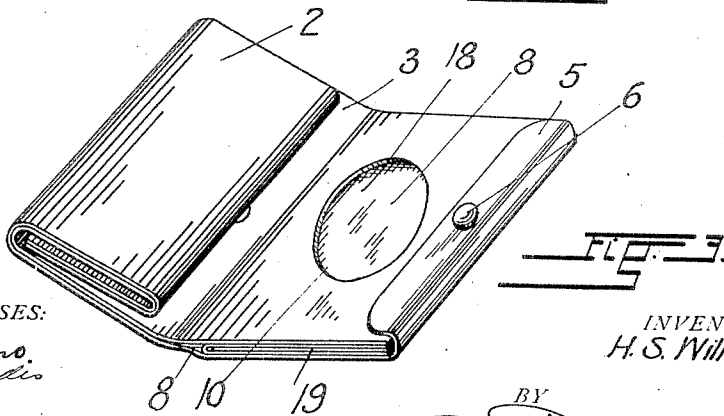
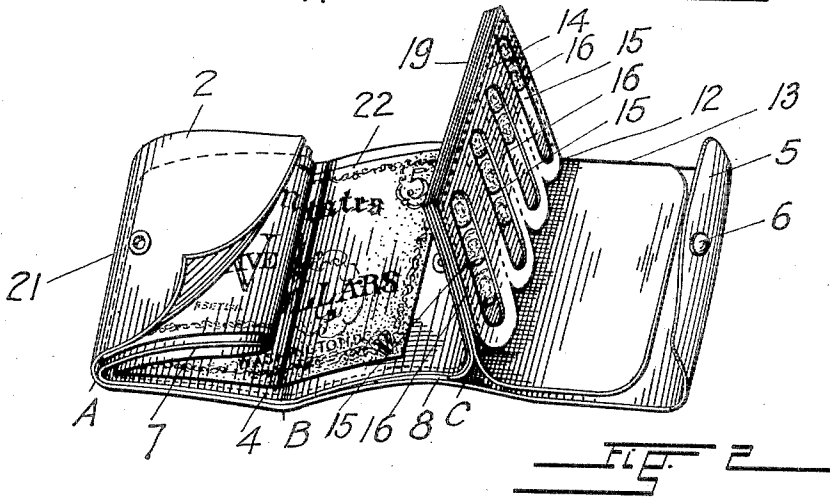
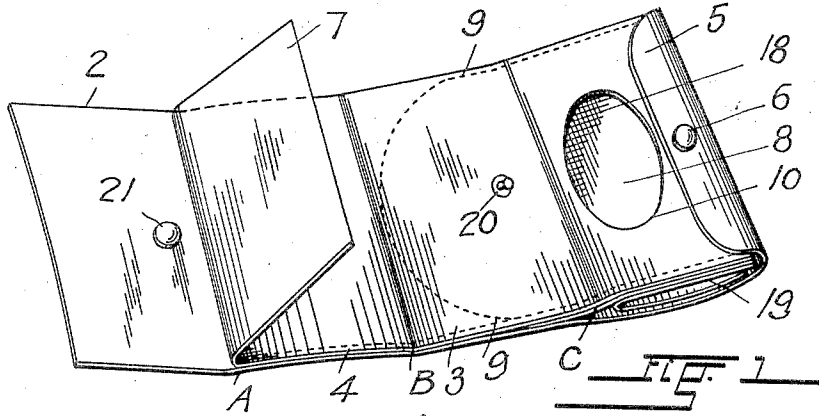


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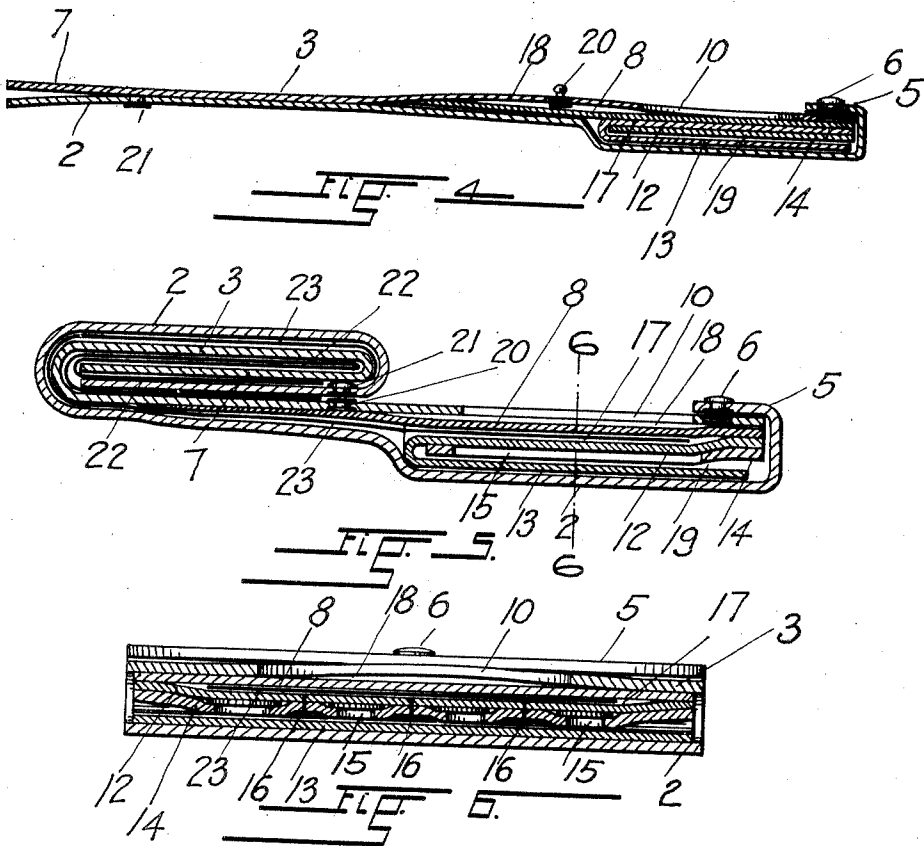
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HARRY S. WILLIS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Denver, in the county of Denver and State of Colorado, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pocket-Books, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in pocket-books and its object resides in the provision of a combined purse and bill fold of novel construction which may be folded to a package of a size sufficiently small to be carried in the vest pocket and which has a number of separate compartments for containing coins, bills, cards, tickets, papers and other objects commonly carried in a book of this character.

My improved pocket book is constructed to secure bank notes and the like so that they may be singly or collectively removed while the book is in a partly closed condition, it has a pouch for coins, access to which may be had by partially opening the folded book, it is provided with a coin holder in which coins of small denominations such as nickles, dimes and quarters, are held in assorted order and it furthermore has a pocket adapted to contain cards, railroad tickets and other similar articles or to receive the ends of bills or papers placed in the fold.

The construction of my improved pocket book is very simple and it may, for this reason, be manufactured at a low cost.

In the accompanying drawings in the various views of which like parts, are similarly designated, Figure 1 represents an inside view of the pocket-book in the unfolded condition drawn, in perspective. Fig. 2, a similar view of the book partly folded illustrating the manner in which paper money is placed therein so that it may be removed without unfolding the book. Fig. 3, a perspective view of the pocket-book partly opened for the removal of coins from one of the two purses included in its construction. Fig. 4, a longitudinal section through the article in the unfolded condition. Fig. 5, a similar section of the pocket-book partly folded as shown in Fig. 3 drawn to an enlarged scale. Fig. 6, an enlarged transverse section taken along the line 6-6, Fig. 5, and, Fig. 7, a perspective view of the pocket-book folded ready to be placed in the pocket.

Referring to the drawings by numerals, my improved pocket-book consists of two oblong cover members 2 and 3 which are joined by sewing along one of their longitudinal edges as at 4, with the exception of their end portions which are left loose for purposes hereinafter to be described.

The outer cover member 2 consists of a single piece of leather or other suitable material which at one of its ends is extended beyond the corresponding edge of the inner member 3 to provide a flap 5 which when folded upon the adjacent end portion of the inner member, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3, is secured thereto by means of a snap fastening 6.

The unconnected portion of the inner member at its opposite end, constitutes a flap 7 which is used to secure paper money placed upon the outer surface of the said member as is shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings, the width of the said flap determining one of the three transverse lines A, B, and C, along which the connected members are folded to form the package shown in Fig. 7.

The member 3 is provided at its opposite end, with two coin purses one of which consists of a pouch 18 which is adapted to contain the bulk of the coins to be carried in the pocket-book, while the other constitutes a holder 19 in which small change suitable for carfare and small purchases, is maintained in assorted order according to the sizes of the coins.

The pouch 18 is formed by means of a lining 8 of about one-half the length of the members 2 and 3 but of equal width, which by means of stitching shown at 9, is secured along its entire circumferential edge upon the inner surface of the inner member at the end portion thereof which, normally, is fastened by the flap 5 of the outer member. Access to the pouch may be had through an opening 10 cut in the inner cover-member between its end edge and the transverse line C about which the other parts of the book are folded upon the end portion in which the said opening is formed.

The coin holder 19 consists of a doubled piece of leather 12, one-half of which is secured along three of its edges along the end edge of the inner cover member and the thereto adjacent portions of its longitudinal edges, and upon the outer surface of the lining 8, while the other half is left loose

to provide a flap 13 which when folded upon the fixed portion of the piece 12, covers and secures the coins which are held thereon in assorted order, by the following means.

A piece of leather 14, which in size equals the part of the doubled piece 12 secured upon the cover member, is fastened along the edges of the same at which it is secured upon the lining, and the space between the two pieces thus connected is divided by means of transverse rows of stitching 16, into four pockets of different width which are open at one of their ends to receive small coins such as quarters, nickels and dimes. The pockets are provided with longitudinal slots 15 cut in the piece 14 to facilitate the insertion and removal of the coins.

Inasmuch as the coin holder 19 is secured upon the lining 8 at its three outer edges only, a pocket 17 is formed between their adjoining surfaces which may be utilized to hold cards, tickets and other similar articles, or to receive the ends of bills and papers placed between the two cover members of the pocket-book. When the book is carried in the pocket it is folded to about one-fourth of its length, along the three transverse lines A, B and C which respectively define the folding line of the flap 7, the end of the pouch 18 and the width of the folded coin-holder 19.

The parts of the book with the exception of its end-portion in which the mouth 10 of the pouch is formed, are secured in the folded position by means of a snap fastening the members 20 and 21 of which are secured respectively upon the outer surfaces of the outer and inner cover members and the said end portion is, as hereinbefore explained, fastened at its end by means of the flap 5 on the outer member which protects the coins, bills and papers placed between the two cover members in either the coin holder 19 or the pocket 17.

To place paper money in the pocket book so that it is securely held therein while at the same time it may be removed without the necessity of opening the book entirely, the latter is first opened as shown in Fig. 1 and the flap 7 is folded upon the body portion of the book as indicated in the same figure. The bank notes are now placed upon the outer surface of the inside cover member with their end portions overlapping the line A along which the flap is folded and the latter is subsequently inserted into a fold of the bank note by folding the latter into the space between the said flap and the outer surface of the other portion of the member 3, as is clearly shown in Fig. 2. The book is subsequently folded along the lines A and B and the folded portion secured by means of the snap fastening 20-21.

When it is desired to remove one or more bills from the pocket book it is but necessary to partially open the same by loosening the fastening when the bills folded in the book may be successively or collectively extracted therefrom by pulling their protruding ends.

Paper money of higher denomination or valuable papers may be secured between the two cover members of the pocket book by slipping their ends into the pocket 17 formed between the coin holder and the lining 8, quarters, dimes and nickels when placed in assorted order in the pockets of the coin holder are held in place by means of the flap 13, the entire holder being secured by fastening the flap 5 on the outer cover member over the adjacent edge of the inner member, as shown in Fig. 1, and the bulk of the coins to be carried in the book are placed in the pouch 18 from which they may be readily removed by opening the book as shown in Fig. 3 and exerting a slight pressure upon the longitudinal edges of the same which causes the mouth of the pouch to open.

To better explain the manner in which the bank notes or other papers are folded in the pocket-book, the position of the same upon the outer surface of the inner cover member has been indicated in Fig. 5 by means of a heavy line 22 and that of a paper placed between the said members and in the pocket 17 by means of a similar line 23.

Having thus described my invention what I claim and desire to secure by Letters-Patent is:

1. A pocket-book comprising outer and inner oblong cover-members connected at one of their longitudinal edges and unconnected at their other edges and adapted to be folded along transverse lines, the inner member having a pouch, and in the face of its end-portion defined by one of said lines, an opening affording access thereto, and the outer member having at its corresponding end, a flap adapted to be folded over the adjacent edge of the inner member, whereby to close at that point the space between said members, and means for fastening said flap in its folded position.

2. A pocket-book comprising inner and outer cover-members of oblong shape connected at one of their longitudinal edges and adapted to be folded along transverse lines, the end-portions of the said members determined by one of said lines being unconnected, the inner member having a pouch formed by a lining secured upon its inner surface and in the outer surface of the said end-portion, an opening affording access thereto, and a coin-holder secured at the said end-portion upon the said lining.

3. A pocket-book comprising inner and

outer cover-members of oblong shape connected at one of their longitudinal edges and adapted to be folded along transverse lines, the end-portions of the said members determined by one of said lines being unconnected, and a coin-holder secured upon the inner surface of the said end-portion of the inner member, and comprising a plurality of coin-pockets open at one of their ends and each adapted to contain a row of coins.

4. A pocket-book comprising inner and outer cover-members of oblong shape connected at one of their longitudinal edges and adapted to be folded along transverse lines, the end-portions of the said members determined by one of said lines being unconnected, and a coin-holder comprising a doubled piece one part of which is secured upon the inner surface of the said end-portion of the inner member and provided with a plurality of coin-pockets open at one of their ends and each adapted to contain a row of coins.

5. A pocket-book comprising inner and outer cover-members of oblong shape connected at one of their longitudinal edges and adapted to be folded along transverse lines, the end-portions of the said members determined by one of said lines being unconnected, and a coin-holder secured upon the inner surface of the said end-portion of the inner member along three of its edges, whereby to form a pocket which has an opening at its end opposite to that adjacent the end-edge of said member.

6. A pocket-book comprising inner and outer cover-members of oblong shape connected at one of their longitudinal edges and adapted to be folded along transverse lines, the end portions of said members defined by the outer ones of said lines being unconnected, and the inner one of said members having a pouch and in the outer surface of one of its end-portions, an opening affording access thereto, and a coin-holder secured upon the inner surface of the same end-portion.

7. A pocket-book comprising inner and outer cover-members of oblong shape connected only at one of their longitudinal edges and adapted to be folded along transverse lines, the end portions of said members, defined by the outer ones of said lines, being unconnected, and the inner one of said members having a pouch and in the outer surface of one of its end-portions, an opening affording access thereto, and a coin-holder secured upon the inner surface of the same end-portion along all of its edges but one, to form a pocket for the insertion of articles placed between said members.

8. A pocket-book comprising inner and outer cover-members of oblong shape connected at one of their longitudinal edges

and adapted to be folded along transverse lines, the end portions of said members defined by the outer ones of said lines, being unconnected, and the inner one of said members having a pouch and in the outer surface of one of its end-portions, an opening affording access thereto, and a coin-holder secured upon the inner surface of the same end-portion, the outer member having a flap adapted to be folded over the edge of the latter, and having means for fastening it in its folded position.

9. A pocket-book comprising inner and outer cover members of oblong shape connected at one of their longitudinal edges and adapted to be folded along transverse lines, the end portions of said members defined by the outer ones of said lines being unconnected, and the inner one of said members having a pouch and in the outer surface of one of its end-portions, an opening affording access thereto, and a coin-holder secured upon the inner surface of the same end-portion, the said members having a fastening for securing their portions other than those at the end last-mentioned, in the folded position, and the outer member having a flap adapted to be folded over an edge of the inner member, and having means for fastening it in its folded position.

10. A pocket-book comprising an oblong member adapted to be folded along transverse lines, and to support upon its inner surface, a bill so that it is entirely accessible when the member is in the unfolded condition and so that only one of its ends is exposed when the member is in a partially folded condition, and a flap normally covering an end portion of said member and adapted to be folded separately about a line coincident with one of said transverse lines, for its insertion in the fold of a bill placed upon said member for the purpose described.

11. A pocket-book comprising inner and outer cover-members of oblong shape adapted to be folded together, along transverse lines, the inner member being adapted to support upon its inner surface, a bill so as to be entirely accessible when the members are in the unfolded condition, and so that only an end of the same is exposed when the members are in a partially folded condition, an end portion of the inner member, defined by one of the said transverse lines, being detached along its edges from the corresponding portion of the outer member, so that it can be folded separately about the said line for its insertion in a fold of a bill placed upon said inner member for the purpose described.

12. A pocket book comprising inner and outer cover-members of oblong shape adapted to be folded together, along transverse lines, the inner member being adapted to support upon its inner surface, a bill so as

to be entirely accessible when the members are in the unfolded condition, and so that an end of the same is exposed when the members are in a partially folded condition, an end portion of the inner member, defined by one of the said transverse lines being detached along its edges from the corresponding portion of the outer member, so that it can be folded separately about the said line for its insertion in a fold of a bill placed upon said inner member for the purpose described, the said inner member having at its opposite end portion, a pouch and in the face of said portion, an opening affording access thereto.

13. A pocket book comprising inner and outer cover-members of oblong shape adapted to be folded together, along transverse lines, the inner member being adapted to support upon its inner surface, a bill so as to be entirely accessible when the members are in the unfolded condition and so that an end of the same is exposed when the members are in a partially folded condition, an end portion of the inner member, defined by one of the said transverse lines, being detached along its edges from the corresponding portion of the outer member, so that it can be folded separately about the said line for its insertion in a fold of a bill placed upon said inner member for the purpose described, the said inner member having at its opposite end portion, a pouch in the face of said portion, an opening affording access thereto, and a coin-holder secured at the same end of the said member in the space between the two members.

14. A pocket book comprising an oblong element adapted to be folded along two transverse lines and having a pouch and in the inner face of its portion between one of its ends and the adjacent one of said lines, an opening affording access thereto, the said element having means for fastening its other portions in the folded position for securing the contents thereof while the portion having the said opening, remains unfastened for ready access.

15. A pocket book comprising outer and

inner cover-members of oblong shape connected to receive bills and other articles between them, and adapted to be folded along transverse lines, the inner member having a pouch, and in the face of its portion between one of its ends and the thereto adjacent one of said lines, an opening affording access to said pouch, the said members being adapted to separate at the said end, and the outer member having at the said end, a flap adapted to be folded over the adjacent edge of the inner member whereby to close the said end without closing the said opening, and means for fastening said flap in its folded position.

16. A pocket book comprising inner and outer cover-members of oblong shape adapted to be folded along transverse lines for securing bills or other articles placed between them or upon the outer surface of the inner member, the said members being fastened so that an end portion of the inner member can be separately folded along one of said lines, and a coin holder secured upon the inner surface of the said end-portion of said inner member, and having an opening for the insertion of coins, which normally is in the space between said members.

17. A pocket-book comprising inner and outer cover-members of oblong shape adapted to be folded along transverse lines for securing bills or other articles placed between them or upon the outer surface of the inner member, the said members being fastened so that an end-portion of the inner member can be separately folded along one of said lines, and a coin-holder secured upon the inner surface of the said end-portion of said inner member and having an opening for the insertion of coins which normally is in the space between said members, the outer member having at its corresponding end, a flap adapted to be folded over the adjacent edge of the inner member.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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