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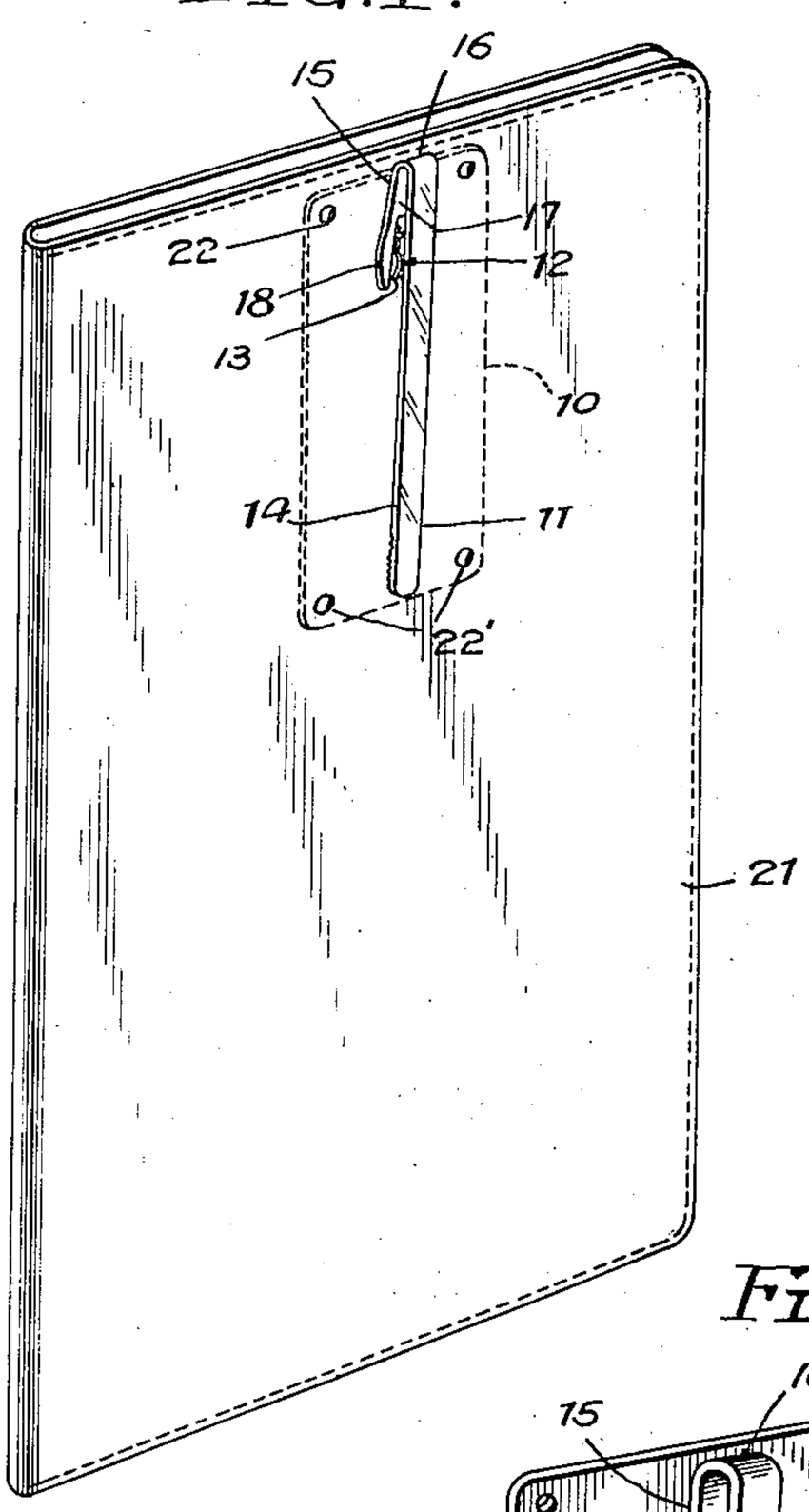
FIG. 1.



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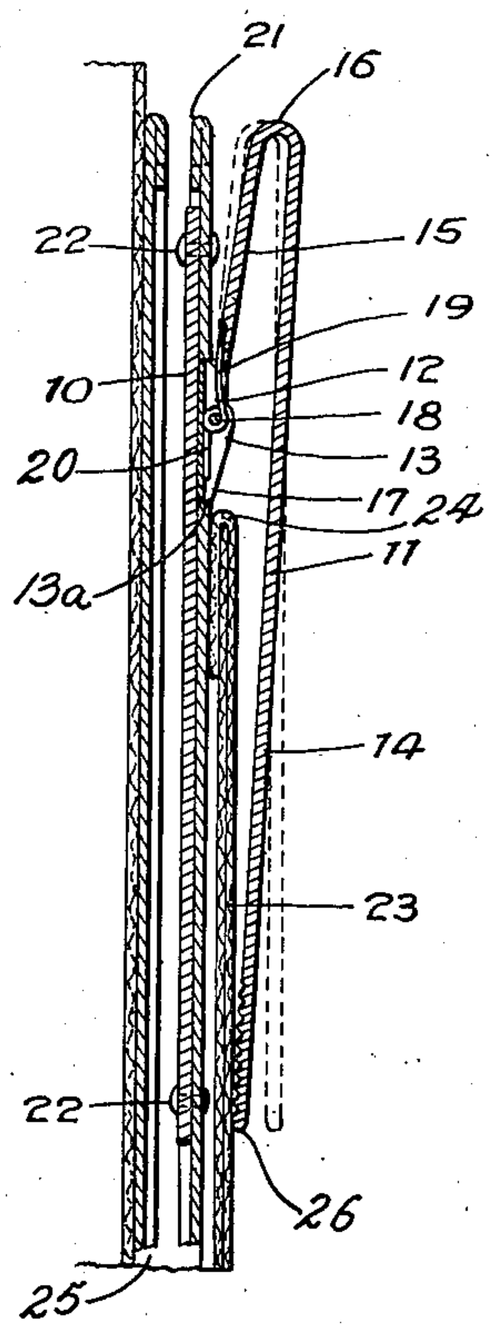

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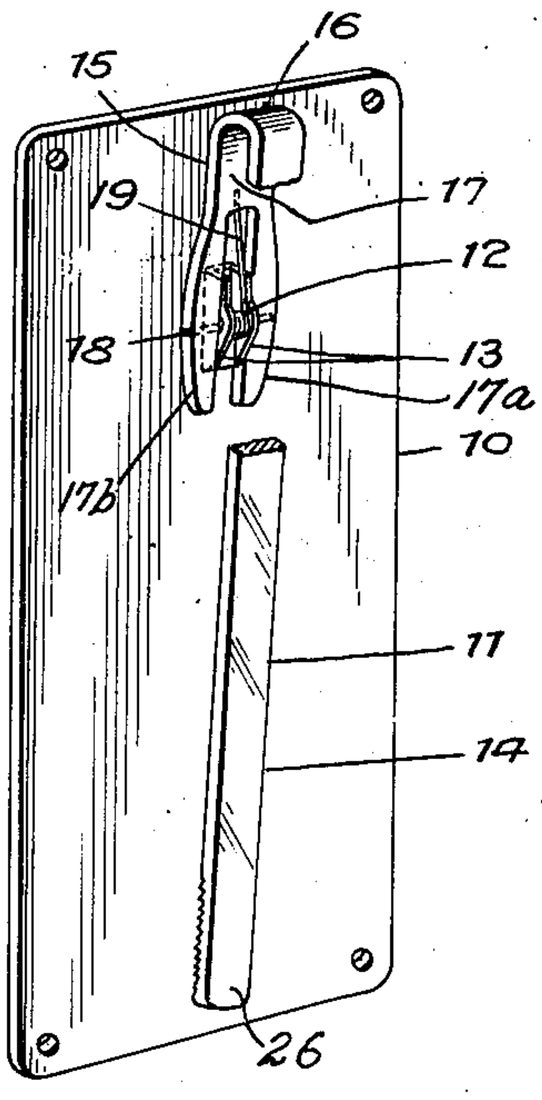

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This invention relates to a manipulative device in the nature of a clip applicable to a bill fold, pocketbook and closely analogous articles for the purpose of retaining such article in the pocket of a garment, and to prevent the unintentional removal of the article.

The principal object of the invention is the provision of a device of the indicated character which will be securely applied to an article of kind mentioned and embodies improvements whereby such article may be entirely inserted into a pocket of suitable size, clamped or gripped to a wall of the pocket, and which device is easy to manipulate for the insertion of the article within the pocket and the intentional removal therefrom.

The nature of the invention and its distinguishing features and advantages will appear when the following specification is read in conjunction with the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a bill fold selected to illustrate the device of the present invention shown applied thereto by way of example.

Figure 2 is a vertical sectional view taken centrally through the part bearing the clamping device showing the bill fold inserted and retained within a pocket of a garment, only a portion of the bill fold and the pocket being shown.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the device per se, on an enlarged scale, with part of the clamping device broken off.

As shown in the drawing the device, generally stated, comprises an attaching plate 10, a clamping device or clip 11 pivotally connected with the plate, and a spring 12 to yieldingly retain the clip in a gripping or clamping position.

The plate 10 is made preferably of metal and has spaced apertured lugs or ears 13 integral therewith on one side and arranged approximately centrally thereof.

The clip 11 also is made preferably of metal. It is of inverted J-shape and therefore consists of long and short members 14 and 15 respectively joined by a bight 16. The member 14 is considerably longer than the member 15 and may be more or less than twice the length of the member 15. The function of the member 14 is to exert a clamping or gripping action, whereas the member 15 is a reach member. The member 15 has a bifurcated end 17 and the legs 17*a* and 17*b* thereof have alined holes therein registrable with the holes in the ears 13. A pivot pin 18 extends through the legs 17*a* and 17*b* and the ears 13 and thus connects the clip 11 with the plate 10 for pivotal movement with respect thereto.

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The spring 12 is made from a single piece of resilient wire coiled around the pivot 18 with one end portion 19 engaging the member 15 and the remaining end portion 20 engaging the plate 10. The spring constructed and employed in the manner stated constantly urges the clip 11 to a clamping position.

The device having the mentioned features is applied to a bill fold, pocket book, or analogous article usually carried about on the person within a pocket. In the present instance there is shown a bill fold 21. The plate 10 is secured to a position of the article 21 by means of rivets 22 or the like, said plate having holes therein for that purpose. The portion of the bill fold to which the device is secured has a hole or space 13*a* therein to accommodate the ears 13, inasmuch as the plate 10 is secured to inside of the fold portion in the present instance. The device is applied near one end of the article 21. The bight 16 of the clip 11 occurs approximately opposite the adjacent end edge 24 of the bill fold. This enables the bill fold to be inserted entirely within a pocket 25 of a garment serving as a support, as shown in Figure 2. The member 14 of the clip 11 clampingly engages the wall 23 of the pocket. The wall 23 is clamped between the member 14 and the bill fold 21, and thus retains or arrests the bill fold within the pocket. By reason of the fact that the clip 11 is of inverted J-shape the bill fold, pocket book or the like may be entirely inserted within the pocket.

To insert the bill fold 21, the clip 11 at the bight 16 is manipulated to the open position as shown in broken lines on Figure 2. The bill fold is then inserted into the pocket after which the clip 11, straddling the wall 23, is released to the action of the spring 12 which causes the toothed outer end 26 of the clamping member 14 to clamp the wall 23 against the bill fold thereby arresting or securing the latter within the pocket and so keeping it from accidentally jumping out or from being otherwise unintentionally removed. By manipulating the clip to unclamp it, the bill fold may be readily removed from the pocket.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

A device for securing an article to a garment having a pocket, comprising a relatively large attaching plate secured inside said article, a clip having spaced members joined to form a bight, said members consisting of a clamping member and a reach member, the latter having a bifurcated end with separated arms, said clamping mem-

ber being longer than said reach member, means connecting the terminal of the reach member with the plate whereby the clip has pivotal movement with respect to the plate and enables the clamping member to grip the edge of the pocket when the clip straddles same, said means consisting of spaced ears on the plate, said article having an opening through which said ears project, and a pivot pin extending through the ears and said arms, said ears lying between said arms, and a spring coiled around said pivot and having one end bearing on the reach member and a second end bearing on said plate, said spring acting on the clip to urge the clamping member into a gripping position.

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