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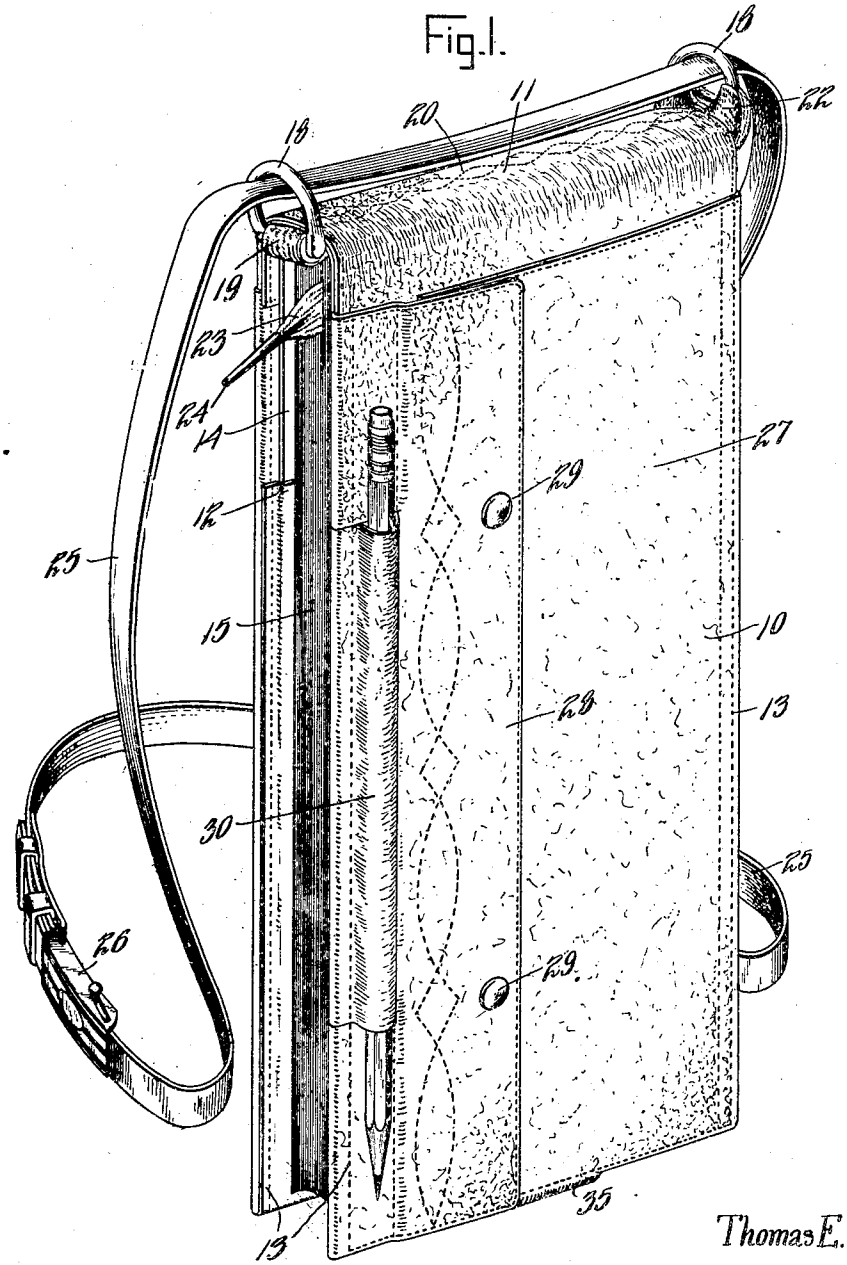
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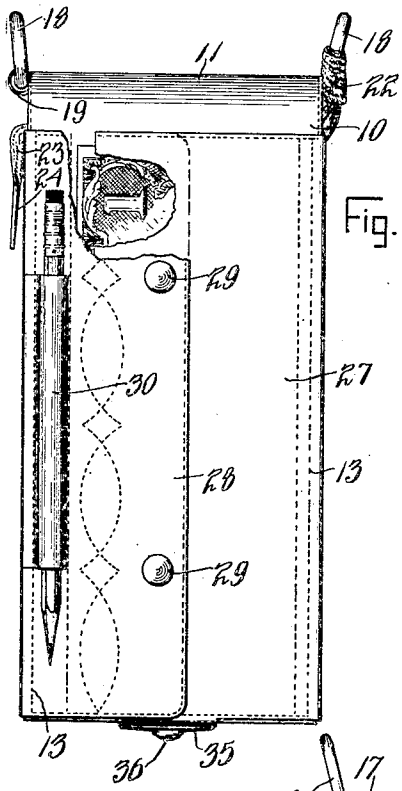


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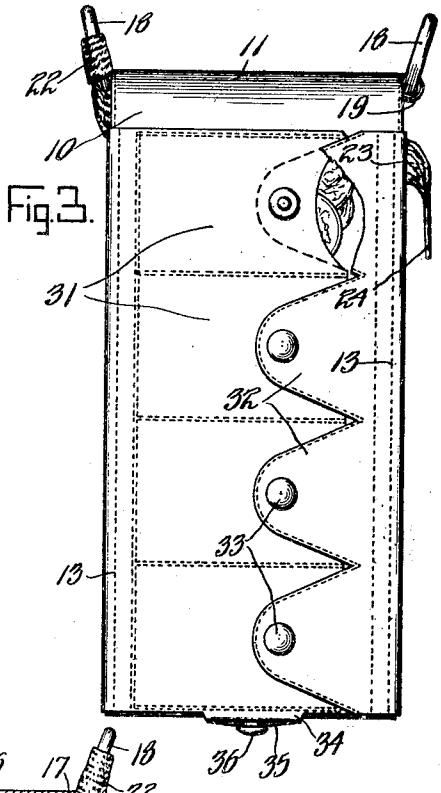


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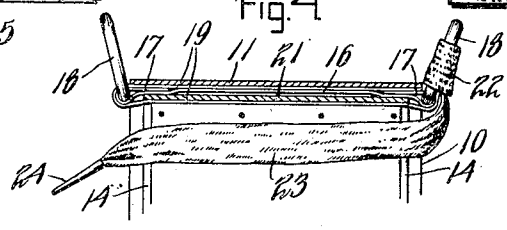


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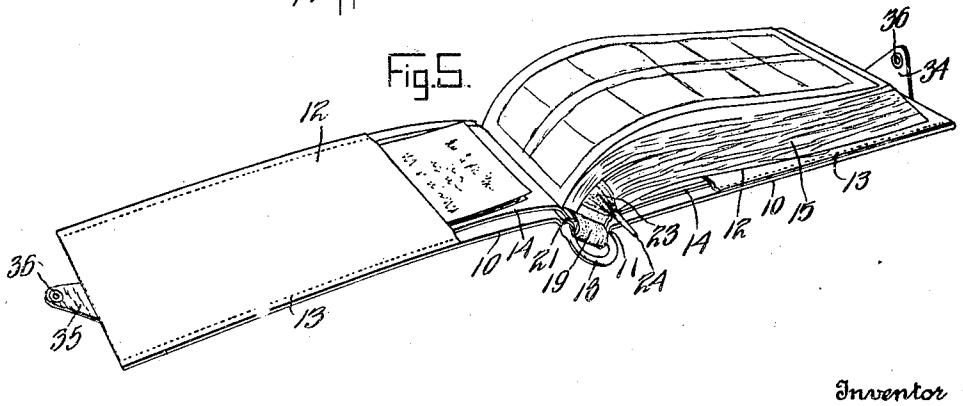


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS E. BRENAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at New Orleans, in the parish of Orleans and State of Louisiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Collectors' Wallets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to collectors' portmanteaus and has for an object to provide a cover adapted to be employed upon a collector's book which said book is provided with the ordinary covers and loose back, the portmanteau providing pockets for the receipt of the covers and with a tie member adapted to be inserted through the loose back and secured with the free end employed as a book-mark.

A further object of the invention is to provide a portmanteau having carrier rings to one of which is secured a tie member adapted to be inserted through the loose back of a book and tied to the opposite ring leaving a free end of the tie for further use as for instance to be used as a book-mark.

With these and other objects in view the invention comprises certain novel units, constructions, arrangements, and combinations as will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, which are made a part hereof and on which similar reference characters indicate similar parts,

Figure 1 is a view of the improved portmanteau inclosing a book, with the tie member shown employed as a book-mark, such view being in perspective and shown in conjunction with a carrier strap, engaging the carrier rings,

Fig. 2 a view of the portmanteau in side elevation, part being broken away to show the utility bill pocket,

Fig. 3 a view in side elevation taken opposite to Fig. 2 showing one of the coin pockets with the flap broken away,

Fig. 4 is a transverse sectional view showing the manner of attaching and employing the tie member, and

Fig. 5 a perspective view of the portmanteau open, showing the pockets for receiving the covers of the book and further papers and documents.

The improved portmanteau which forms the subject matter of this application comprises a single strip of material, as for instance leather, designated at 10 extending throughout the length of the portmanteau and folded at 11. To the strip 10, pocket members 12 are secured in any approved manner as by the stitching 13 and adapted to receive and retain the covers 14 of the book, indicated as an entirety at 15.

The strip 10 also has secured thereto, at the fold 11, a strap 16 having its ends turned in and secured as at 17, engaging the carrier rings 18. Likewise secured therewith is a tie member 19 fastened in any suitable manner with the strap 16 to the strip 10, preferably by the stitching 20 as shown.

The tie member 10 is of such material and length as to pass through the loose back 21 of the book and engage the opposite carrier ring 18. The engagement of the tie member 19 with the opposite carrier ring may be in any approved manner but preferably by an ordinary "cinch" tie indicated at 22. The securing of the tie member to the ring 18 as at 22 leaves a free end 23 which is employed as a book-mark as indicated. A tie-member of the construction and quality ordinarily known as a "flat shoe lace" is found desirable in which case a tip 24 terminates the section 23.

The carrier rings 18 are employed for the purpose of engagement with a carrier strap 25 which may be of any usual and ordinary material, construction and length and provided with any usual and ordinary adjusting means, as the buckle 26.

Upon one side of the exterior of the strip 10 a bill pocket 27 is provided having a flap 28 secured in any approved manner as by the fastening members 29 of the type ordinarily referred to as "glove fasteners". Upon the same side of the strip 10 and applied upon the material of the flap is a pencil loop 30.

Upon the opposite end of the strip 10 and also upon the exterior of the portmanteau a plurality of coin pockets 31 are provided having flaps 32 secured by fastener members 33 similar to the fasteners 29. Secured to the opposite ends of the strip 10 are fastener tabs 34 and 35 having fasteners 36 corresponding to the fasteners 29 and 33.

In use the device will be transported by the user by slinging the strap 25 over the shoulder in the usual and ordinary manner of carrying portmanteaus. The bill pocket and the coin pockets will be available from the exterior of the portmanteau without

opening the cover members. When, however, access to the book or to the document pockets 12 becomes necessary the tabs 34 and 35 are separated and by lifting the portmanteau in the hand or upon the arm of the user, the leaves of the book 15 are readily available, or access may be had to the pockets 12. The end 23 being employed as a book-mark reference to the next page of the book to be referred to is almost instantly had, saving time and embarrassment of the user in searching for the page containing the matter relative to which an entry is to be made. The pencil in the loop 30 is at all times available for the making of such entry or for filling out or completing documents extracted from the pockets 12.

Having thus fully described my said invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. A portmanteau comprising, a strip of covering material folded intermediate its ends, carrier rings secured upon opposite edges at the folded book-cover-receiving pockets secured to the inner surfaces of the covering material and extending therefrom and a tie member secured at one end to the under side of the material at the fold and to one of the carrier rings and adapted to engage the opposite carrier ring after passing through the loose back of a contained book and present a free end adapted to serve as a book-mark.

2. A portmanteau comprising, a strip of material folded intermediate its ends, tab-closed money pockets secured to the exterior of the folded strip, other pockets secured to the interior of the folded strip and having openings directed each toward the other and proportioned to receive the extremities of the covers of an inclosed book, carrier rings secured to the opposite edges of the strip and extending therefrom at the fold and a flexible tie member permanently secured at one of the carrier rings and to the strip of material at its fold and adapted to be temporarily secured to the opposite carrier ring after passing through the loose back of a contained book, said tie member being of sufficient length to provide a free end adapted to serve as a book-mark.

3. A portmanteau comprising a strip of material folded in the middle and having each of its ends provided with a book-cover-receiving pocket, a strap secured along the under edge of the fold and provided with loops at the extremities of the fold, rings passing through the loops and being held thereby in a position allowing them to extend beyond the fold, a tie member having an end secured to one of the rings and along the fold and having a free end adapted to pass through the loose back of a contained book and be secured to the other ring.

4. A portmanteau comprising a strip of material folded at the middle, a strap secured along the under edge of the fold and provided with loops at the extremities of the fold, rings passing through the loops and adapted to be held thereby in an extending position, a tie member having an end secured to one of the rings and along the fold and having a free end adapted to engage a contained book and be secured to the other ring whereby the said book is removably held within the portmanteau.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal at New Orleans, Louisiana, this 29th day of April, A. D. nineteen hundred and twenty.

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