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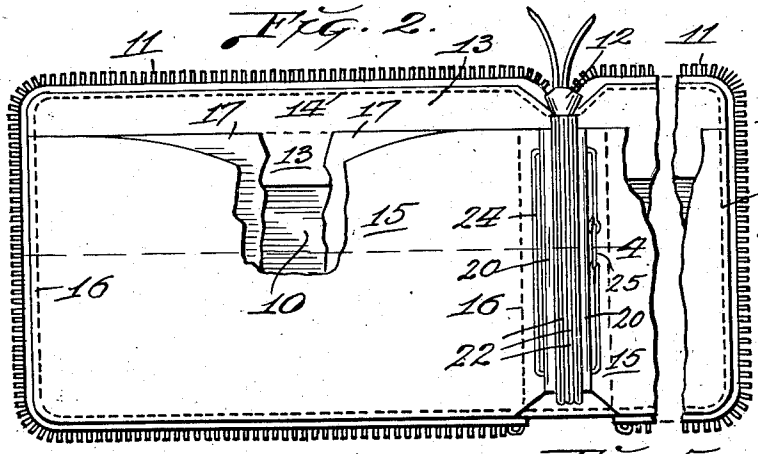


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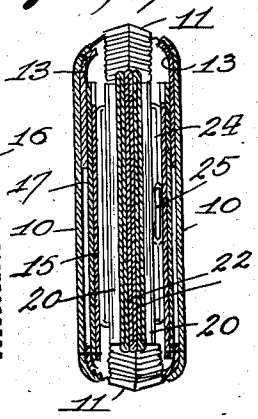


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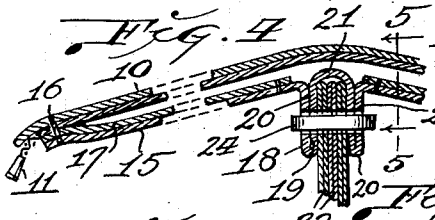


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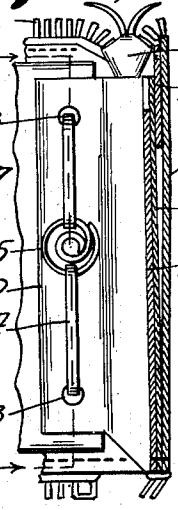


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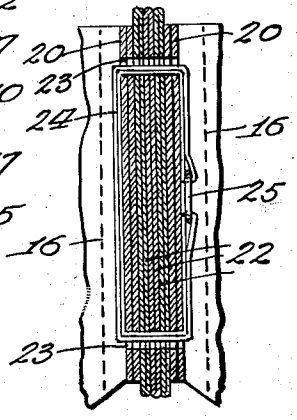


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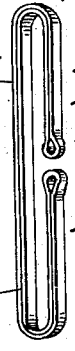


Fig. 1.

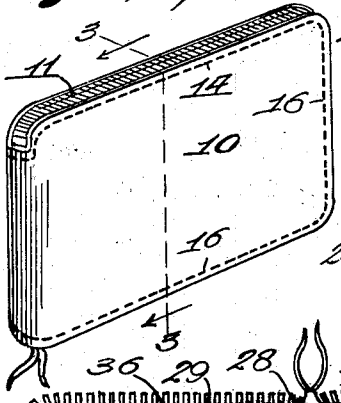


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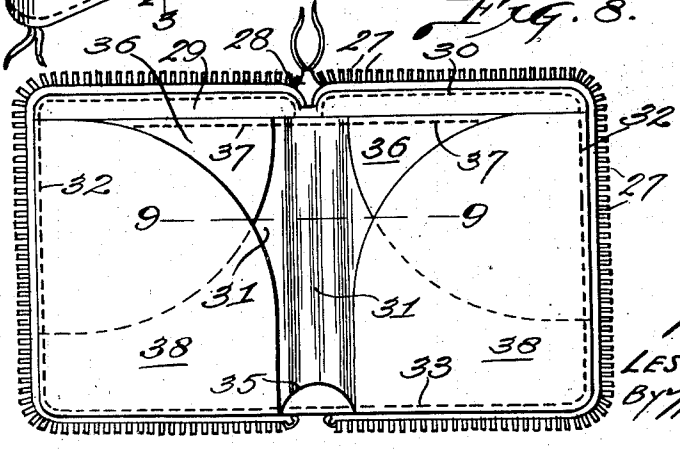
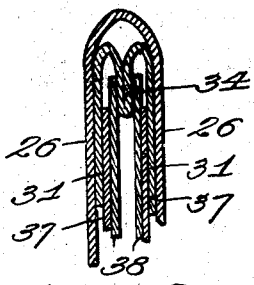


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My invention relates to a flexible container particularly adapted to be carried in the pocket and to serve as a container for paper currency, checks, cards, and the like, and one of the principal objects of my invention is, to provide a container of the character referred to that will, in addition to serving as a convenient carrier for currency and the like, also functions as a convenient case for the license cards issued to aviators and the drivers of motor vehicles.

Further objects of my invention are, to provide a combined bill fold and license case that may be easily and quickly opened and closed, to provide a construction between the halves of the case so that the same will lie flat or in the same plane when the case is opened, further, to provide a bill fold with a plurality of envelopes composed of thin sheets of transparent material and which provide containers for license cards of the particular type issued to airplane pilots, motor vehicle drivers, and the like, and further, to provide simple and efficient means for binding the envelopes within the case so that said envelopes may be easily and quickly inserted or removed.

A further object of my invention is, to provide a bill fold and license case having a plurality of pockets adapted to receive cards, folded paper currency, coins, or the like, and to arrange between said pockets the folding portion of a flexible wall so that when the halves of the bill fold or case are in closed position said folding portion will overlie and close said pockets, thus retaining the contents therein until the case is subsequently opened.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, my invention consists in certain novel features of construction and arrangement of parts that will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a combined bill fold and license case constructed in accordance with my invention.

Fig. 2 is an elevational view of the case in open position with parts broken away.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged vertical section taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a horizontal section taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2 with parts broken away.

Fig. 5 is an enlarged vertical section taken on the line 5—5 of Fig. 4.

Fig. 6 is a vertical section taken on the line 6—6 of Fig. 5.

Fig. 7 is a perspective view of a flexible loop utilized for detachably securing the license holding envelopes in the case.

Fig. 8 is an elevational view of a modified form of the bill fold, the same being in open position.

Fig. 9 is an enlarged horizontal section taken approximately on the line 9—9 of Fig. 8 and with the case in closed position.

Referring by numerals to the accompanying drawing and particularly to the construction illustrated in Figs. 1 to 7 inclusive, 10 designates a rectangular section of leather, leatherette, or similar flexible material, and which is adapted to fold on a line midway between its ends to form the two walls of the case.

Suitably secured to the upper, lower, and outer edges of the walls, are the complementary hook members 11 of conventional, flexible slide fasteners that are engaged and disengaged by a sliding member 12. Applied to the upper portions of the inner faces of the walls of the case are lining strips 13, the same being secured to the walls along their upper and outer end edges by rows of stitching 14.

Arranged on the inner face of the walls 10 is an elongated rectangular section 15 of leather, leatherette, or the like, the ends and lower edges thereof being suitably secured to the end and lower portions of the walls 10 by rows of stitching 16 or otherwise, the same providing a pair of walls that are spaced apart from the walls 10 so as to form pockets for the reception of cards, stamps, or other articles usually carried in bill folds. This section of material 15 is slightly narrower than the section 10 that forms the walls of the case and thus the lower edge of the section 15 is disposed slightly below the upper edges of the walls 10.

Partition walls 17 of leather or the like are disposed between the outside walls 10 of the case and the inner walls formed by the section of material 15, and the outer end edges and lower edges of these partition walls 17 are secured to the section of material forming the outside walls 10 and the section of material 15 forming the inside walls, by the rows of stitching 16. The space between the partition walls 17 and the walls 10 of the outer case is continuous from one end of the case to the other, thus providing a pocket of ample size to receive paper currency, checks, and the like.

The intermediate portion of the section of leather 15 forming the inner walls of the case or that portion between the inner ends of the partitions 17 is extended forwardly from the inner edges of the partitions 17 as designated by 18

and thence rearwardly toward the center of the section of leather forming the outside walls 10 as designated by 19, thus providing substantially parallel flanges 20 of double thickness that extend across the case from top to bottom at a point midway between its ends.

The inner edges of the rearwardly projecting portions 19 are integrally connected as designated by 21 and such construction provides a pocket between the flanges 20 for the reception of the inner ends of a plurality of envelopes 22 adapted to receive and hold license cards or certicates such as are issued to airplane pilots and the drivers of motor vehicles.

These envelopes are preferably formed from thin sheets of flexible, transparent material, for instance, clear Celluloid, Cellophane, or the like, and the free ends of said envelopes are open in order that license cards and the like may be readily inserted therein and when inserted both sides of the license cards, or the like, may be readily observed due to the fact that said envelopes are composed of transparent material.

To detachably secure the envelopes between the flanges 20, the latter and the inner ends of the envelopes are provided with coinciding apertures 23 through which passes an elongated loop 24 composed of flexible material, preferably leather, and the ends thereof being brought into position adjacent each other on the outer face of one of the flanges 20. The ends of this loop are detachably connected by means of a fastening device 25 formed of resilient wire and shaped to provide a spiral having approximately two convolutions (see Fig. 5).

When the bill fold or case is closed, the inner walls 15, the partition walls 17, and the transparent envelopes 22 lie flat against each other and they are maintained in compact arrangement by the outside walls 10 of the case, the edges thereof being detachably connected by the hooks 11 of the slide fastener and which hooks are interengaged by manipulation of the slide 12. Thus when closed, the case has the appearance as illustrated in Fig. 1 and in such shape it may be conveniently carried in the pocket.

To remove one or all of the transparent envelopes in the case, it is only necessary to manipulate the coiled fastening member 25 so as to release one end of the flexible loop 24 and said released end may now be withdrawn from the apertures 23 in the flanges 20 and in the envelopes, thus freeing the latter.

In the modified construction illustrated in Figs. 8 and 9, the outer member of the case is formed from a single piece of leather or the like, rectangular in shape and adapted to fold on a medial line so as to provide two walls 26, and carried by the edges of these walls are the complementary hook members 27 of a conventional slide fastener, the same being opened and closed by a sliding loop 28.

A facing strip 29 is applied to the inner faces of the upper portions of the walls 26 and suitably secured thereto, preferably by rows of stitching 30, and a single section of flexible material 31, such as leather, is positioned adjacent the inner faces of the walls 26 with the ends of said section 31 secured to the end portions of the section of material forming the walls 26, by rows of stitching 32. The lower edge of the section 31 is secured to the outer section forming the walls 26 by a row of stitching 33. Thus an elongated pocket is formed between the inner section of material 31 and the section forming the walls 26, said pocket being open at the top and adapted to receive paper currency, checks, and the like.

The central portion of the inner flexible section 31 is folded double so as to provide a flange 34 of double thickness that projects forwardly between the side portions of the case when the same is closed (see Fig. 9).

The lower end of this doubled portion or flange 34 is cut away to form a substantially inverted U-shaped notch 35 and this fold enables the two parts of the case to be opened into flat condition without undue strains on the inner member 31.

Overlying the outer faces of the upper portion of the section 31 of flexible material to the sides of the folded central portion 34 are segmental sections 36 of leather or analogous material, the upper edges of which are secured to the member 31 by rows of stitching 37 and the outer end edges being secured to the outer member forming the walls 26, by the rows of stitching 32.

Segmental sections 38 of leather or the like overlie the lower portions of the member 31 and the lower portions of the segmental members 36, and the outer edges of these members 38 are secured to the ends of member 31 and the outer member forming the walls 26, by the rows of stitching 32. The lower edges of these members 38 are secured to the lower edges of members 31 and to the members forming the walls 26, by stitching 33.

Thus the segmental members 36 and 38 combine to form a pocket or pockets open along their inner edges, which pockets are adapted to receive cards, coins, stamps, and the like, and when the case is closed the flange 34 formed by the doubled central portion of member 31, overlies and closes the open ends of these pockets so as to securely maintain the contents therein.

Thus it will be seen that I have provided a bill fold and license case that is relatively simple in construction, inexpensive of manufacture and very effective in performing the functions for which it is intended.

In addition to providing a simple, convenient and efficient bill fold, the case is provided with a series of readily removable envelopes adapted to receive and hold in visible and protected condition, the license certificates or cards issued to the pilots of aircraft and the drivers of motor vehicles.

It will be understood that minor changes in the size, form and construction of the various parts of my improved bill fold and license case, may be made and substituted for those herein shown and described, without departing from the spirit of my invention, the scope of which is set forth in the appended claims.

I claim as my invention:

1. In a bill fold and license case, a section of flexible material foldable on a medial line to provide a pair of side walls, releasable fastening means for securing said walls to each other along their upper, lower and free end edges, narrow lining strips of flexible material overlying the upper inner faces of said side walls and secured thereto along their upper and outer edges, a section of flexible material arranged on the inner faces of said side walls and secured thereto along its lower and end edges to form open topped pockets between said inner flexible member and said side walls, the upper edge of the section of material that lies against the inner faces of said side walls being disposed below the upper edges of said lining strips and the upper edges of said

side walls, portions of the flexible member that overlies the inner faces of the side walls being folded double adjacent its medial line to form a pair of forwardly projecting spaced flanges, a transparent envelope having its inner end positioned between said flanges, releasable means for securing said envelope to said flanges, and partitions of flexible material disposed between said side walls and the section of flexible material overlying the inner faces thereof, with the upper portions of said partitions overlying the lower portions of said lining strips.

2. In a bill fold and license case, a section of flexible material folded on a medial line to form a pair of side walls, a narrow lining strip of flexible material secured to and overlying the upper portion of the inner faces of said side walls, a section of flexible material overlying the inner faces of said side walls and secured thereto along their lower and outer edges, the upper portion of which last mentioned section of flexible material overlies the lower portions of said lining strips, the central portion of the flexible member that overlies the inner faces of said side walls being folded to provide a pair of spaced outwardly projecting flanges, transparent envelopes detachably secured to and arranged between said flanges, flexible partitions arranged between said side walls and the flexible member that overlies the inner faces thereof, the lower and outer end edges of which partitions are secured to the lower and outer end edges of said side walls and to the lower and outer edges of the flexible member overlying the inner faces of said side walls and the inner ends of said flexible partitions being secured to the flexible member that overlies the inner faces of the side walls adjacent said flanges.

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