

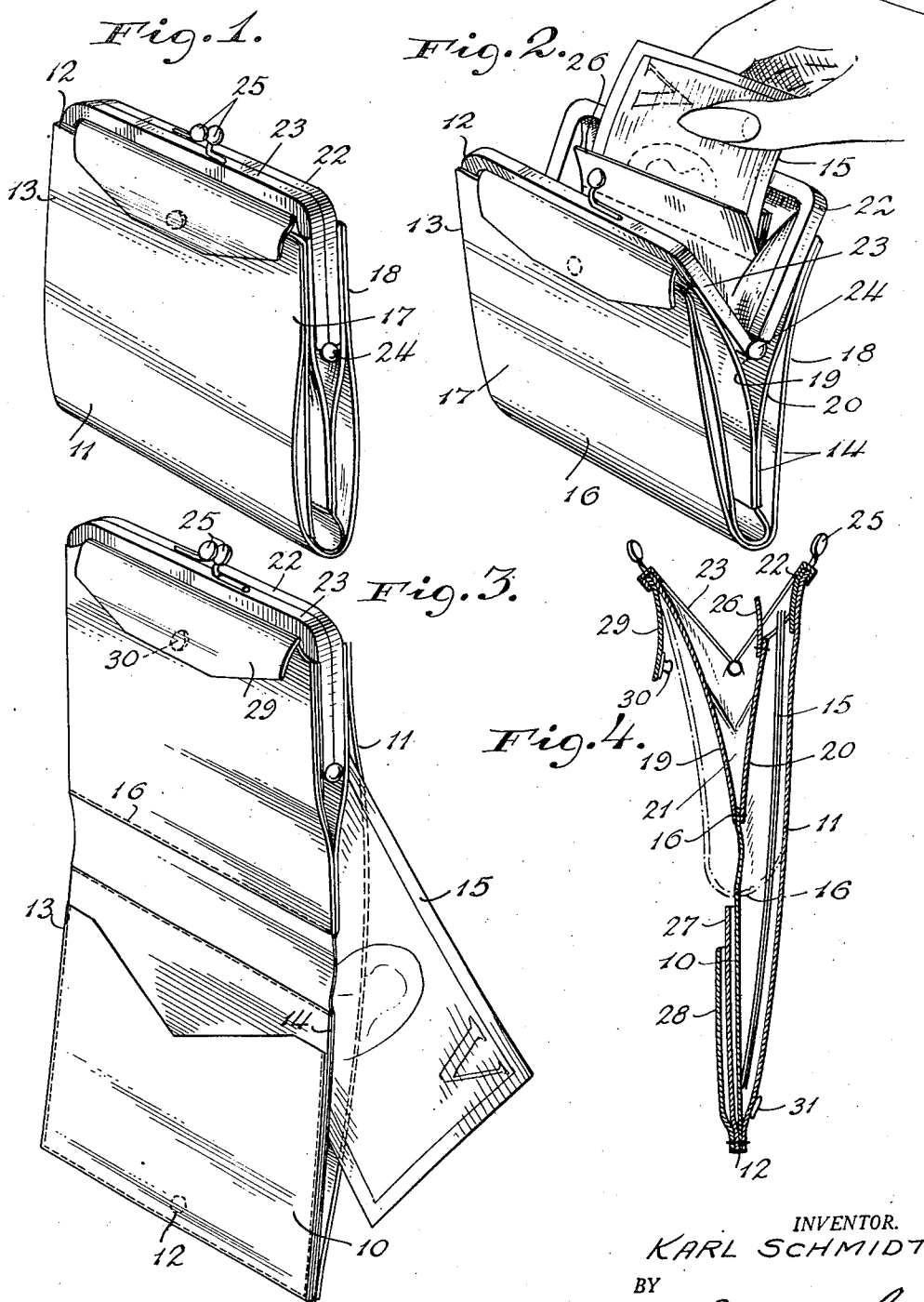
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This invention relates to a combination purse and billfold.

One of the principal objects of the invention is to provide a combined purse and billfold which will retain the contents securely and still permit ready access thereto.

Another object of the invention is to provide a combined purse and billfold that will hold the bills securely against dislodgement when the purse is opened and which will permit immediate inspection of the denominations of the bills without having to withdraw them from the billfold.

Still a further object is to provide a combined purse and billfold which may be partially unfolded to disclose the adjacent ends of the bills contained therein, while still frictionally holding these bills within the billfold in folded condition, so that the user may, by engaging one or more of the adjacent ends of the bills, pull the same from the billfold without disturbing the remaining bills contained therein and without the necessity of opening the billfold completely and, consequently, without exposing the contents of the purse.

Other objects and advantages inherent in the invention will become apparent from the following description which is taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawing which illustrates a preferred embodiment of the inventive concept.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the combined purse and billfold, according to the invention, in folded condition.

Figure 2 is a perspective view showing the combined purse and billfold in open position so that access may be had to the coin compartment as well as the bill section of the device.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the device in completely unfolded condition and in such position that access may be had to the bills contained therein while the coin compartment remains closed.

Figure 4 is a longitudinal section of the billfold in its unfolded condition showing the coin compartment in opened position.

Throughout the drawing the same reference characters indicate the same or analogous parts.

The invention comprises a pair of superimposed, elongated strips 10 and 11. These strips are preferably rectangular in shape and made of flexible material, such as leather, textile fabric or other suitable fabric. The strips 10 and 11 are joined together along the bottom edge 12 and along the longitudinal side 13, leaving the longitudinal sides 14 detached from one another. In this manner a compartment is formed open at the top and at one side for the insertion of the bills 15.

It will be understood, however, that instead of

having two superimposed strips, the compartment or billfold may be formed of a single strip folded to form the bottom edge 12 and then attached along one of the longitudinal sides.

The length of the strips 10 and 11 should be slightly in excess of the paper money bills so as to permit them to lie smoothly between the superimposed strips when at full length. The superimposed strips 10 and 11 may be folded along the transverse line 16 to form a front section 17 and a rear section 18. Slightly above the folded line 16 the strip 10 is divided into two branches 19 and 20, branch 20 being a continuation of and in alignment with strip 10. A triangular insert 21 is interposed between the branches 19 and 20. The base of the triangular insert is of such a width that it will permit the frame members 22 and 23, which are pivoted at 24 to open a sufficient distance to permit access to the coin compartment formed by the branches 19 and 20 and the triangular inserts 21.

The triangular inserts 21 become folded when the frame members 22 and 23 are clasped together, as shown in Figure 1 of the drawing.

The frame members may be provided with a clamping device 25 to maintain the same in closed position.

Thus the coin compartment is constituted by the branches 19 and 20 and the foldable triangular gussets 21. The branch 20 is attached to the strip 11 only at its upper corners leaving a slot between the strip 11 and the branch 20. The edges of the bills 15 are accommodated in this slot. The upper edge of the branch 20 is provided with a flexible flap 26 which may be folded down so as to permit inspection of the edges of the bills.

The strip 10, if desired, may be provided with pockets 27 and 28.

A flap 29 may be secured to the frame member 23. The flap 29 is provided with a male fastener 30 on its interior surface and which is adapted to engage the female fastener 31 on the exterior surface of the strip 11. In this manner, the billfold formed by the strips 10 and 11 and the branch 20 may be maintained in folded condition.

In operation, the bills are placed inside the compartment, flat against the strip 11. The billfold is then folded and fastening members 30 and 31 snapped together.

It will be seen from the foregoing description that access may be had to the coin compartment formed by the branch members 19 and 20 and the triangular insert 21 without disclosing the bills in the bill compartment and vice versa. The edges of the bills may be disclosed to view simply by folding down the flap 26 and thus the bills may be counted without removing them from the billfold. If it is desired to remove one of the

bills a strong pull on the selected bill will dislodge it from its neighbor.

It will be understood that this disclosure is given by way of example only and not by way of limitation. The invention may find a variety of expressions within the scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A combined purse and billfold comprising a strip of flexible material of such length that money bills may be laid smoothly against it at their full length forming an outer wall member, an inner wall member attached to the outer wall member along the bottom edge and along one side to form a bill compartment, said inner wall member having a branch member, said branch member having interposed between it and said inner wall member foldable end wall members to define a V-shaped coin compartment open at the top to define an entrance for access to said coin compartment, said inner wall member paralleling the length of said strip, the inner wall member being attached at its outer end adjacent the corners only, substantially to the top edge of said strip, whereby a slot is formed between said strip and said inner wall member for accommodating the ends of the paper money bills, said strip and said inner wall member being foldable against said branch member and means for detachably securing said strip and said inner wall member to said branch member below said entrance whereby said coin compartment and said bill compartment may be used independently of one another, if desired.
2. A combined purse and billfold comprising a strip of flexible material of such length that money bills may be laid smoothly against it at their full length forming an outer wall member, an inner wall member for said strip and attached to the outer wall member along the bottom edge and along one side to form a bill compartment, said inner wall member having a branch member, said branch member having interposed between it and said inner wall member foldable end wall members to define a V-shaped coin compartment open at the top to define an entrance for access to said coin compartment, said inner wall member paralleling the length of said strip, the inner wall member being attached at its outer end adjacent the corners only, substantially to the top edge of said strip, whereby a slot is formed between said strip and said inner wall member for accommodating the ends of the paper money bills, said strip and said inner wall member being foldable against said branch member and means for detachably securing said strip and said inner wall member to said branch member below said entrance whereby said coin compartment and said bill compartment may be used independently of one another, if desired, and closure means for clasping said branch wall member and said inner wall member against said strip.
3. A combined purse and billfold comprising a strip of flexible material of such length that money bills may be laid smoothly against it at their full length forming an outer wall member, an inner wall member for said strip and attached to the outer wall member along the bottom edge and along one side to form a bill compartment, said inner wall member having a branch member, said branch member having interposed between it and said inner wall member foldable end wall members to define a V-shaped coin compart-

ment open at the top to define an entrance for access to said coin compartment, said inner wall member paralleling the length of said strip, the inner wall member being attached at its outer end adjacent the corners only, substantially to the top edge of said strip, whereby a slot is formed between said strip and said inner wall member for accommodating the ends of the paper money bills, said strip and said inner wall member being foldable against said branch member and means for detachably securing said strip and said inner wall member to said branch member below said entrance whereby said coin compartment and said bill compartment may be used independently of one another, if desired, and closure means for clasping said branch wall member and said inner wall member against said strip.

4. A combined purse and billfold comprising a strip of flexible material of such length that money bills may be laid smoothly against it at their full length forming an outer wall, an inner wall member for said strip and attached to the outer wall member along the bottom edge and along one side to form a bill compartment, said inner wall member having a branch member, said branch member having interposed between it and said inner wall member foldable end wall members to define a V-shaped coin compartment open at the top to define an entrance for access to said coin compartment, said inner wall member paralleling the length of said strip, the inner wall member being attached at its outer end adjacent the corners only, substantially to the top edge of said strip, whereby a slot is formed between said strip and said inner wall member for accommodating the ends of the paper money bills, said strip and said inner wall member being foldable against said branch member and means for detachably securing said strip and said inner wall member to said branch member below said entrance whereby said coin compartment and said bill compartment may be used independently of one another, if desired, said inner wall member being slit downwardly adjacent its attached corners to provide a longitudinal flap.

5. In a combination purse and billfold, a coin section comprising a pair of hinged members forming a frame, frame members attached to said hinged members, end gussets between said frame members, clasp means for maintaining said hinged members in closed position, a strip of flexible material forming an outer wall member attached to one of said hinged members exteriorly of one of said frame members, said strip being of such length that money bills may be laid smoothly against it at their full length, a second strip of flexible material forming an outer wall member extending from the bottom edge of said inner wall member, said inner wall member and said outer wall member defining a bill compartment therebetween, a slot in said inner wall member defining an opening into said billfold compartment whereby the ends of the money bills will extend into said coin section, said wall members being foldable about said coin section and means for detachably securing said wall members in folded condition against one of said frame members whereby said coin section and said bill compartment may be used independently of one another.

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