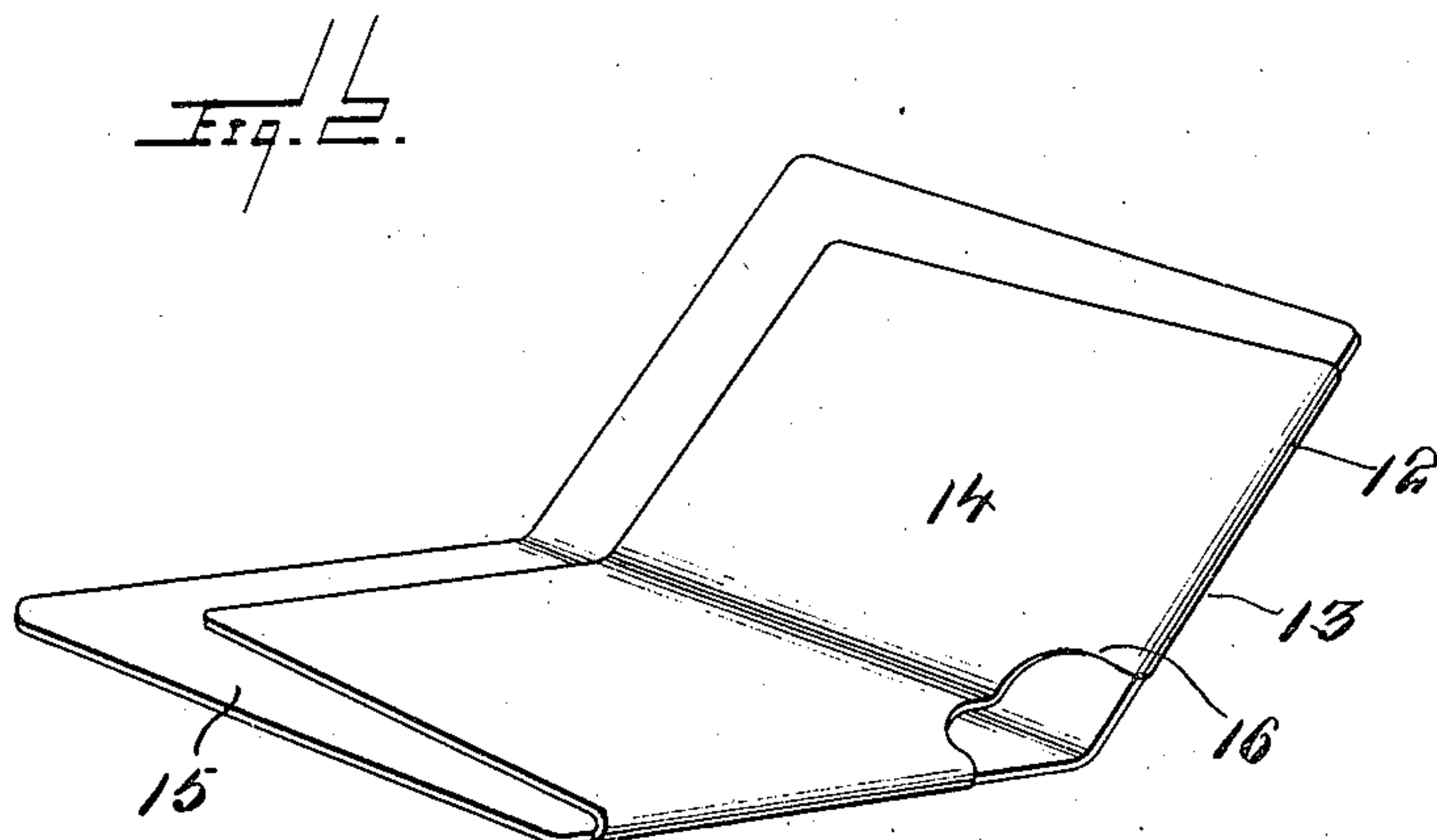
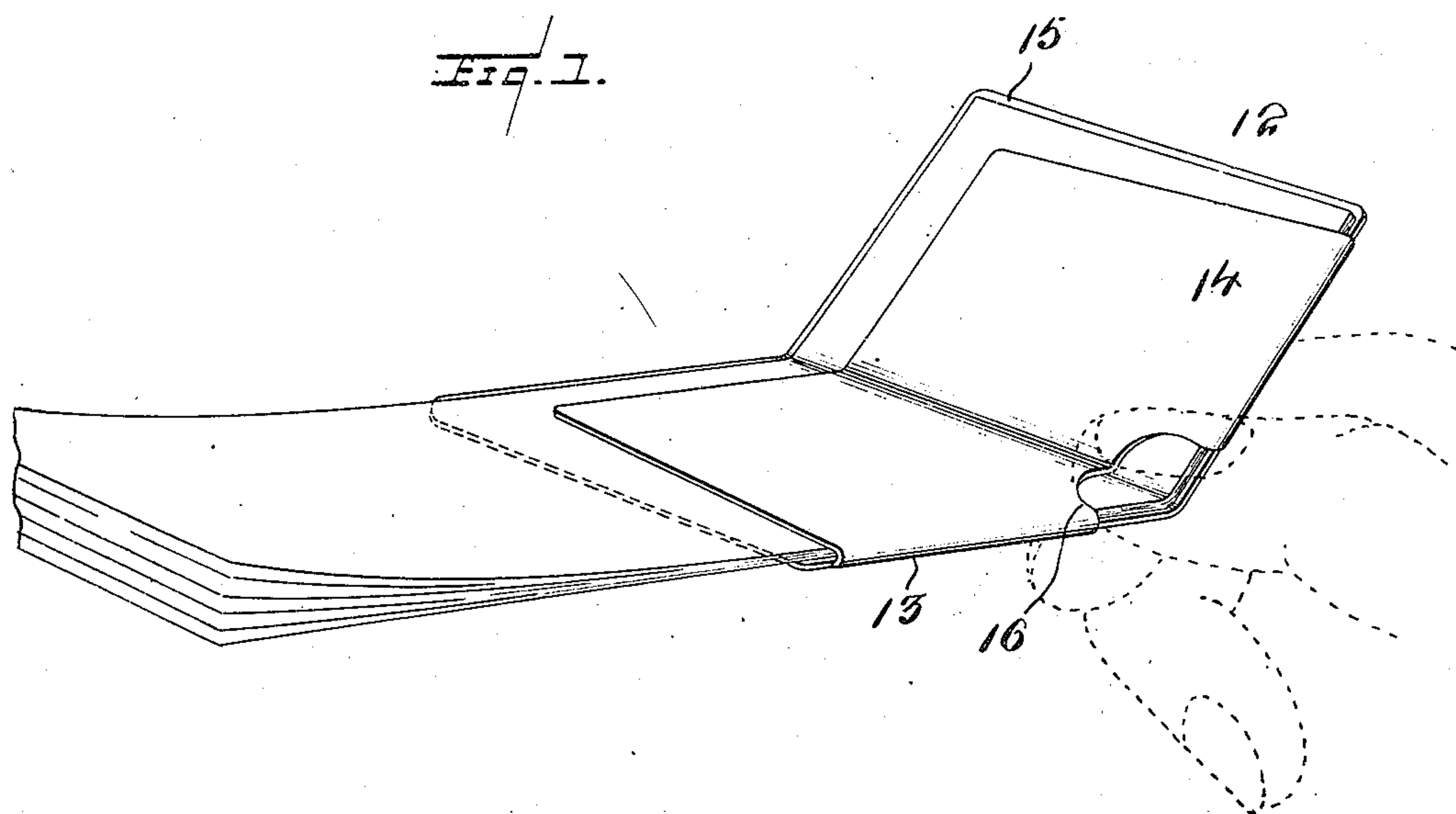


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. S. FERNALD, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented or discovered certain new and useful Improvements in Pocket-Books or Bill-Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

Many persons object to carrying a pocket-book for holding bills for the reason that it is more or less bulky or cumbersome, and therefore prefer to carry their bank bills folded or in a roll loose in their pockets, without any covering or inclosure. This is more or less objectionable for various reasons, as will be understood, and the present invention has for its object to provide a pocket-book adapted for holding folded bills and which is of such construction that it adds very little to the bulk or the weight of the folded bills themselves, and which, when open, serves as a convenient holder for the bills when it is desired to remove a bill of any desired denomination from a package of bills without disturbing the other bills. To this end the improved pocket-book or bill-holder consists of a piece of leather or other suitable flexible material which is, when folded once upon itself, about half the size of an ordinary bank bill, and the inner ply of the folded piece is provided with a central thumb-opening adjacent to the folding line, so that when a quantity of bills are placed in the bill-holder and the same is in a half-open condition, the bills will be so held between the thumb and finger of the user that any desired bills may be removed from the package or mass of bills without disturbing the others.

In the accompanying drawing Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating the improved pocket-book or bill-holder, and its manner of use, and Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same with the bills omitted.

Referring to the drawing, 12 denotes a piece of flexible material, preferably leather, which is creased on the line 13, so that the portion 14, constituting the inner flap of the pocket-book or bill-holder, will readily fold over onto the portion 15 constituting the outer flap or part. The flap 14 is provided at its lower edge or near the crease line 13, with a central opening 16, preferably

semi-circular in form, so as to be adapted to receive the thumb of the user which may be pressed against the bills held between the inner and outer flaps 14 and 15 in such a manner that the bill-holder may be retained between the thumb and finger of the user and the bills held tightly in place in such a manner that any desired bill may be removed from the package without disturbing the others, the flap 14, owing to the opening 16, being left free from the pressure of the thumb of the user. Both flaps 14 and 15 are scored or creased centrally so that when bills are inserted in the holder between the said flaps said bills may be folded over against the inner flap 14 and both flaps may then be folded upon themselves in such a manner as to inclose and hold the bills. The inner flap 14 is preferably formed smaller, or narrower and shorter, than the outer flap 15, as shown, and this will render the bill-holder less bulky and of more desirable shape when folded.

Instead of making the improved bill-holder from a single piece of flexible material it may be made of two pieces of foldable material flexibly joined together at the line 13, and in such case the inner portion or flap will, of course, be provided at its lower edge with the central thumb-opening 16.

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

1. The herein-described pocket-book or bill-holder consisting of a piece of flexible material adapted to be folded upon itself, and the inner flap of which when folded is provided near the folding line with a thumb-receiving opening, both flaps being creased or scored so as to be adapted to fold upon themselves.

2. The herein-described pocket-book or bill-holder consisting of a piece of flexible material adapted to be folded upon itself, and the inner flap of which when folded is provided near the folding line with a central thumb-receiving opening, both flaps being creased or scored so as to be adapted to fold upon themselves, and the said inner flap being smaller than the outer flap.

3. The herein-described pocket-book or bill-holder comprising an outer flap of about half the size of a bank bill, and an inner flap flexibly joined to the said outer flap and provided at its lower edge with a central

thumb-opening, and both flaps being centrally creased or scored so as to be adapted to fold on themselves.

4. The herein-described pocket-book or  
5 bill-holder comprising an outer flap of about half the size of a bank bill, and an inner flap flexibly joined to the said outer flap and provided at its lower edge with a central thumb-opening, and both flaps being cen-

trally creased or scored so as to be adapted 10 to fold on themselves, said inner flap being smaller than the said outer flap.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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