April 24, 1934. E. E. HART 1,956,325

EXPANDING FILE POCKET AND WALLET

Filed March 11, 1932 2 Sheets-Sheet 1

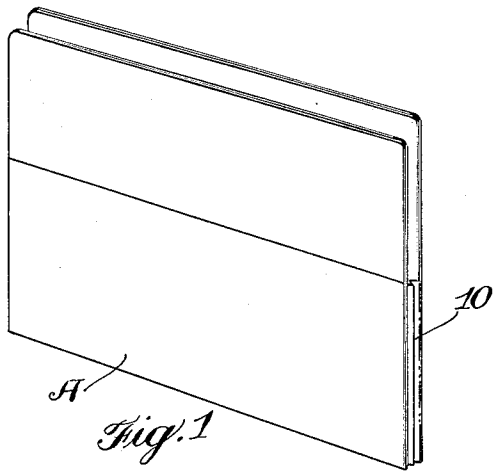


Fig. 1

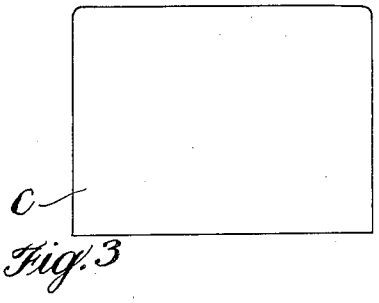


Fig. 3

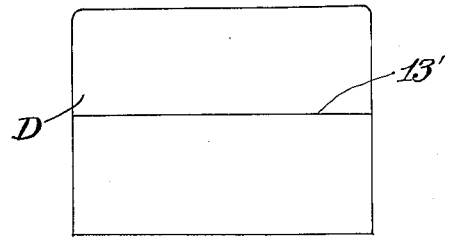


Fig. 4

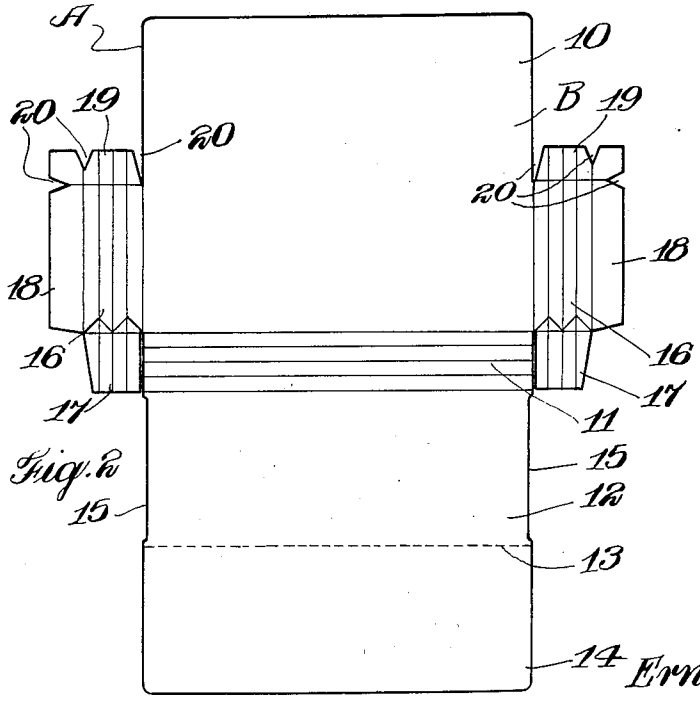


Fig. 2

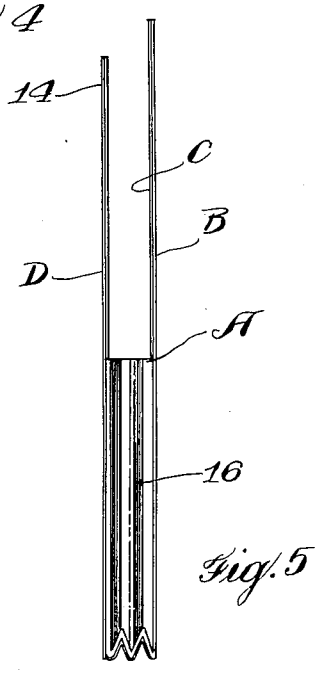


Fig. 5

Inventor

Ernest E. Hart

By Howard Riseley

Attorney

April 24, 1934. E. E. HART 1,956,325

EXPANDING FILE POCKET AND WALLET

Filed March 11, 1932 2 Sheets-Sheet 2

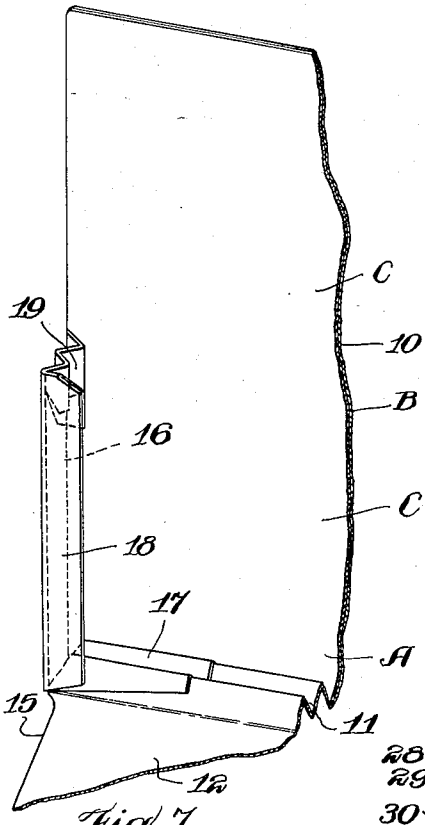


Fig. 7

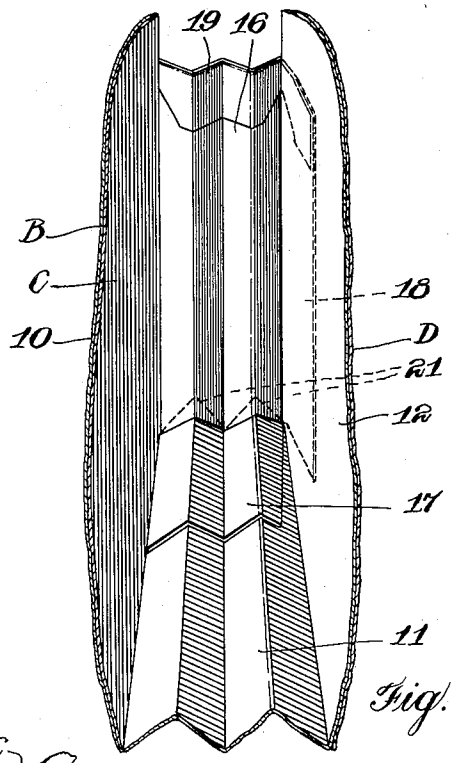


Fig. 6

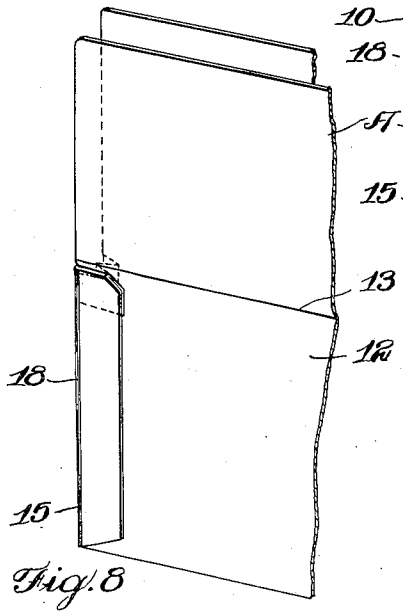


Fig. 8

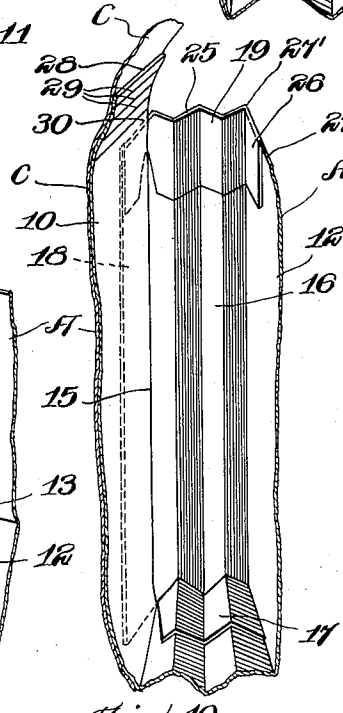


Fig. 10

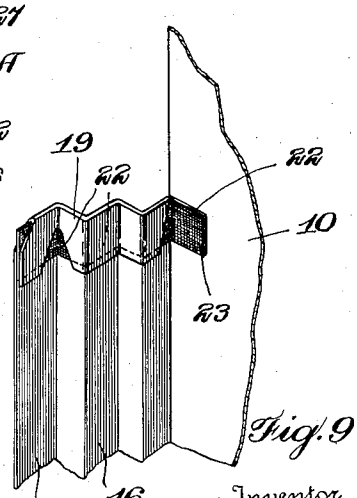


Fig. 9

Inventor
Ernest E. Hart

By Howard Fricke

Attorney

Patented Apr. 24, 1934 1,956,325

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

1,956,325

EXPANDING FILE POCKET AND WALLET

Ernest E. Hart, Minneapolis, Minn., assignor to Quality Park Envelope Co., St. Paul, Minn., a corporation of Minnesota

Application March 11, 1932, Serial No. 598,207

9 Claims. (Cl. 129—16.7)

My invention relates to an expanding file pocket or wallet, the primary feature of which is to provide a file pocket or wallet made of a small number of parts, which fit together in a simple manner, thereby providing a pocket or wallet of the character set forth of a much more simple nature and less expensive than has been the custom and method of making these articles heretofore.

In the old practice of making file pockets or wallets the gusset was made of one piece of material; the front and back of separate pieces, and then to the front and back were pasted inside liner portions which held the edges of the gusset between the same so as to make up a complete expanding file or wallet. Thus in the old style five pieces were necessary to make up the same, and usually the upper marginal edge of the gusset was strengthened by cloth strips, thus making seven pieces, while in this construction of my wallet or file pocket, I employ only three parts. With this new construction I overcome the expense of handling several more parts, as well as having a better constructed file pocket which accomplishes the same results in a less expensive manner.

In making paper expanding file pockets and wallets of the nature herein set forth, the labor is a large item of the expense chargeable to the cost of the finished product. By providing a file pocket and wallet of a simple nature having a few parts I overcome this labor expense and at the same time have a design in the construction of the same to provide a more desirable expanding file.

These features together with other details and advantages will be more fully hereinafter set forth.

In the drawings forming part of this specification:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my complete expanding file pocket or wallet.

Figure 2 is a geometric development of the died-out body portion which is the main part of my file or wallet.

Figure 3 illustrates the inside back portion of my wallet or file.

Figure 4 illustrates the outside front portion of my wallet or file.

Figure 5 is an end view of my wallet or file.

Figure 6 is an inside perspective of one of the corners of my wallet or file.

Figure 7 illustrates a perspective of the corner looking toward the back with the front and back portions broken away and showing the construction of the wallet in the course of completing the same.

Figure 8 is a perspective from the front of one side of the wallet, before the outer front sheet of Figure 4 is secured thereto.

Figure 9 illustrates an alternative construction in a detail portion of the file or wallet.

Figure 10 is a detail sectional inside perspective view of a construction of wallet illustrating my invention.

The expanding wallet or file A may be made, namely, of three main parts which I have designated as B, C and D. These parts are illustrated separately in Figures 2, 3 and 4, before they are attached together. When these parts are secured together they make up the complete expanding file or pocket A as illustrated in Figures 1 and 5.

The part B is the body or main part of the entire file or wallet A. This part is formed with a back portion 10 which extends to the scored intermediate portion 11, the score lines running longitudinally through the portion 11 being for the purpose of permitting the portion 11 to be folded to form the bottom gusset portion 11 of the file. A. Extending from the gusset portion 11 is the front portion 12 which is scored along the line 13 to permit the upper free portion 14 of the same to fold forward when using the pocket A as a file after it is completed. The front portion 12 is cut away on each side at 15, the purpose of which will be later described.

Extending from the lower side portions of the back 10 I provide integral gusset flaps 16 which have an extending portion 17 to provide an inside overlapping bottom flap portion in the gusset of the pocket A. Extending from the side gusset portion 16 I provide integral securing flaps 18 which fold over the outside of the front portion 12 in the recesses 15 which are formed for the purpose of receiving the same when these securing flaps 18 are folded over onto the front portion 12 as indicated in Figure 8. The recess 15 permits the flap 18 to be folded neatly into place without bulging beyond the end or edge of the front 12 when the file or wallet is folded to make up the pocket A.

The end gusset portions 16 are formed with marginal reinforcing flaps 19 which are notched at the respective points 20 to permit the same to be folded over onto the inside of the gusset portion 16 and the flap 18 to provide a reinforcing marginal upper edge to the gusset 16.

The body portion B is scored in the portions 11, 16, 17, and 19, to permit these portions to fold to form the expanding gusset for the file or wal-

let A. In making up the same after the single piece has been died-out which forms the body portion B in the form and shape illustrated in Figure 2, the back portion C which is simply for the purpose of reinforcing the back, is pasted inside of the body portion 10. This portion C is of the same dimensions as the back portion and fits from the top edge of the same down to the beginning of the portion 11. After this portion has been secured to the back portion 10, then the gusset portions are shaped on the score lines to cause them to fold together like as is illustrated in Figure 7, and the lower gusset flaps 17 are secured on top of the inside of the gusset portion 11. Then the front portion 12 is folded up toward the back portion 10 and the flaps 18 brought around the outside of the same, fitting into the recesses 15. Then the front portion D is pasted over the outside of the front 12 covering the flaps 18 or securing the same between the front 12 and the outside front portion D. The front outside portion D may be scored along the line 13' to conform with the scoring of the front portion 12 at 13.

Figure 6 illustrates a perspective detail looking into the corner of the file or wallet, showing the manner in which the corners fold in the gusset portions 11 and 16. It will be noted that the folds of the file or wallet at the corners are smooth right up to the corner edges of the folds of the gusset portions and not like the old form of file pockets and wallets where shoulders projected at the corners inside of the wallet, which shoulders prevented papers from dropping into the recesses of the folds of the gussets. These shoulders in this construction are on the outside such as is indicated at 21 in Figure 6, and therefore they do not interfere with the papers in the file pocket or wallet of my new and improved construction.

The wallet or file A may be made of a single piece, namely, the portion B, if it is desired and should there be no objection to the securing flaps 18 appearing on the outside of the front portion 12 when folded over like in Figure 3, also by securing the flaps to the inside of the front portion 12, not illustrated in the drawings, should it be desired to simplify the construction of the expanding file or wallet A and where the reinforcing portions C and D are not desired. The portions C and D are merely for the purpose of reinforcing the back 10 and the front 12, the portion D acting also to cover the securing flaps 18 when these flaps are pasted to the outside ends of the portion 12.

The file A may be made with reinforcing cloth or textile strips 22 secured beneath the marginal reinforcing flange 19 and extending with the portion 23 secured to the back 10 before the inner back portion C is secured to the same. With this textile reinforcing strip 22 an extra strong marginal edge is formed on the upper edge of the gusset portion 16. These features as hereinbefore set forth of my expanding file pocket or wallet A are of a primary importance. With this construction the major portion of the labor in making up old styles of file pockets and wallets where five or more parts are used such as I have set forth hereinbefore, is done away with. Thus I am able to form a file pocket or wallet of a construction such as I have illustrated with an extremely simple nature where the body is integral in formation with the gussets as well as the front portion. The reinforcing portions C and D may be used to stiffen the front and the back and to assist in holding the parts together, or they may be dispensed with. When the parts C and D are dispensed with the file A may be made of a single part, yet having front and back portions held between the expanding gusset portions 11 and 16. The portion 11 forms the bottom portion of the gusset while the portion 16 forms the end portions of the gusset to provide a complete expanding file or wallet of a sturdy construction.

The wallet or file may be made of two parts, namely, the part B with the reinforcing tape 22, and the flap 18 may be secured or pasted to the inside of the front portion 12, so that it will not be exposed on the ends as illustrated in Figure 8, where only these two parts are used. A file after this form and construction would be practical and extremely simple.

In the construction of wallet or file pocket A in Figure 10, the front wall 12 is cut off even with the top of the end gussets 16. In this construction the end gussets 16 are formed integral with the front 12 instead of with the back 10 and the fact that the front wall 12 is cut off even with the top of the upper edge 25 of the gusset 16 permits the marginal reinforcing flange to be formed with a downwardly turned integral flange portion 26 which turns down flush with the upper edge 27 of the front 12 and is integral with this front portion, thus providing an inturned reinforcing flange extending beyond the corner 27' and over inside of the front 12. When the wallet A is formed as illustrated in Figure 10, the attaching flange 18 for the gusset 16 is adapted to extend in the recess 15 formed in the back portion 10 similar to the forming of the same in the front 12 in the previous form, permitting the attaching flange 18 to engage in the back portion. In this construction the portion C forms the outside of the back of the wallet and the back portion 10 is cut off along the line 28 which extends a short distance above the upper edge 25 of the gusset 16. Suitable score lines 29 are formed in the upper end of the portion 10 in this construction of wallet illustrated in Figure 10, which score lines are also formed in the back portion C so that they conform with each other and thus permit the back of the wallet which is formed by the portions 10 and C to hold over the top of the same to close it, bending on the score lines 29. With this construction the inturned marginal reinforcing flange 19 extends from the inside of the front 12 along the marginal edge of the top of the gusset 16 and in between the portions 10 and C in the back, thereby providing a strong corner construction at 27' and 30 to the wallet A.

In accordance with the patent statutes I have set forth the simple inexpensive formation of my file or wallet which is formed, namely, with the body portion of a single integral part which includes the gussets, and the front and back walls of the file or wallet. Variations may be made within the scope of the following claims without departing from the invention.

I claim:

1. An expanding file pocket including, a back portion, a front portion, and gusset portions for the bottom and ends of said file formed integrally with said back portion, overlapping means connecting said bottom gusset portion to said end gusset portions, an inside liner for said back, and an outside covering for said front.

2. An expanding file and wallet pocket including, a back having integrally formed therewith, a front, an intermediate gusset portion between said front and back portions, end gusset portions,

flaps for securing said end gusset portions to said bottom gusset portion, and flaps for securing said end gussets to said front portion.

3. An expanding file and wallet pocket comprising, a single member formed from sheet material including a back portion, a front portion, said front and back portions forming the side walls of said file and wallet, and gusset portions formed integral with three edges of said back portion and secured to the front in folded overlapping relation, overlapping gusset flaps to secure said gusset portions together, said gusset portions forming a plaited intermediate portion between the walls of said file and wallet.

4. A file wallet comprising a unitary integral construction including, a single sheet of material, scored portions formed in said sheet, flaps extending from said sheet having score lines formed therein, and securing flaps some of which are scored to be secured to said scored portions formed projecting from said first flaps whereby said sheet may be folded upon itself and said flaps secured together with said scored portions plaited together to form an expanding gusset on three sides of said file wallet.

5. An expandible file pocket including, a unitary single sheet-like body portion, bottom and end gusset portions formed in said body portion, securing flaps associated with said gusset portions, score lines on some of said flaps adapted to fit said gusset portions for holding said end gusset portions to said bottom gusset portion and a marginal reinforcing flap portion for the top edge of said end gusset portions adapted to be folded over at the upper edge of said end gusset portions.

6. An expanding file and wallet pocket including, a body portion formed of an integral sheet, side walls formed in said body, one of said walls having marginal recesses formed therein, a gusset portion intermediate said walls adapted to form the bottom gusset portion of said file and wallet, end gusset portions integrally projecting from one of said side walls, securing and reinforcing flaps projecting from said end gusset portions, and said securing and reinforcing flaps being adapted to fold in said recesses formed in one of said walls to provide a smooth joint in securing the end gussets to the wall.

7. A wallet formed from two pieces of sheet material, one piece forming the body thereof and having a back, a front, a bottom and end gussets formed therein, the other piece comprising a back reinforcing member and closing flange for said wallet secured to the back thereof, and a reinforcing integral inturned marginal flange on each of said end gussets extending from the inside of the front of the wallet and in between the back and the back reinforcing member of the wallet, and a flexible reinforcing strip between said marginal flange and the top of the corresponding end gusset to provide reinforced upper edges and corners for said end gussets.

8. A wallet including, front and back walls formed integral, a bottom gusset formed interposed between said front and back walls, end gussets integral with and extending from one of said walls, flap means for use in securing said end gussets to said bottom gusset, marginal reinforcing flanges for the upper edge of said end gussets integral with said end gussets and adapted to extend beyond the corners of said end gussets to reinforce the same against wear.

9. An expanding file and wallet including, a body formed of a single sheet of material, side walls, bottom and end gusset portions formed in said sheet, gusset flaps on said end gusset portions overlapping said bottom gusset portions, and secured thereto, a reinforcing marginal flap portion for the top of each of said end gusset portions, and a reinforcing member for each gusset portion adapted to be positioned between said marginal reinforcing portion and the top of the corresponding end gusset portion, said reinforcing member being secured to the side walls of said pocket and wallet.

ERNEST E. HART.