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Fig. 1

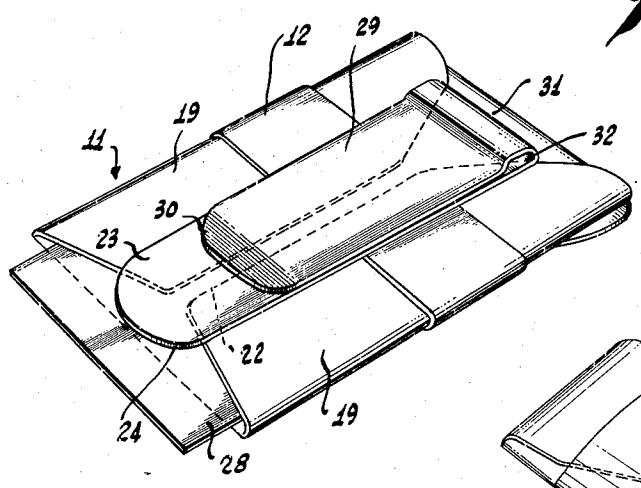


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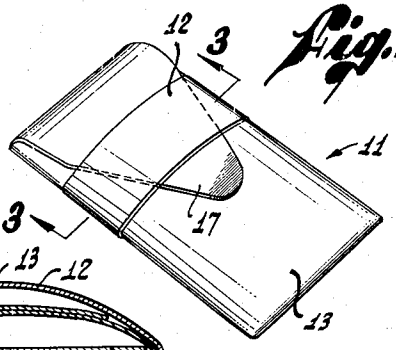
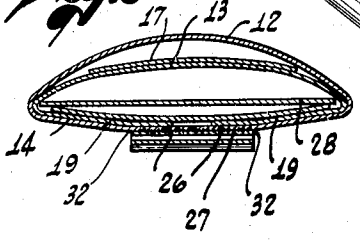


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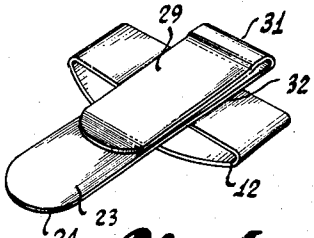
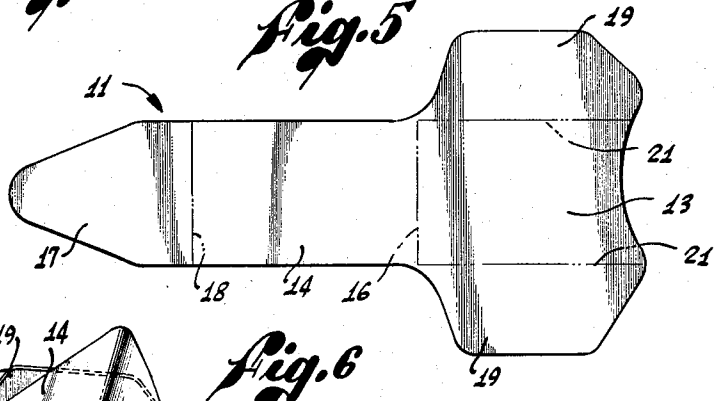


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Fig. 5



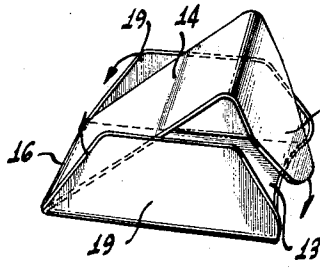


Fig. 6

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This invention relates to a purse, and particularly to a purse which is compact, economically made, and easily carried.

It is an object of this invention to provide a purse which may be quickly and easily fabricated.

It is another object of this invention to provide a purse which is very compact and yet which efficiently carries most small essential items for a business man or woman.

It is another object of this invention to provide a purse having provision for separately accommodating bills, coins, and cards.

It is another object of this invention to provide a simple, compact purse having a readily accessible compartment for accommodating cards, such as driver's licenses, business cards, and credit cards.

It is a further object of this invention to provide a purse including a pouch cut from a single piece of foldable sheet material and formed without any sewing or bonding whatever.

In accordance with these and other objects which will become apparent hereinafter, a preferred form of the present invention will now be described with reference to the accompanying drawing, wherein:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a purse constructed in accordance with the present invention;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the purse of Fig. 1 showing the opposite face thereof;

Fig. 3 is a cross-section taken on line 3—3 in Fig. 2;

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the band and clip forming a part of the purse;

Fig. 5 is a view of the foldable sheet of material from which the pouch forming a part of the purse is made; and

Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the pouch in process of formation.

Referring to the drawing, the purse of the present invention is shown comprising a pouch **11** encircled and held together by a rigid band **12**.

The pouch **11** is formed of a single sheet of foldable material cut, as shown in Fig. 5, to form: a front flap **13**; a back flap **14** connected integrally to the front flap at a line **16** forming the bottom of the pouch; a closing flap **17** connected to the back flap **14** at a fold line **18** representing the top of the pouch; and a pair of lateral flaps **19** connected to the front flap **13** at the respective sides thereof represented by the fold lines **21**. The sheet of material is preferably a leather-like sheet made of one of the common modern plastics.

The sheet of material is made into the pouch **11** by first folding the back flap **14** upward along the line **16**, then folding the lateral flaps **19** around the sides of the back flap **14**, as shown in Fig. 6. The closing flap **17** may then be folded over the top edge of the front flap **13**, as shown in Fig. 2.

The rigid band **12**, which is preferably made of a flat strip of metal, bent into a somewhat flattened loop, is then slipped over the pouch **11** to encircle it laterally, as shown in Fig. 2. In this position the band **12** serves to keep the lateral flaps **19** folded around the back flap **14**,

and also provides a lip beneath which the closing flap **17** may be selectively tucked and untucked to close and open the pouch **11**. As will be readily apparent, during assembly of the purse the band **12** may be slipped over the pouch **11** either before or after the closing flap **17** is folded down over the front flap **13** to close the pouch.

In order to stiffen the purse and overlie or close a gap **22** between the two lateral flaps **19**, a rigid back **23** is secured to the back of the band **12** and extends longitudinally along the pouch **11**. The back **23** is preferably made of a strip of metal generally similar to that from which the band **12** is formed. To avoid sharp edges and give a neater appearance, the end of the back **23** is rounded, as shown at **24**. The back **23** also provides a convenient means for securing together the ends of the strip of metal which forms the band **12**. As best seen in Fig. 3, the back **23** spans the two ends **26** of the loop forming the band **12**, and is bonded thereto as by welding, shown at **27** to hold the loop or band **12** together.

The lateral flaps **19**, and to some extent the back **23**, form, together with the outer surface of the back flap **14**, a flat tube-like appendage at the back of the pouch **11** into which cards, such as business cards and credit cards, exemplified at **28**, may be kept. The compartment thus formed, while giving full protection to the cards, is readily accessible from both ends, so that cards may be ejected from one end by pushing at the other end.

The back **23** forms one member of a money clip, the other member of which is a leaf spring **29** secured at its upper end **31** to the upper end of the back **23**. The leaf spring **29** and back **23** are preferably formed of a single strip of spring steel bent back on itself at **31**, with a loop **32** being formed at the bend to insure that the two members will press firmly against each other and thus form a tight clip for firm retention of even a single bill. To simplify insertion of bills into the clip the free end of the spring **29** is turned up and rounded, as shown at **30**.

In order to insure that the interior of the pouch **11** will be large enough to hold an appreciable quantity of solid objects, such as coins, the front portion of the band **12** is given an appreciable arc, as shown in Fig. 3. In addition, the back of the band **12** is bent forwardly at each edge of the back **23**, as shown at **32**. This provides increased interior volume for the pouch **11**.

From the above description it will be seen that this invention provides, in simple economic manner: a pouch for receiving coins and the like; a clip for receiving bills and the like; and a protected flat compartment for holding, with ready accessibility, driver's licenses, business and credit cards, and the like.

While the instant invention has been shown and described herein in what is conceived to be the most practical and preferred embodiment, it is recognized that departures may be made therefrom within the scope of the invention, which is therefore not to be limited to the details disclosed herein but is to be accorded the full scope of the claims.

What is claimed is :

1. Purse comprising a foldable sheet having a front flap, a back flap connected to said front flap at the common bottom thereof, a closing flap connected to said back flap at the top thereof, and a pair of lateral flaps connected to said front flap at the respective sides thereof; said sheet being folded into a pouch by being folded on itself at said common bottom, said lateral flaps being folded around said back flap, said closing flap being folded over said front flap; and a rigid band loosely and laterally encircling said pouch, keeping said lateral flaps in folded position around said back flap, and providing a lip beneath which said closing flap may be selectively tucked and untucked to close and open said pouch, said band forming a flattened loop having a substantially flat

portion adjacent one side of said pouch and an arcuate portion adjacent its other side.

2. Purse comprising a foldable sheet having a front flap, a back flap connected to said front flap at the common bottom thereof, a closing flap connected to said back flap at the top thereof, and a pair of lateral flaps connected to said front flap at the respective sides thereof; said sheet being folded into a pouch by being folded on itself at said common bottom, said lateral flaps being folded around said back flap, said closing flap being folded over said front flap; a rigid band loosely and laterally encircling said pouch, keeping said lateral flaps in folded position around said back flap, providing a lip beneath which said closing flap may be selectively tucked and untucked to close and open said pouch and a rigid back extending transversely of and secured to said band and overlying the free ends of said flaps and serving to stiffen the purse and with said lateral flaps forming a flat-tube-like partition compartment in which cards and the like may be kept.

3. Purse according to claim 2 wherein said band is formed of a strip of material bent into a loop to form the band, said back being bonded to the contiguous ends of said strip to hold said loop together.

4. Purse according to claim 2 including a leaf spring secured at one end to an end of said back and overlying and pressing against said back to form a clip in which paper money may be retained.

5. Purse according to claim 4 wherein said leaf spring is a continuation of said back, said continuation being folded back over said back.

6. Purse comprising a pouch made of pliant material having a front flap, a back flap connected to said front flap at the common bottom thereof, a closing flap connected to said back flap at the top thereof, and a pair of lateral flaps connected to said front flap at the respective sides thereof; said material being folded into a pouch by being folded on itself at said common bottom, said closing flap being folded over said front flap, said lateral flaps being folded inwardly adjacent said back flap, a rigid band laterally and loosely encircling said pouch and providing a lip beneath which said closing flap may be selectively tucked and untucked to close and open said pouch, and a rigid back extending transversely of and secured to said band and longitudinally of the pouch, said back serving to stiffen the purse, and providing with said lateral flaps and back flap a compartment in which cards and the like may be kept.

7. Purse in accordance with claim 6 including a leaf spring secured at one end to an end of said back and overlying and pressing against said back to form a clip in which paper money may be retained.

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