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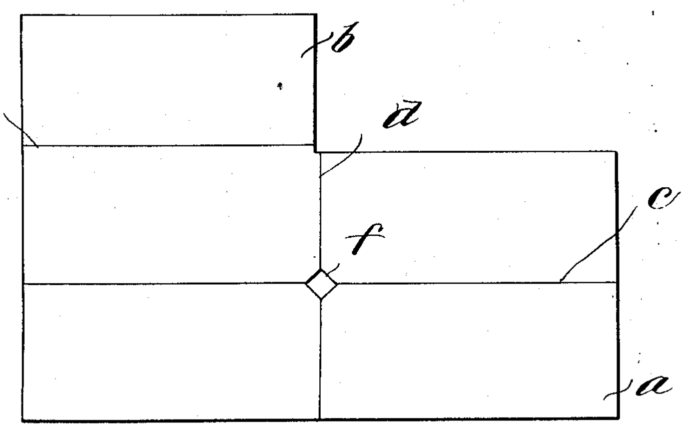

Fig. 1.

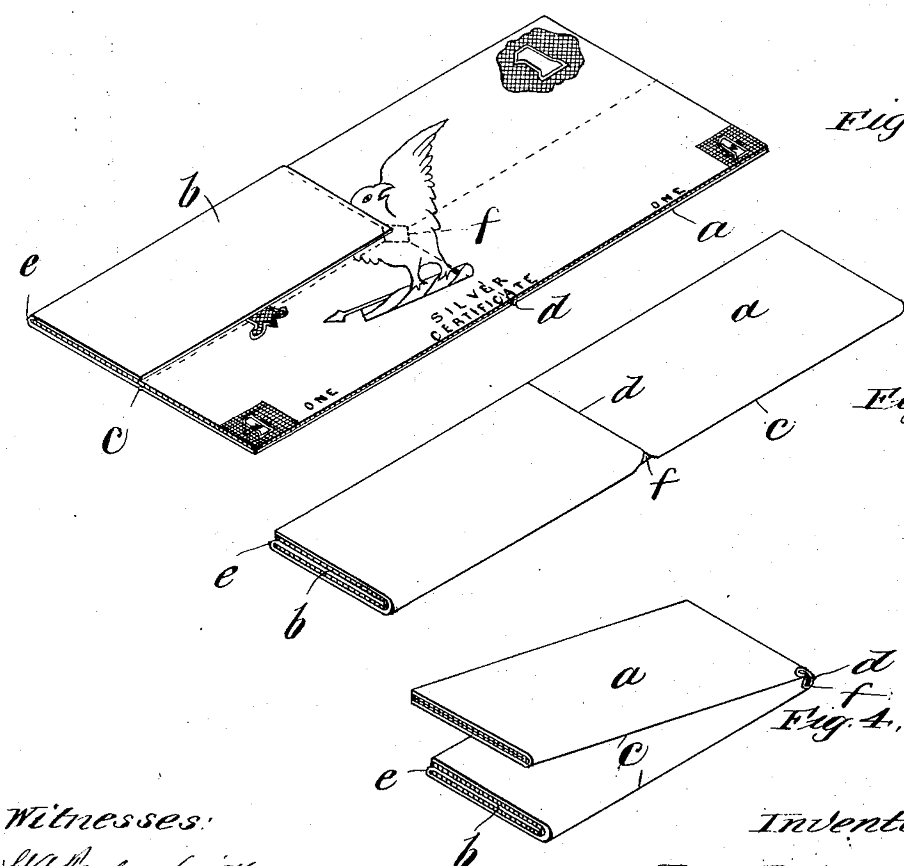

Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.

Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, James R. Cardwell, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Wallets, of which the following is a full, clear, concise, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification.

My invention relates to wallets, and has for its object the construction of a very simple form of wallet and which is adapted to contain paper money within small compass.

In practicing my invention, I employ a sheet of some suitable material, preferably leather, approximating in superficial area the size of a bank note, which sheet of leather I preferably crease along two lines, one extending longitudinally of the sheet and dividing the same into two equal parts and the other extending transversely of the sheet and dividing the same into two equal parts, the four lines together dividing the sheet into four equal parts. In securing the bank notes within the wallet, the wallet is opened flat, the bank notes are laid thereupon and the wallet is then folded along its creases so that the bank notes are creased similarly to the wallet and are held within the folds of the wallet. In order positively to insure the retention of the bank notes within the wallet, I project a wing from one of the quarters of the sheet, which may be inturned upon the bank notes and inclosed within the wallet when folded, the bank notes being interposed between the wing and the main sheet of the wallet. In order to facilitate the folding of the wallet, the material composing the main sheet thereof is discontinued just where the longitudinal and transverse creases intersect, so that said material will not buckle and bunch at this intersection, which result is preferably accomplished by entirely removing the material so that there is a distinct aperture through the main sheet of the wallet where the creases thereof intersect.

I will explain my invention more fully by reference to the accompanying drawing, showing the preferred embodiment thereof, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of the wallet with its wing extension completely unfolded preparatory to receiving the bank notes that are to be contained in the wallet. Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1, with the exception that a bank note is illustrated in place and that the wing has been turned over upon the bank note so as to hold the bank note between the wing and the main sheet of the wallet. Fig. 3 shows the wallet after the main sheet thereof has been folded along its longitudinal crease. Fig. 4 is a view of the wallet after it has been completely folded.

Like parts are indicated by similar characters of reference throughout the different figures.

The wallet comprises, in the preferred embodiment of the invention, a substantially flat main sheet *a* which approximates in superficial area the area of a bank note, said main sheet having projecting therefrom a wing *b*. The main sheet of the wallet has a longitudinal crease *c* dividing the wallet longitudinally into two substantially equal parts, and a transverse crease *d* dividing the wallet into two substantially equal parts. The wing *b* is foldable along a crease *e* intervening between the wing and the main portion of the wallet. I discontinue the material of the sheet where the creases *c* and *d* intersect, to which end an aperture *f* is preferably formed clear through the wallet.

In using the wallet, it is opened flat as indicated in Fig. 1, the bank notes are inserted as indicated in Fig. 2, the wing being folded over the bank notes as indicated in Fig. 2, whereafter the wallet may be preferably folded along the crease *c* to secure the wing *b* in its folded position and to crease the bank notes along a line substantially coinciding with the crease *c*, this fold of the wallet being indicated in Fig. 3. After the wallet has thus been folded, it is folded along its remaining crease *d*, so that the bank note is creased along a line coinciding with the crease *d*. It will be seen that the bank note is thus thoroughly interfolded within the wallet and is not removable from the wallet until the wallet is unfolded.

The wallet of my invention is particularly adapted for disposition in trousers pockets and has been designed to accommodate the needs of those who carry paper money in their trousers pockets. It is well known that paper money carried in trousers pockets is likely to work out therefrom, but when the paper money is protected by means of the wallet of my invention, the liability of the loss of the money from a trousers pocket is reduced to a minimum. Of course, the wallet may be carried in other pockets, if desired. In order to insure the wallet from loss, it should be inserted within the pocket with the part thereof containing the aperture *f* downward, so that the two ends of the wallet will spread and engage the sides of the pocket and thereby prevent the wallet from working out of the pocket.

It will be seen that the wallet of my invention is of very cheap construction, inasmuch as it may be stamped out of sheet material without waste.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:—

1. A wallet comprising a substantially flat sheet of suitable wallet material presenting a superficial area approximating that of a bank note and having creases extending longitudinally and transversely and dividing the sheet into substantially four equal parts, whereby paper money laid upon the sheet may be readily interfolded with the wallet, and a wing extending from the main sheet of the wallet adapted to be folded over the paper money, material of the sheet being removed where the lines of the creases intersect to permit the sheet readily to fold.

2. A wallet comprising a substantially flat sheet of suitable wallet material presenting a superficial area approximating that of a bank note and having creases extending longitudinally and transversely and dividing the sheet into substantially four equal parts, whereby paper money laid upon the sheet may be readily interfolded with the wallet, material of the sheet being removed where the lines of the creases intersect to permit the sheet readily to fold.

3. A wallet comprising a substantially flat sheet of suitable wallet material presenting a superficial area approximating that of a bank note, which sheet of material is creased longitudinally and transversely, whereby paper money laid upon the sheet may be readily interfolded with the wallet, and a wing extending from the main sheet of the wallet adapted to be folded over the paper money, material of the sheet being removed where the lines of the creases intersect to permit the sheet readily to fold.

4. A wallet comprising a substantially flat sheet of suitable wallet material presenting a superficial area approximating that of a bank note and foldable along longitudinal and transverse lines, material of the sheet being removed where the folding lines intersect to permit the sheet readily to fold along the transverse and longitudinal lines.

In witness whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name this 25th day of January A. D., 1908.

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