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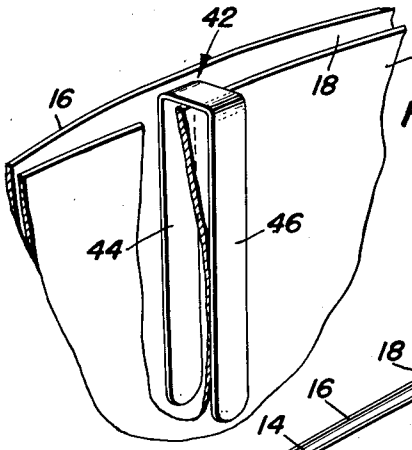
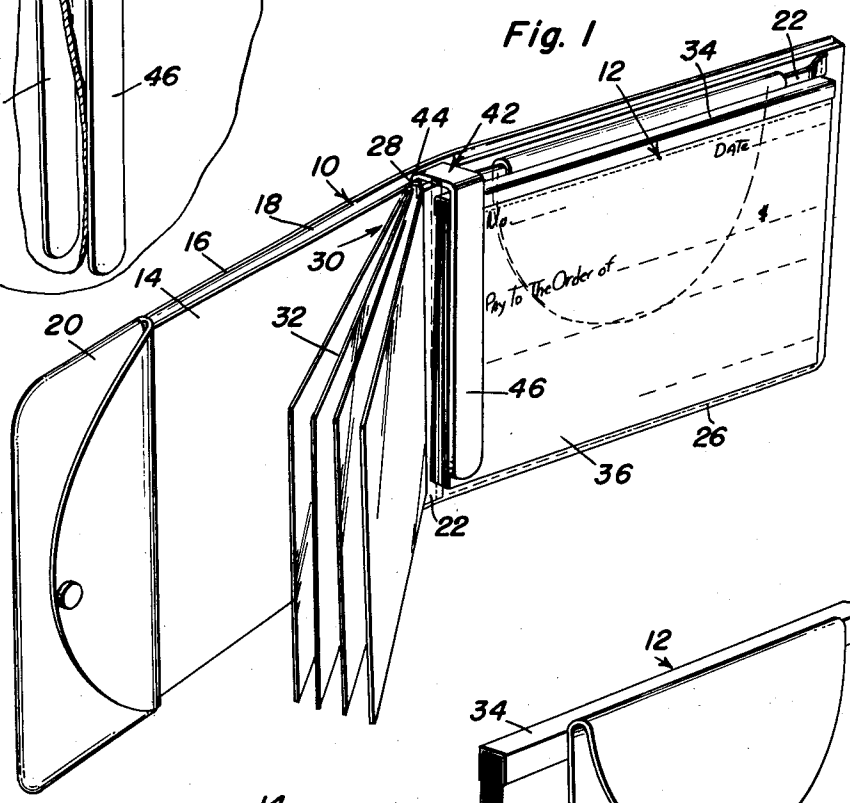


Fig. 4

Fig. 1



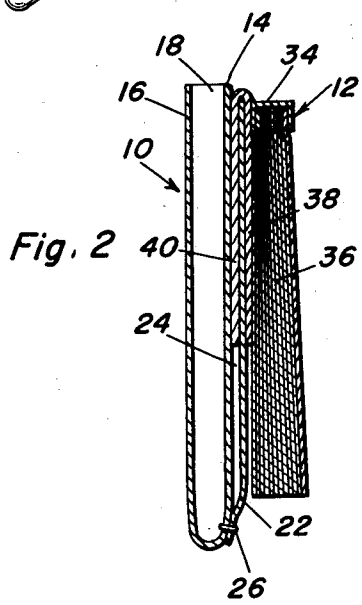


Fig. 2

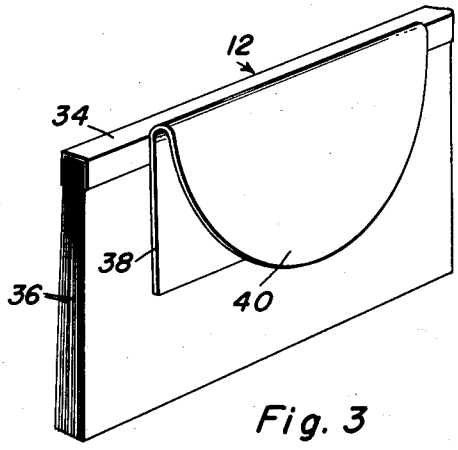


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This invention relates in general to improvements in billfolds, and more specifically to a combination billfold and check book.

Many persons find it highly desirable to carry a check book on their person in addition to their customary billfold. However, the carrying of a separate check book can easily prove to be a nuisance. Therefore, it is the primary object of this invention to provide a billfold which has incorporated therein a check book so that the two may be conveniently carried as a single unit.

Another object of this invention is to provide an improved combination billfold and check book, the billfold being so constructed whereby a check book is secured to an inner surface of one side thereof and is so positioned whereby the billfold may be conveniently folded for carrying in one's pocket.

A further object of this invention is to provide an improved combination billfold and check book the billfold being provided with a clip overlying an inner edge of the check book so as to prevent ruffling of the checks when the billfold is folded and unfolded.

These together with other objects and advantages which will become subsequently apparent reside in the details of construction and operation as more fully hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming a part hereof, wherein like numerals refer to like parts throughout, and in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the billfold which is the subject of this invention and shows the same provided with a check book, the billfold being in an open position;

Figure 2 is an enlarged transverse vertical sectional view taken through the check book portion of the billfold of Figure 1 and shows the manner in which the check book is removably retained with respect to the billfold;

Figure 3 is an enlarged rear perspective view of the check book of Figure 1 and shows the tab carried thereby for securing it to the billfold, and

Figure 4 is a fragmentary enlarged view in perspective partly broken away and shown in section and with parts omitted and illustrating the manner in which the clip is applied to the billfold.

Referring now to the drawings, it will be seen that there is best illustrated in Figure 1 the combination billfold and check book which is the subject of this invention. The combination billfold and check book includes a billfold which is referred to in general by the reference numeral **10** and a check book which is referred to in general by the reference numeral **12**.

The billfold **10** includes an inner flap **14** and an outer flap **16** which are formed of a single sheet of material folded upon itself and secured together along its opposite ends. The inner flap **14** and the outer flap **16** combine to form a bill compartment **18** open at one longitudinal edge of the billfold. Secured at one end of the bill compartment **18** is a change purse **20**. Secured to the inner surface of the inner flap **14** at one side thereof, that side remote from the change purse **20**, is a sheet **22** which forms in combination with the inner flap **14** a pocket **24** open at the same edge of the billfold as the compartment **18**. The sheet **22** is secured to the inner flap **14** along the ends and bottom of the sheet **22** by suitable stitching **26**. The stitching **26** also secures to the inner flap **14** a tab **28** of a multiple unit card holder **30**, the card holder including a plurality of transparent frames **32**.

The check book **12** includes a binder **34** which has secured therein a plurality of individual checks **36**. Secured to the rear of the binder **34** is a sheet of material **38** folded upon itself along and opposite the binder **34** to provide a free portion thereof in the form of a tab **40**. The tab **40** is generally semi-circular in outline and is selectively receivable within the pocket **24** to attach the check book **12** to the billfold **10**.

In order that the individual checks **36** may not have the inner edges thereof bent over or otherwise deformed, there is carried by the billfold **10** a clip which is referred to in general by the reference numeral **42**. The clip **42** has a first leg **44** thereof disposed within the bill compartment **18** and suitably secured to the inner surface of the inner flap **14**. A second leg **46** of the clip **42** is spaced from the inner flap **14** and overlies the inner edge of the check book **12**. The leg **46** of the clip **42** resiliently clamps against the inner edges of the individual checks **36** and prevents the folding and dog-earring of the same.

It is to be understood that the check book **12** is of the replaceable type and may be removed from the billfold **10** by merely pivoting it upwardly and out of engagement with both the clip **42** and the pocket **24**.

It is readily apparent that the combination billfold and check book, which is the subject of this invention, may be easily folded to form a relatively compact single unit. Because of this, it is convenient to carry the combination billfold and check book and thereby a person may carry both a billfold and a check book at the same time with a minimum of effort.

From the foregoing, the construction and operation of the device will be readily understood and further explanation is believed to be unnecessary. However, since numerous modifications and changes will readily occur to those skilled in the art, it is not desired to limit the invention to the exact construction shown and described, and accordingly, all suitable modifications and equivalents may be resorted to, falling within the scope of the appended claim.

What is claimed as new is as follows:

A combination billfold and check book comprising an elongated billfold foldable at its transverse center and including inner and outer flaps secured together to form a compartment open at one longitudinal edge of the billfold, a sheet of material stitched to the inner flap at one side of said transverse center and forming with said inner flap a pocket open at the same longitudinal edge of the billfold as said compartment, a check book including an edge binder, a sheet of material secured to the binder and folded upon itself along and opposite said binder to form a free tab removably disposed in said pocket, and a clip having a leg disposed in said compartment and secured to said inner flap and another leg spaced from said inner flap and overlying an edge of the check book.

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