

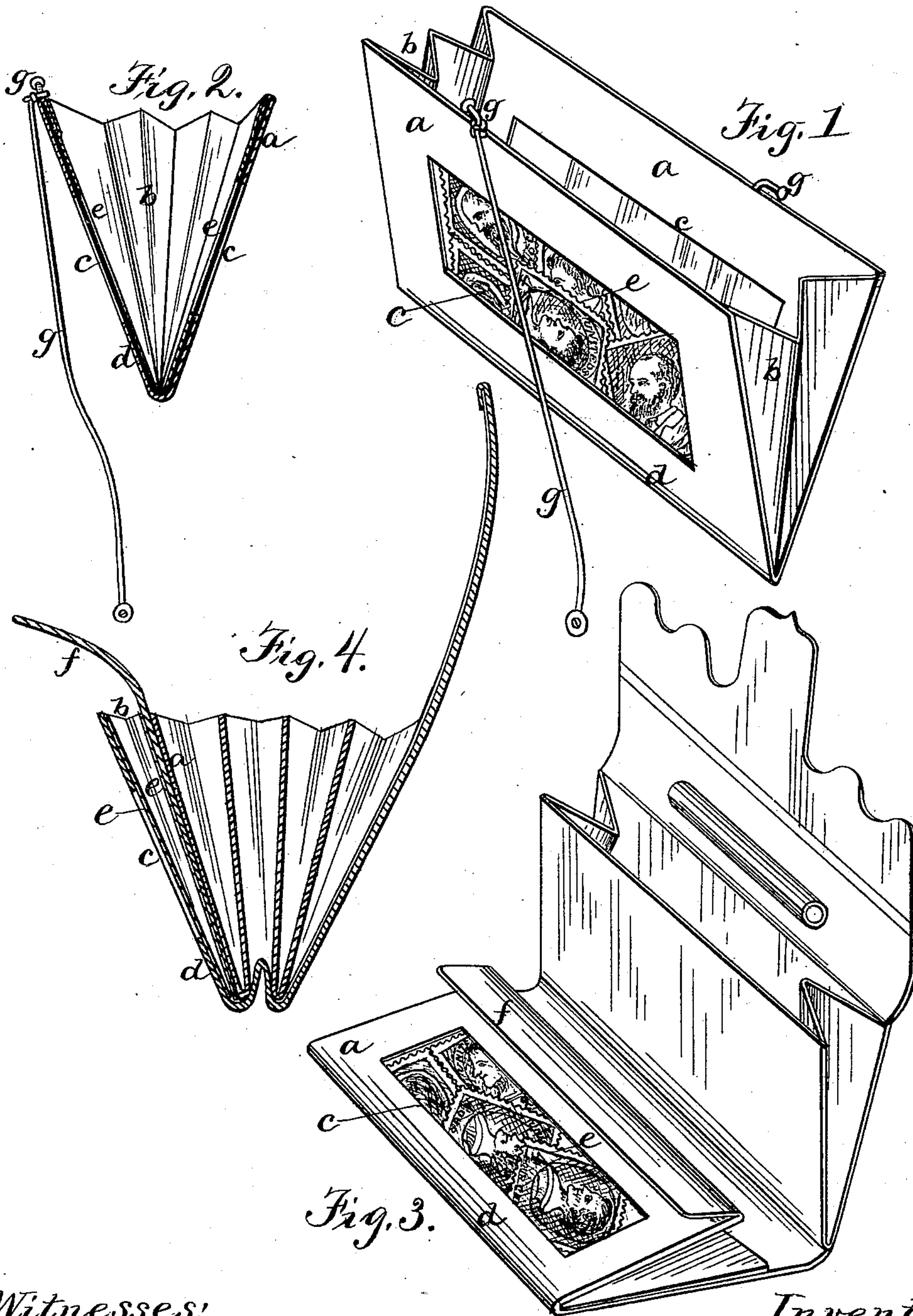
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANDREW J. KAY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Beebe Plain, county of Orleans, State of Vermont, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Holders for Postage-Stamps and other Articles, of which the following is a specification.

My improvement consists of a holder for postage-stamps having one or more mica lined or walled compartments, and may be used as a separate holder carried in the pocket, or it may form one or more of the compartments of a pocket-book, or carried loosely in one of the compartments thereof.

The object of my improvement is to render the compartment impervious to the perspiration of the body, protect the stamps from sweating, and prevent them from sticking together, while rendering the non-sweating compartment pliable and transparent, so that when closed its contents may be seen. The mica-walled stamp-holder has a suitable clasp for keeping it closed, and may be used with any form of pocket-book or purse for containing anything which it may be desired to save from injury or defacement.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a mica-walled holder having an elastic clasp; Fig. 2, a cross-section thereof. Fig. 3 shows a pocket-book having one of its compartments formed of mica walls, and Fig. 4 shows a section of a pocket-book having my improvement.

The holder may be made of leather or any suitable material as a body, *a*, adapted to be formed into a compartment having end folds, *b*, and open or cut-away sides *c*, leaving only sufficient body to form a border or base, *d*, for the attachment of sheets of mica *e*, so as to form the side walls of the compartment, and thus render it impervious to moisture or the perspiration, and protect the contents from injury or defacement.

The mica sheets may form the walls proper, or a lining for the walls, and be secured to the body *a* by any suitable adhesive substance on the sides or between its folds as a lining.

When the mica compartment is formed within or upon the cover of the pocket-book, its open side may have flap-cover *f*, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4, or it may have any suitable clasp to keep it closed. When made as a

separate holder, it has a suitable clasp, *g*, as shown in Fig. 1. While the mica compartment is pliable and will bend under pressure from the body, it is transparent, so that its contents may be seen and examined without opening the compartment.

One or both sides of the compartment-body may be open, so that the contents may be seen from either side; but both sides of the closure should be mica-walled to render the closure impervious to moisture alike on both sides, and I may make the closure non-transparent by completely covering the mica walls with the flexible body.

While the mica is a non-conductor of moisture it is also a non-conductor of the heat of the body, and, while being sufficiently flexible to bend under pressure, it is sufficiently rigid to keep the stamps in good condition.

It will be understood that the mica sheets must bound the entire area of the compartment—that is to say, the mica sheets must be the full depth and length of the compartment—otherwise the object of my improvement—viz., to exclude moisture at every part of the compartment—would not be attained, and without such construction and provision my improvement would be without utility.

I claim—

1. A postage-stamp holder or pouch consisting of a leather or fabric body, *a*, folded into compartment form, having its side walls of mica entirely bounding the area of its sides and secured to said compartment-body, the end walls of flexible folds *b*, and a fastening device adapted to be opened, substantially as described.

2. A pocket-book having one of its folding compartments provided with mica walls entirely bounding its sides and secured to said compartment-body, the other one of said compartment-walls having an open or cut-away side *c*, in its body *a*, and its inner wall having a flap-fastening, *f*, for said compartment, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

ANDREW J. KAY.

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