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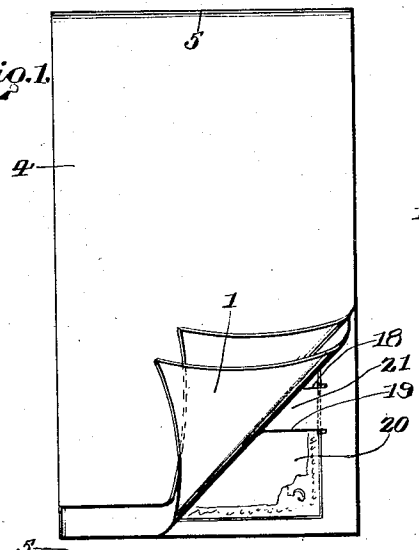



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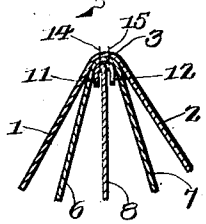
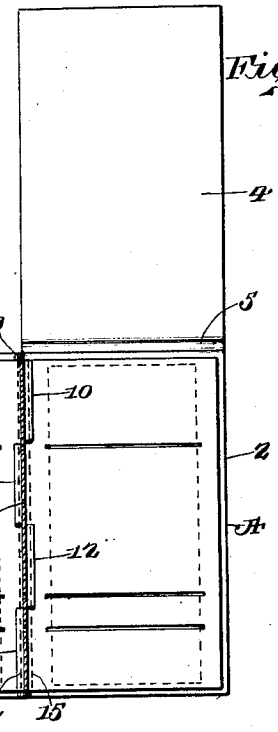



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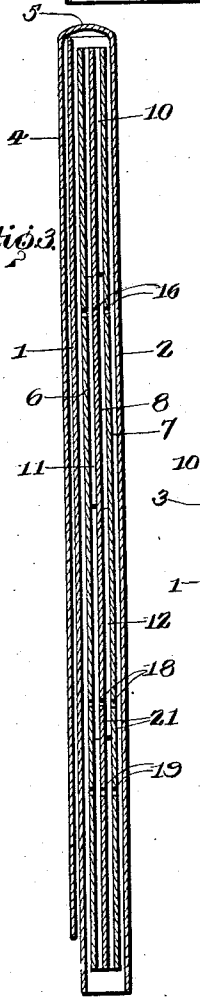
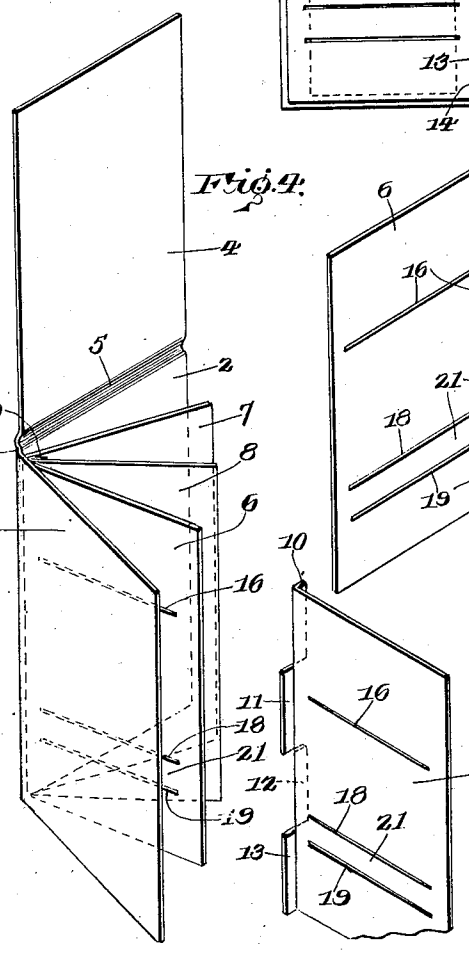




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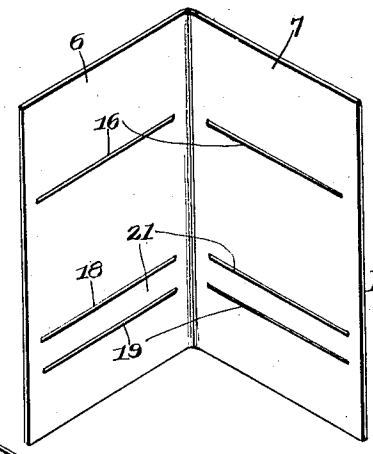




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## WALLET OR BILL HOLDER

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This invention relates to a wallet or bill holder designed primarily for retaining paper currency, bank checks, drafts, contracts and assignments, but it is to be understood that a wallet or bill holder in accordance with this invention may be employed for any purposes for which it is found applicable, and the invention has for its object to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, an article of the class referred to, constructed and arranged to permit of expeditiously locating a desired bill, check, etc. therein without completely opening the wallet or holder.

A further object of the invention is to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, a wallet or bill holder constructed and arranged to permit of quickly locating and removing therefrom a bill, check, etc. located therein without disturbing in any manner any of the other bills or papers positioned therein further without completely opening the wallet or holder.

A further object of the invention is to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, a wallet or bill holder constructed and arranged to receive bills, checks, etc. in an unfolded position and constructed and arranged whereby the desired bill, check, etc. may be quickly located without completely opening the wallet or holder, and whereby the selected bill or check may be easily and conveniently removed by separating it from the others with a finger of one hand and removing it from the collection in the wallet or bill holder with the other hand without disturbing any of the other collected bills, checks, etc.

Further objects of the invention are to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, a wallet or bill holder for the purpose referred to and which is simple in its construction and arrangement, strong, durable, thoroughly efficient in its use, permitting of the quick location and removal of a bill, check, etc., very prompt, readily assembled, and comparatively inexpensive to manufacture.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention consists of the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts, as hereinafter more specifically described and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein is shown an embodiment of the invention, but it is to be understood that changes, variations and modifications can be resorted to which fall within the scope of the claims hereunto appended.

In the drawings wherein like reference characters denote corresponding parts throughout the several views:—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a wallet or holder, in accordance with this invention, and a portion thereof folded back at one of the corners.

Figure 2 is an elevation of the wallet or holder in open position.

Figure 3 is a longitudinal sectional view of the wallet or holder when closed.

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the wallet or holder with the body portion, carriers and flaps extended.

Figure 5 is a perspective view of a carrier.

Figure 6 is a fragmentary view in perspective of the central carrier.

Figure 7 is a sectional plan.

A wallet or holder, in accordance with this invention, is of a width and length slightly greater than the width and length of the bills, checks, etc. to be sorted therein and retained thereby. The wallet or holder is constructed of a material possessing a resilient characteristic of the desired degree. Preferably the wallet or holder is constructed from calf skin, but it is to be understood that it can be set up of any suitable material possessing a resilient or flexible characteristic. The wallet or holder includes a retainer flap, a body portion, which is foldable, and a plurality of carriers for the bills, checks, etc. As illustrated by way of example, the wallet or holder is set up with three carriers, but it is to be understood that this number can be increased or diminished if desired.

The retainer flap and foldable cover or body portion is constructed from a single piece of resilient or flexible material of the desired thickness, and referring to the drawings in detail the foldable cover or body portion is indicated generally at A and is of rectangular contour. The body portion A consists of two folds 1, 2, and each of which is of rectangular contour. The folds 1, 2, are of

like area, and the bend between said folds 1, 2 is indicated at 3. Extended from one end of the fold 2 is a rectangular flap 4 which provides a retainer and said flap 4 is shiftable and preferably is of less area than the area of either of the folds 1, 2. The bend between the flap 4 and the fold 2 is indicated at 5 and which is of appropriate length in transverse section. The flap 4, when the wallet or folder is closed, overlaps the outer face of the fold 1, see Figure 3.

As illustrated, by way of example, the wallet or holder is provided with three carriers indicated at 6, 7 and 8 and each of which is of rectangular contour but slightly less in width and length than the width and length of either of the folds 1, 2. The carriers 6 and 7 are the outer carriers and the carrier 8 is the intermediate carrier. The carriers 6, 7 are integral with each other and are formed from a single piece of flexible material, bent upon itself, and the bend between the carriers 6, 7 is indicated at 9. The carrier 8 is constructed from a length of rectangular material and at its inner side is formed with a plurality of equally spaced transversely extending slits, as shown three in number, and the material freed by the slits is bent at right angles with respect to the remaining part of the carrier to form flanges 10, 11, 12 and 13. The flanges 10 and 12 extend in an opposite direction with respect to the flanges 11 and 13 and are alternately disposed with respect to these latter. The carrier 8 is positioned between the carriers 6, 7 and the flanges 10 to 13 are arranged aaginst said carriers 6, 7 at each side of the medial line of the bend 9, and the latter is positioned against the bend 3 between the folds 1, 2. The carriers 6, 7 are arranged between the folds 1, 2 and the said carriers 6, 7 and 8 are secured to the bend 3 by two rows of stitching 14, 15. The rows of stitching extend through the flanges 10 to 13 and also through the carriers 6, 7 and the bend 3 whereby the body portion A and carriers 6, 7 and 8 are secured together. The width and length of the carrier 8 corresponds to the width and length of either of the carriers 6, 7.

Each of the carriers between its transverse median and one end is formed with a transversely extending slot 16, and between its transverse median and its other end with a pair of suitably spaced transversely extending slots 18, 19 which are arranged in parallelism. The outer end of each of the slots is positioned adjacent the outer side edge of a carrier, and the inner end of each slot is positioned an appropriate distance from the bend 9 and flanges 10 to 13. The length of each of the slots is greater than the transverse width of the bill, check, etc. to be retained within the wallet. The slots 16, 18 and 19 provide means for detachably connecting the bill, check, etc. to the carrier. As illustrated in Figure 1, a bill indicated at 20 is connected to a carrier and it is slid through the slots 18, 19 whereby the portion 21 between the slots 18, 19 overlap the bill 20, the latter is then extended through the slot 16. When the bill 20 is removably or detachably connected to the carrier certain portions thereof oppose one face of the carrier and the remaining portions thereof oppose the other face of the carrier.

When the bills, checks, etc. are connected to the carrier, they are so disposed that the denominations thereof can be ascertained by bending the fold 1 upon itself at one corner or by bending a carrier upon itself at a corner in a manner shown in Figure 1, and this permits of readily locating the desired bill, check, paper, etc. after which it can be readily removed from the wallet or holder without disturbing any of the others of the collection within the wallet. The construction of the wallet or holder is such as to provide, when it is in closed position, an opening at one side and an opening at one end, as the other side is closed by the bend 3 and the other end by the bend 5, and the latter is of the desired cross sectional length to compensate for the thickness of the carriers and the bills and checks.

The flap 4 acts as a retainer for maintaining the folds 1, 2 in opposed relation with respect to the carriers when the flap is in overlapping position with respect to the fold 1, see Figure 1. When the wallet is in what may be termed closed position, as shown in Figure 1, the desired bill or check, etc., can be removed therefrom without completely turning back the flap 4, as the latter is turned back when it is desired to detachably or removably connect a check, draft, etc. to a carrier.

One may easily remove a bill from the wallet or holder by merely separating it from the others with a finger of one hand and drawing it out of any part of the collection with the other hand and not disturbing any of the others, and one can readily note the size, denomination, or any printed figures on the corner of the bill etc., such as five, one or ten, by merely turning back a corner of a fold or carrier as it is constructed of a material possessing the desired resiliency or flexibility to provide for such purpose. By constructing the wallet or holder, in a manner as aforesaid, it does not require a complete opening thereof, when it is desired to remove a part or all the contents thereof.

It is thought the many advantages of a wallet or holder, in accordance with this invention, can be readily understood, and although the preferred embodiment of the invention is as illustrated and described, yet it is to be understood that changes in the details of construction can be had which will fall within the scope of the invention as claimed.

What I claim is:—

1. A bill holder comprising a foldable body portion including a pair of rectangular folds and a rectangular flap extended from one fold and overlapping the other to retain the body portion in folded condition, said body portion when folded formed with an open end and an open side, and a plurality of rectangular carriers within and hinged to the body portion and each provided with a plurality of spaced, transversely extending slots adjacent the ends thereof for interlacing therewith non-folded bills lengthwise thereof whereby the bills are detachably secured to the carriers in extended position with the ends of the bills free, said open end of the body portion providing for the selective withdrawing of the bills and said open side permitting of opening of the body portion when the flap is shifted from retaining position.

2. A bill holder comprising a foldable body portion including a pair of rectangular folds and a rectangular flap extended from one fold and overlapping the other to retain the body portion in folded condition, said body portion when folded formed with an open end and an open side, and a plurality of rectangular carriers within and hinged to the body portion and each provided with a plurality of spaced, transverse slots adjacent the ends thereof for interlacing therewith nonfolded bills lengthwise thereof whereby the bills are detachably secured to the carriers in extended position and with the ends of the bills free, said open end of the body portion providing for the selective withdrawing of the bills and said open side permitting of opening of the body portion when the flap is shifted from retaining position, said carriers of less width and less length than said folds and of greater length and greater width than the bills adapted to be interlaced therewith.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature hereto.

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