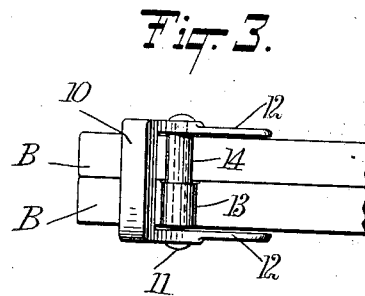
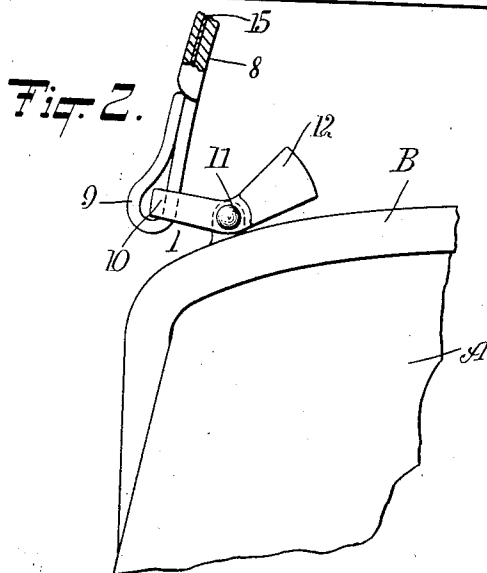
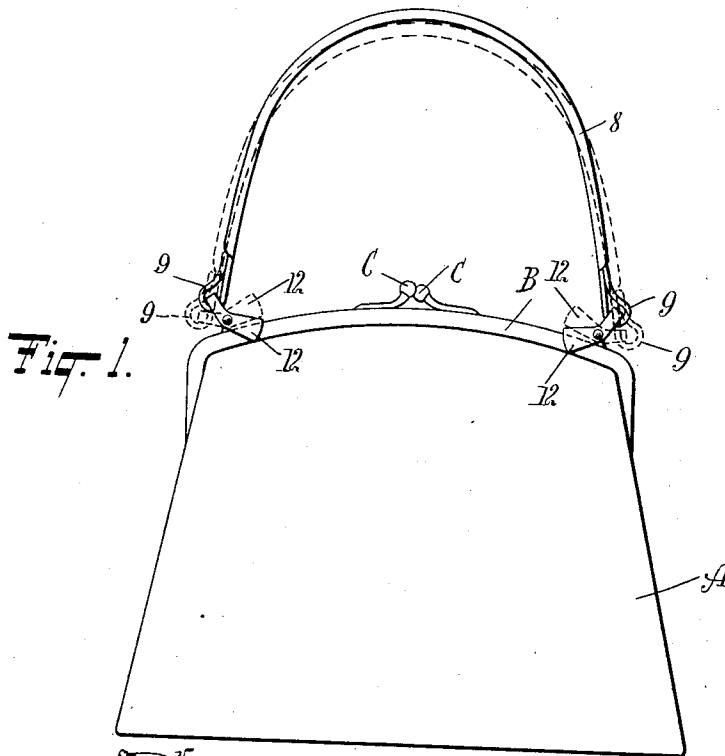


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, HERMAN COHN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, and PHILIP BERMAN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Hand-Bag, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

Our invention is an improvement in that class of hand-bags which are provided with pivoted U-shaped clips or clasps adapted to hold the jaws of the bags securely closed when the latter are suspended by the handle.

Our invention is embodied in the construction, arrangement, and combination of parts hereinafter described, whereby the clasps are pivoted to one of the jaws and held from sliding laterally by a loose sleeve applied to the pivots.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of a bag constructed and arranged in accordance with the present invention; Fig. 2 is a detail view, on enlarged scale, of a corner fragment of a bag constructed and arranged in accordance with the present invention; and Fig. 3 is a detail top view, on enlarged scale, of an end fragment of the frame of the bag.

As seen in the accompanying drawings, the bag A is of any suitable construction, and is provided with a frame B, formed of two sections pivotally connected, each section being provided with a latch member C, each of which in operation is forced past the other, to be held by the resiliency of the frame in relatively locked position, substantially as shown in Fig. 1 of drawings. Heretofore, bags of this character have been provided with flexible bail handles, the handles secured by looped ends formed thereon extending through rings or other similar devices on the frame B of the bag A. These bags have been subjected to pilfering, the method of the pilferer being usually to press the latch members C, C, to open the bag, this operation necessitating no violent action such as would disturb the person carry-

ing the bag. When the members C, C are released, one side of the frame B and portion of the bag connected therewith will separate from the other section of the frame, and expose the interior of the bag, so that the same may be rifled. Again, a defect in the service which has been obtained from bags as formerly constructed has been in that the owner of the bag fails to fasten the latch members, merely closing them temporarily. When thereafter the bag is jarred by the ordinary use in carriage, the frame sections separate, leaving the bag open and the contents exposed to sight or pilfering.

To overcome the above objections, the handle 8 of the present construction is provided with loops 9, through which are extended cross bars 10 of auxiliary locking clips, which are pivotally mounted upon the frame by means of pivot pins 11.

The auxiliary locking clips above referred to, embody small side plates 12, extended, as shown in the drawings, to the side of the pins 11 opposite that in which the cross bar 10 is disposed. The cross bar and plates 12 are integrally constructed, said plates being perforated to receive the pins 11. The latter pass through perforated lugs 13 formed on one side of the frame B, as shown best in Fig. 3 of drawings, and, as the plates 12 of the clips are designed to rest at opposite sides of the closed members of the frame B, filling sleeves or thimbles 14 are provided to extend between one of the plates 12 and the lugs 13. The length of the latter does not exceed the width or thickness of the jaw to which they are attached.

When in operation, and as shown by full lines in Fig. 1 of drawings, the weight of the bag A rests upon the handle 8, the locking clips are rotated upon the pins 11, to dispose the plates 12, 12 at opposite sides of the frame B. In this position, it will be seen, the bag A or frame B cannot be opened in the manner as above outlined, for the reason that the plates 12 restrain the sections of the frame B. It becomes necessary to lift the weight of the bag A from the handle 8, and this lifting of the bag will attract the attention of the owner, causing detection of any attempt at robbery.

It is to prevent the imposition of any unusual strain on the locking clips due to the owner of the bag endeavoring to force apart the latches C, C while the plates 12 of the clips are in position to lock the frame B,

that we have provided in the handle 8 a light flat spring 15, as best seen in Fig. 2 of drawings. The spring 15 normally disposes the handle in position as shown by the dotted lines in Fig. 1, in which position of the handle, the clips are rotated on the pins 11 to lift the plates 12 from engagement with the frame B. This operation is automatic, and occurs whenever the bag is rested on a table or shelf, or lifted by hand. In this manner is avoided the danger incident to the endeavor to open the bag when the clips are in locking position.

Having thus described our invention, we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:—

A hand-bag having hinged metal jaws whose outer edges are flush when they are

closed, one of said jaws having perforated lugs projecting outwardly and not exceeding in length the width of the jaw to which they are attached, and U-shaped clasps having pivots passing through the said lugs which thus constitute a bearing therefor, and a loose sleeve applied to the pivots and its ends abutting the aforesaid lugs and the adjacent arms of the clasps, as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof we have signed our names to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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