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Fig. 1

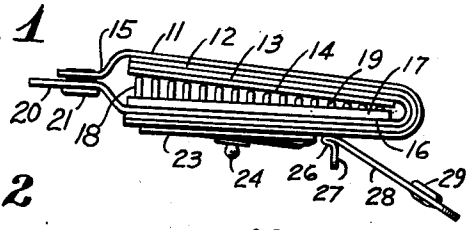


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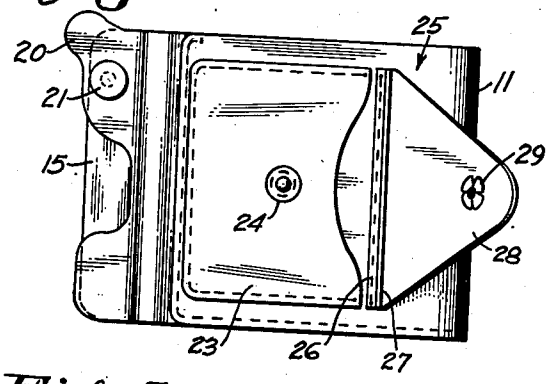


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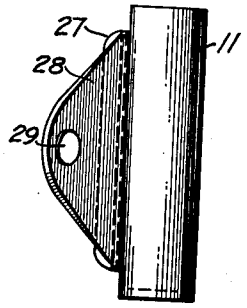


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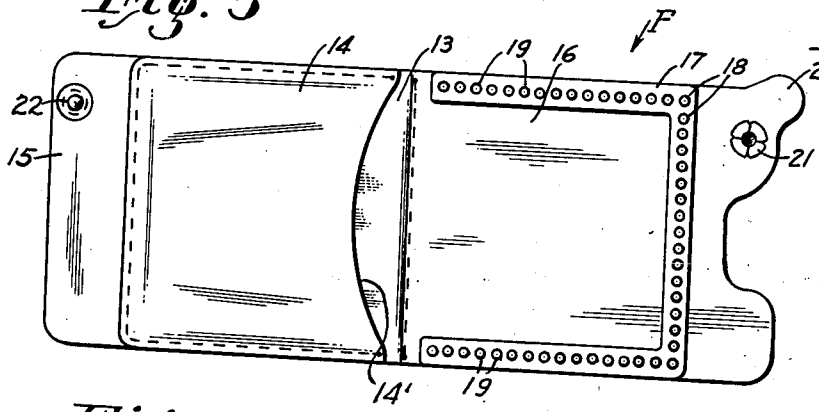


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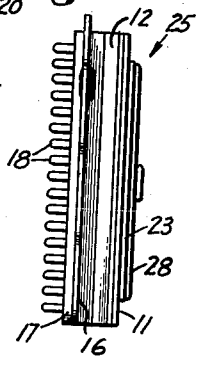
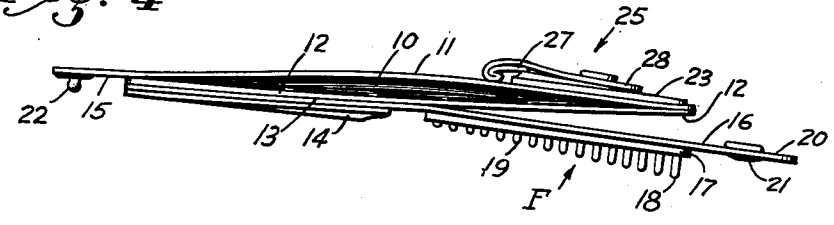


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This invention relates to billfolds or wallets having coin pockets.

Billfolds have been equipped in their inner cover with a coin or change pocket from which the coins are slid out by gravity and are retained by a stiff flange formed on the flap normally closing said pocket. These billfolds are unduly thick on account of the stiff flange and are in consequence inconvenient when carried in a trouser pocket or the like.

The primary object of the invention is to overcome this inconvenience by replacing the stiff flange by a pliant resilient coin retaining means permitting the billfold to be folded into thinner, more convenient shape.

The invention consists in the details of construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts of my improved billfold or wallet whereby certain advantages are attained, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In order that my invention may be better understood, I will now proceed to describe the same with reference to the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a side elevational view of a billfold constructed in accordance with an embodiment of the invention and in folded or closed condition;

Figure 2 is a view in bottom plan of the device as shown in Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a view in end elevation of the folded side of Figure 1;

Figure 4 is a view in side elevation of the device in an extended or fully opened condition;

Figure 5 is a view in bottom plan of Figure 4, and

Figure 6 is a view in end elevation of Figure 4.

The billfold as herein embodied comprises a pocket 10 for bills or paper money or the like, which is formed by an outer cover 11 and an inner cover 12. The two elongated rectangular covers are attached to each other along one of their respective longitudinal edges and along their transverse end edges.

On the outside surface of the inner cover 12, a portion 13 of a closure flap F is secured and on the flap portion 13 a coin or change pocket forming wall 14 is secured, thereby forming a coin pocket 14' between the inner cover 12 and the wall 14. One transverse edge of the flap portion 13, the wall 14 and the inner cover 12 coincide with each other, while the outer cover 11 extends beyond these edges as indicated at 15. The loose portion 16 of the closure flap F supports a bed strip 17 on the face thereof away from the inner cover 12, which strip extends along the longitudinal

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edges and transversely of said flap portion. On the transverse portion of the bed strip 17 a plurality of pliant and resilient fingers 18 are provided and on the longitudinal bed strip portions a plurality of similar fingers 19 are arranged. All of such fingers extend outwardly from, or perpendicularly to, the adjacent surface of the flap portion 16 when the billfold is opened, as shown in Figures 4 to 6. The fingers 18 are all of equal length, while the fingers 19 decrease uniformly in length toward the pocket 14'. An ear 20 is formed on the free transverse edge of the loose flap portion 16 and a female snap fastener part 21 is secured to this ear 20. A male snap fastener part 22 is secured to the portion 15 of the outer cover 11, so that the two snap fastener parts 21 and 22 can engage each other, when the loose flap portion 16 is folded over the pocket 14' to close said pocket. In this position the fingers 18 and 19 are bent over and partly compressed, so that the billfold can be folded in a compact position. When the billfold is unfolded and the closure flap portion 16 is opened the resilient fingers will return to their normal molded condition to project outwardly. When the billfold is tilted so that coins located in the change pocket 14' will be caused to slide out of said pocket onto the flap portion 16 by gravity, the fingers will retain the coins on the flap portion for easy selection.

To eliminate unnecessary unfolding of the billfold a second change pocket 23 is secured to the outer cover 11 adjacent to its transverse edge remote from the coin pocket 14'. A male snap fastener portion 24 is fastened on the pocket 23 and a closure flap 25 is secured to the outer cover 11 adjacent the change pocket 23. The inner end portion of said closure flap 25 is folded over as at 26, and the flap 25 is then fastened onto the cover 11 so that a short inner end portion 27 of the flap 25 extends outwardly at an angle to the main portion 28 of said flap, which is made from pliant, mildly resilient material such as leather. A female snap fastener part 29 is fastened to the closure flap portion 28 so that it can be secured in closed position when folded over the pocket 23. When said portion is in open position the inner flap portion 27 will retain any coins sliding from the pocket 23 when the billfold is tilted.

From the foregoing description it is thought to be obvious that a billfold constructed in accordance with my invention is particularly well adapted for use by reason of the convenience and facility with which it may be assembled and used.

I claim:

1. A billfold comprising a foldable sheet of ma-

terial, a change pocket secured to one face of the sheet at one end portion thereof, the opposite end portion of the sheet forming a cover flap for the change pocket, and a pliant coin obstruction forming means disposed across said sheet for stopping coins being removed by gravity from the change pocket, said obstruction forming means standing perpendicularly to the sheet when the flap is open, the said coin obstruction forming means comprising a plurality of resilient fingers arranged on the cover flap to form a barrier across the opening to the pocket.

2. A billfold comprising a foldable sheet of material, a change pocket secured to one face of the sheet at one end portion thereof, the opposite end portion of the sheet forming a cover flap for the change pocket, and a pliant coin obstruction forming means disposed across said sheet for stopping coins being removed by gravity from the change pocket, said obstruction forming means standing perpendicularly to the sheet when the flap is open, the said coin obstruction forming means comprising a plurality of resilient fingers arranged along the longitudinal edges and along the transverse edge of the cover flap.

3. A billfold comprising a foldable sheet of material, a change pocket secured to one face of the sheet at one end portion thereof, the opposite end portion of the sheet forming a cover flap for the change pocket, and a pliant coin obstruction forming means disposed across said sheet for stopping coins being removed by gravity from the change pocket, said obstruction forming means standing perpendicularly to the sheet when the flap is open, the coin obstruction forming means comprising a plurality of resilient fingers arranged along the longitudinal edges and along the transverse edge of the cover flap, the fingers located along the transverse edge being of equal length and the fingers along the longitudinal edges diminishing evenly in length toward the pocket.

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