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BILL CASE

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FIG.1

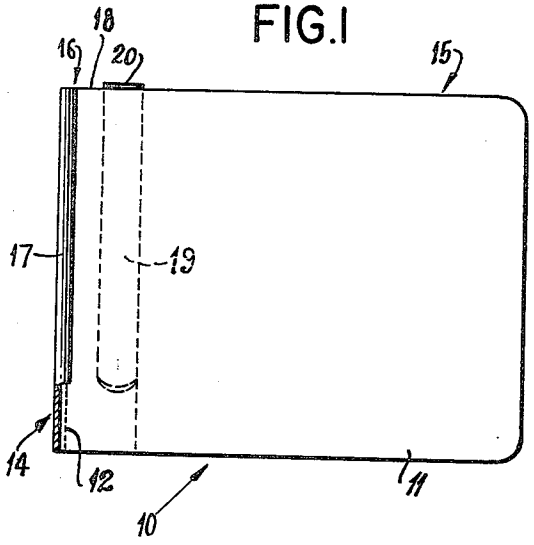
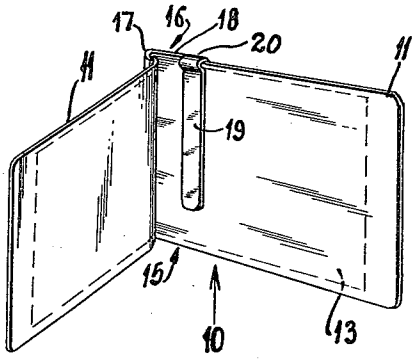


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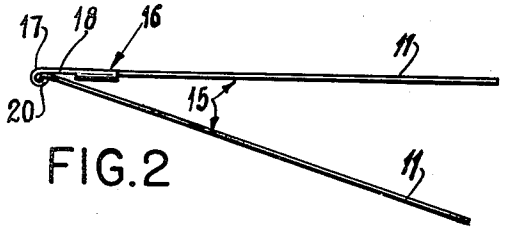


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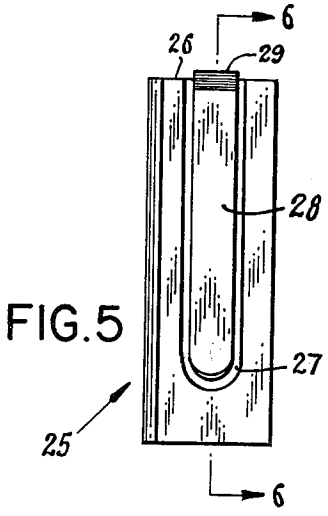


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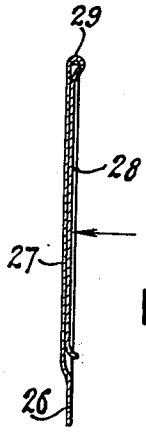


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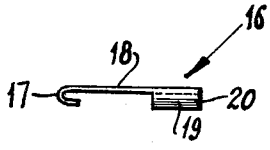


FIG.4

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This invention relates to improvements in a bill case or bill fold for carrying folded bills in concealment.

An object of this invention is to provide a novel bill case which is simple and compact and which will securely hold paper currency in compact form, and which permits quick insertion or removal of the currency.

Another object of this invention is to provide a novel currency holder of the simplest character, which may be opened to insert bills or currency and which automatically holds the currency under tension when in closed position.

Another object of this invention is to provide a bill case having a modified bill clamp which causes positive interlocking engagement of the bills in the bill case, whereby a plurality of folded bills may be placed in the bill case cover, under the tongue and retained in the cover in gripped relation while permitting removal of any of the bills selectively from a roll of bills clamped in the bill case.

Another object of this invention is to provide a combination reinforcement and bill case having a one-piece bill clamp made of a strip of spring metal having a wall engaging an outer wall of the bill case in exposed relation and being adapted to have a name embossed thereon and serving the dual purpose of a name plate while clamping the bill case cover, and whereby the one-piece bill clamp serves as a name plate as well as a bill case clamp.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention will be hereinafter more particularly described, and the combination and arrangement of parts will be shown in the accompanying drawings and pointed out in the claims which form part of this specification.

Reference will now be had to the drawings, wherein like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, in which:

Figure 1 is a side view of the bill case in folded position.

Figure 2 is a top view of the bill case in open position.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the bill case in open position.

Figure 4 is a top view of a metallic one-piece bill clamp in which the bill case cover is clamped.

Figure 5 is a side view of a modified metallic one-piece bill clamp having means for positive interlocking engagement of paper currency in the bill case.

Figure 6 is a sectional view of the bill clamp taken along the line 6—6 in Figure 5.

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In the illustrated embodiment of the invention, the numeral 10 indicates the bill case comprising two flexible sections of covering material forming flexible walls 11 which are secured together by stitching 12. The walls 11 are of a size to cover a folded bank note 13 inserted therebetween in concealment. The covering material is united by the stitching along an edge 14, thereby forming a foldable cover 15.

The bill case 10 comprises a metallic one-piece bill clamp 16 having a folded edge 17 in which the edge 14 of the cover 15 is clamped. The clamp 16 has a flat wall 18 outside the cover 15, the flat wall 18 extending from the folded edge 17 lengthwise of the bill case 10.

The clamp 16 has a spring tongue 19 integral with the flat wall 18 and connected thereto by a loop 20. The tongue 19 extends into the cover 15 laterally of the walls 11 and in spaced-apart relation from the folded edge 17.

The modified bill clamp 25 shown in Figures 5 and 6 has a flat wall 26 in which is an impressed rectangular clamping recess 27 of a size permitting a tongue 28 to enter and press therein a rectangular portion of bills placed in the bill case.

The modified bill clamp 25 causes positive interlocking engagement of bills or paper currency placed in the bill case, whereby a plurality of bills may be placed in the bill case cover, under the tongue 28 and retained in the cover in gripped relation while permitting removal of any of the bills selectively from a roll of bills clamped in the bill case.

The tongue 28 is integrally connected with the recessed portion 27 of the flat wall 26 by a circular loop portion 29, which causes the tongue 28 to be spring-pressed into the recess 27. The tongue bears against the bills slid under the tongue for insertion or removal of the bills into or out of the bill case. The recess 27 and the tongue 28 cause a crease in the bills or paper currency which prevent their dropping out of the bill case.

It is to be noted that the spring clips 16 and 25 are preferably made of spring brass. Figure 4 shows the edge 17 unfolded, and prior to assembly with the foldable cover 15. Figure 2 shows the edge 17 bent over the cover 15 and in gripping relation therewith.

As shown in Figure 5, it will be seen that the tongue 28 terminates in a loop 29 which extends outside the bill case to clear a longitudinal edge of the bill case. This permits superposition of the walls 11, 11, upon each other.

In accordance with the patent statutes I have described and illustrated the preferred embodi-

ment of my invention, but it will be understood that various changes and modifications can be made therein without departing from the spirit of the invention as defined by the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A bill case for carrying folded bills in concealment, comprising a flexible two-piece outer cover, said two pieces being joined together along an edge, a metallic one-piece bill clamp having a folded edge in which the edge of said cover is clamped, said clamp having a flat wall outside said cover and extending from said folded edge, a spring tongue integral with said flat wall and extending into said cover, said spring tongue being laterally spaced from said folded edge, said wall having an impressed rectangular clamping cavity of a size permitting said tongue to enter therein and press a rectangular portion of said bills therein, thereby causing positive interlocking engagement of said bills in said bill case, whereby a plurality of folded bills may be placed in said cover under said tongue and retained in said cover in gripped relation but permitting removal of any of said bills selectively from a roll of bills clamped in said bill case, said tongue having a looped end positioned outside said bill case to clear a longitudinal edge of said bill case and permit superposition of said bill case walls upon each other.

2. A bill case for carrying folded bills in concealment, comprising a flexible outer cover folded along an edge, a metallic one-piece bill clamp having a folded edge in which the edge of said cover is clamped, said clamp having a flat wall outside said cover and extending from said folded edge, a spring tongue integral with said wall and extending into said cover, said spring tongue being laterally spaced from said folded edge, whereby a plurality of folded bills may be placed in said cover under said tongue and retained in said cover in a manner to permit removal of any of said bills selectively from a roll of bills clamped in said bill case.

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