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1pre	A compact wallet, comprising:
1a	at least two rigid plates interposed to sandwich card-like contents there between, each rigid plate having a longitudinal extent;
1b	at least one encircling elastic band interposed with the at least two rigid plates along longitudinal extents thereof to bias them inwardly and securely hold the card-like contents while providing elastic volume there between for adding or removing contents;
1c	a channeling means configured to minimize the profile of the wallet and hold position of the at least one encircling elastic band with respect to each rigid plate while allowing freedom for the dynamic extension and contraction of the band over the entire running length thereof; and
1d	an auxiliary feature removably attached to at least one of the at least two rigid plates, the auxiliary feature having a tang insertable into a recess formed inside the at least two rigid plates, the tang having a hook, the hook extending at an angle to the tang, the hook engaging an undercut of the recess to prevent inadvertent dislodgement of the auxiliary feature from the recess,

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1e	whereby, card-like contents may be carried with minimal silhouette on or with a person while allowing expandable capacity and ready access to individual contents from between the at least two rigid plates.
2	2. The compact wallet of claim 1, wherein the channeling means is a longitudinal groove in a first lamina of a laminate construction of each rigid plate, the groove slidingly receiving one part of the at least one encircling elastic band.
3	3. The compact wallet of claim 2, wherein a second lamina of the laminate construction of each rigid plate is removably attached to the first lamina to hold the at least one elastic band in capture and provide a smooth surface for glide purposes.
4	4. The compact wallet of claim 3, wherein the second lamina is attached to the first lamina by screws.
5	5. The compact wallet of claim 3, wherein the second lamina is attached to the first lamina by pressure sensitive adhesive means.
6	6. The compact wallet of claim 1, wherein each rigid plate is comprised of metal for RFID protection.
7	7. The compact wallet of claim 1, wherein each rigid plate is metalized for RFID protection.

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8	8. The compact wallet of claim 3, wherein at least one of the first or second lamina of each rigid plate is comprised of metal.
9	9. The compact wallet of claim 1, further comprising a first elastic strap positioned over the ends of the at least two rigid plates transverse to the longitudinal extents, the positioning functioning to retain the card-like contents from that end.
10	10. The compact wallet of claim 1, further comprising a second elastic strap positioned over an outside surface of one of the at least two rigid plates to hold additional contents on the outside surface.
11	11. The compact wallet of claim 1, wherein the card-like contents comprise one or more of a credit card, a driver's license, an ID card, a business card, an affiliation card, a currency bill, a loyalty card, a coupon, a receipt or a personal paper.
12	12. The compact wallet of claim 1, further comprising aligned finger notches through proximal ends of the rigid plates to expose an edge of the card-like contents for the purpose of pushing the edge to elevate the contents into view through distal ends of the rigid plates, said edge providing a fulcrum to lever the proximal ends together for the purpose of fanning the distal ends apart in display of the contents.

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13	13. The compact wallet of claim 1, wherein the encircling elastic band is comprised of woven elastic fabric.
14pre	14. A compact wallet, comprising:
14a	at least two rigid plates interposed to sandwich card-like contents there between, each rigid plate having a groove along a longitudinal extent thereof;
14b	at least one encircling elastic band slidingly interposed in the grooves to bias the at least two rigid plates inwardly and securely hold the card-like contents while providing elastic volume there between for adding or removing contents, the grooves configured to hold position of the at least one encircling elastic band with respect to each rigid plate while allowing freedom for the dynamic extension and contraction of the band over the entire running length thereof; and
14c	a recess formed inside at least one of the at least two rigid plates, the recess operable to receive a tang of an auxiliary feature, the recess having an undercut operable to engage a hook of the tang to prevent inadvertent dislodgement of the auxiliary feature from the recess when the auxiliary feature is removably positioned in at least one of the at least two rigid plates, the hook extending at an angle to the tang,

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14d	whereby, card-like contents may be carried with minimal silhouette on or with a person while allowing expandable capacity and ready access to individual contents from between the at least two rigid plates.
15	15. The compact wallet of claim 14, wherein the groove is in a first lamina of a laminate construction of each rigid plate, the groove slidingly receiving one part of the at least one encircling elastic band.
16	16. The compact wallet of claim 15, wherein a second lamina of the laminate construction of each rigid plate is removably attached to the first lamina to capture the at least one elastic band and provide a smooth surface for glide.
17	17. The compact wallet of claim 16, whereinthe second lamina is attached to the first lamina by screws.
18	18. The compact wallet of claim 1, wherein each rigid plate is comprised of metal for RFID protection.
19pre	19. A method of making a modular compact wallet, comprising the steps:
19a	providing at least two rigid plates interposed to sandwich card-like contents there between, each rigid plate having a groove along a longitudinal extent thereof;

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19b	at least one encircling elastic band slidingly interposed in the grooves to bias the at least two rigid plates inwardly and securely hold the card-like contents while providing elastic volume there between for adding or removing contents, the grooves configured to hold position of the at least one encircling elastic band with respect to each rigid plate while allowing freedom for the dynamic extension and contraction of the band over the entire running length thereof,
19c	at least one groove additionally having at least one recess positioned outbound of the elastic band;
19d	providing a first auxiliary feature having at least one tang;
19e	inserting, removably, the at least one tang of the first auxiliary feature into the at least one recess to make the first auxiliary feature available at an outside face of at least one of the two rigid plates;
19f	removing, selectively, the first auxiliary feature;
19g	providing, selectively, at least a second auxiliary feature having at least one tang; and inserting, removably, the at least one tang of the second auxiliary feature into the at least one recess to make the second auxiliary feature available at an outside face of at least one of the two rigid plates, the at least one recess having an undercut operable to

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	engage a hook of the tang to prevent inadvertent dislodgement of the second auxiliary feature from the at least one recess, the hook extending at an angle to the tang, the at least one recess receiving the tang being disposed inside at least one of the two rigid plates;
19h	whereby, card-like contents may be carried with minimal silhouette on or with a person while allowing expandable capacity and ready access to individual contents positioned interiorly to the at least two rigid plates and proving additional functionality from at least one auxiliary feature positioned exteriorly thereto.
20	20. The method of claim 19, wherein the at least one recess has an undercut and the at least one tang has a hook, the hook and undercut interpositioned to secure the at least one auxiliary feature against inadvertent dislodgement.
21	21. The method of claim 20, wherein at least one of the auxiliary features is a money clip.
22	22. The method of claim 19, wherein the groove is in a first lamina of a laminate construction of each rigid plate and the at least one recess is in at least one of the first lamina.

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23	23. The method of claim 22, wherein a second lamina of the laminate construction of each rigid plate captures the at least one elastic band and the at least one tang when removably attached to the first lamina and facilitates placement and removal of the at least one elastic band and the at least one tang when removed from the first lamina.
24	24. The method of claim 23, wherein the second lamina is attached to the first lamina by screws.