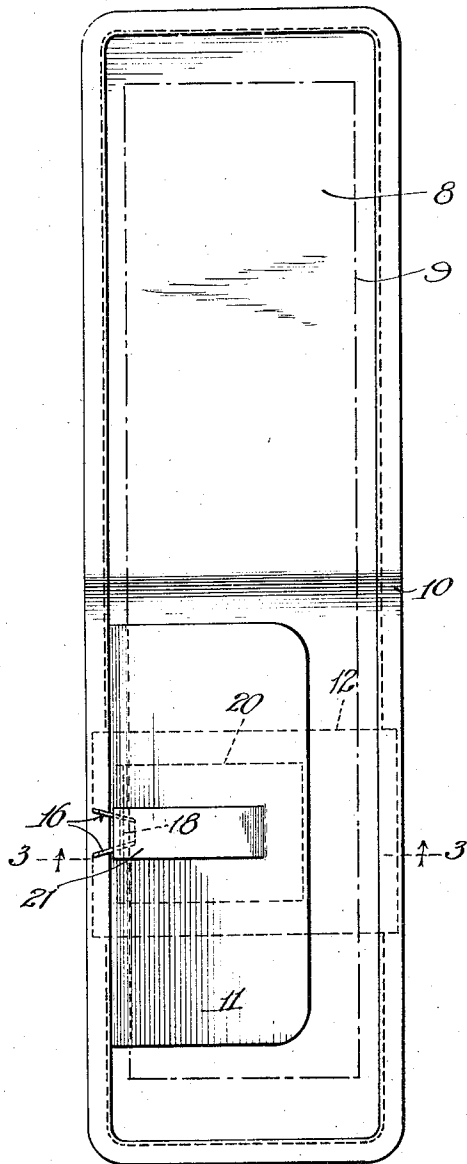


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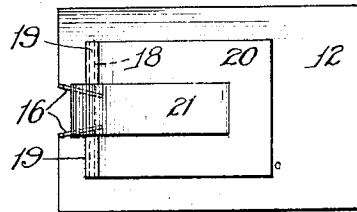


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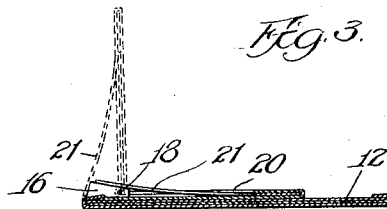


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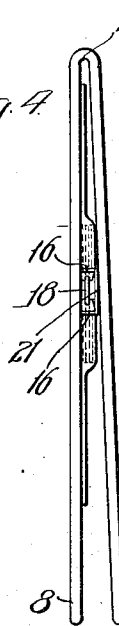


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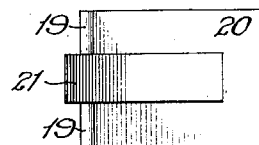


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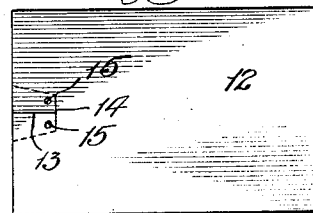
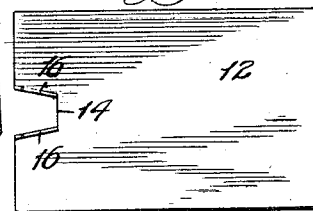


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES R. CARDWELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Wallets, of which the following is a full, clear, concise, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification.

My invention relates to wallets, and has for its object the production of a very simple form of wallet for holding folded bank notes.

My invention may generally be described as being a wallet comprising a substantially flat sheet of suitable wallet material and a spring pressed wing projecting from said sheet adapted to press upon bank notes interposed between said sheet and wing.

In the preferred form of my invention the wallet comprises a substantially flat oblong sheet of suitable wallet material presenting a superficial area having dimensions substantially in proportion to the dimensions of a bank note that is folded on a longitudinal line to divide the bank note into two substantially equal divisions, said sheet of wallet material being foldable upon itself along a transverse line, and a spring pressed bank note holding wing joined with a longitudinal side portion of the sheet and located substantially upon one side of the transverse line of fold for the sheet.

I will explain my invention more fully by reference to the accompanying drawing showing the preferred embodiment thereof and in which—

Figure 1 is a view of the preferred form of wallet with the wallet sheet laid flat, a bank note folded lengthwise to occupy substantially half its full area being shown by a dot and dash line where exposed to view and by a dotted line where concealed by the wing; Fig. 2 is a view of a metal portion of the structure that enters into the preferred form of the wallet; Fig. 3 is a sectional view on line 3—3 of Fig. 2, an open position of the wallet wing being illustrated by dotted lines; Fig. 4 is a side view of the wallet closed; Figs. 5, 6, and 7 are views showing structural details.

Like parts are indicated by similar characters of reference throughout the different figures.

As the preferred embodiment of my in-

vention is shown I employ a substantially flat oblong sheet of suitable wallet material 8 which presents a superficial area having dimensions substantially in proportion to the dimensions of a bank note 9 or a thin pile of superposed bank notes when such bank note or pile of bank notes is folded on a longitudinal line to divide the bank note or notes into two substantially equal divisions. The sheet of wallet material is foldable into two substantially equal divisions along a transverse line as indicated at 10, the bank note holding wing 11 being preferably entirely located on one side of the line 10 to permit the ready folding of the wallet sheet, and projecting from a longitudinal side of the wallet sheet in such direction as to overlies the folded money, the wing projecting between the fold layers of the bank note or notes and serving to separate them so that the place where the notes are to be unfolded and laid flat may readily be determined. The wing is preferably separately formed and thereafter attached to the main wallet sheet, but I do not wish to be limited to a wing separately made and thereafter joined as the wing may be joined with the wallet sheet by being made therewith out of an integral sheet of wallet material.

The wing 11 is caused to be spring pressed by some spring mechanism such as that illustrated for example. One element of this spring mechanism comprises a base plate 12 thoroughly incorporated between the layers of which the main wallet sheet is composed. This base plate is preferably formed in the manner shown in Figs. 6 and 7 where Fig. 6 illustrates the first step which is taken by one cut 13 and an angular cut 14 and two holes 15 that constitute pintle receiving holes when the ears 16 are struck up as indicated in Figs. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7. A pintle 18 passes through the pintle holes and into the pintle sockets 19 formed in the spring metal plate 20 that is incorporated with the wing whereby the plates 12 and 20 are hinged together, the wing and main wallet sheet being thereby hinged together, being incorporated as they are with the plates 20 and 12. An intermediate portion 21 is so struck from the plate 20 as to constitute a spring tongue. This tongue rides at its free end upon the ears that taper toward the base of the tongue, when the wing is shut, in such a manner as to place the tongue under spring

tension, the said tongue and the top of the ears cooperating to bring the plates 12 and 20 together or toward each other and to hold the bank notes that are interposed between the wing and the main wallet sheet. The rear edges of the wings 16 cooperate to hold the wing open when said wing is thrown far enough back to bring about the engagement of the free end of the spring tongue with the rear edges of the wings 16 as indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 3. By this latter characteristic of construction the wing may be held open while the money is being properly positioned in the wallet.

While I have herein shown and particularly described the preferred embodiment of my invention, I do not wish to be limited to the precise details of construction shown as changes may readily be made without departing from the spirit of my invention.

Having thus described my invention I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent the following:

1. A wallet comprising a foldable body, a metal plate secured to the body at one side of the line of fold and provided with a pair of upstanding ears, and a note-holding flap hinged to the ears and provided with a spring tongue frictionally engaging the tops of the ears to hold the flap under tension, substantially as described.

2. A wallet comprising a foldable body, a metal plate secured to the body at one side of the line of fold and provided with a pair of upstanding ears, corresponding ends of the ears being disposed at substantially right angles to the plane of the plate, and a note-holding flap having a metal plate hinged to the ears, said plate being provided with a spring tongue frictionally engaging the tops of the ears to hold the flap under tension, said spring tongue being disposed to engage the aforementioned ends of the ears and hold the flap in an open position substantially at right angles to the plane of the wallet, substantially as described.

3. A wallet comprising a rectangular main portion having a longitudinal dimension longer than a bank-note, and a transverse dimension greater than one-half the

width of a bank-note, said main portion being formed of a sheet of suitable wallet material and an inner lining, and being divided into two equal parts by a transverse folding line across its middle and having a flap attached to one longitudinal side of one of the said equal parts adapted to extend over and retain in position bank-notes laid upon the main portion, and spring-actuated means disposed between the sheet of wallet material and the lining of the main portion and within the flap to press the flap upon the folded bills when the latter are positioned upon the said main portion.

4. A wallet comprising a foldable body of a length exceeding that of a bank note and having a width of substantially one-half the width of a bank note, said body being foldable upon a transverse line substantially midway between its ends, and a tensioned note-folding flap secured to the body at one side only of the folding line thereof and having a width not exceeding the width of the body of the wallet, the axis of movement of the flap extending longitudinally of the wallet adjacent one longitudinal edge thereof, substantially as described.

5. A wallet comprising a rectangular sheet of suitable wallet material having a longitudinal dimension slightly longer than a bank-note, and a transverse dimension slightly greater than one-half the width of a bank-note, and adapted to receive upon its upper face a plurality of bank-notes folded along their longitudinal median lines, said wallet being provided with a transverse folding line across its middle and having a flap of similar material fastened along one side of the said sheet between the folding line and one edge thereof, and means pressing said flap upon the said folded bank-notes when the latter are in position.

In witness whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name this 14th day of November A. D., 1910.

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