

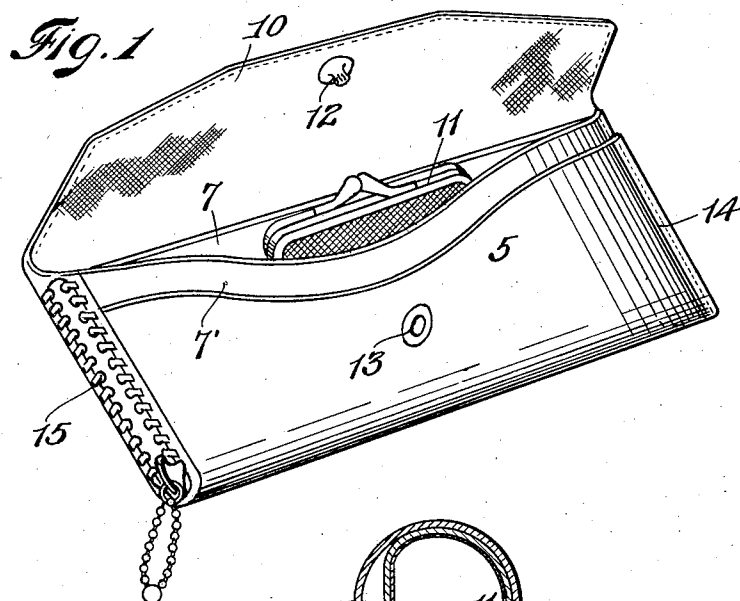
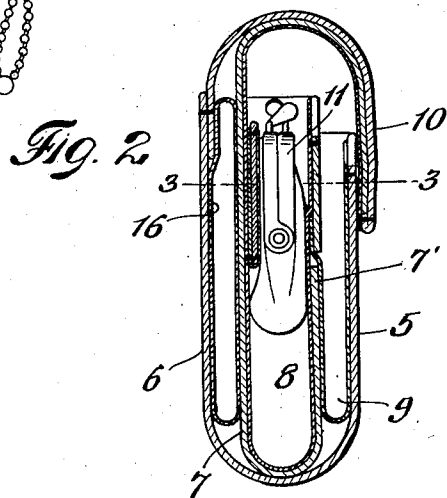
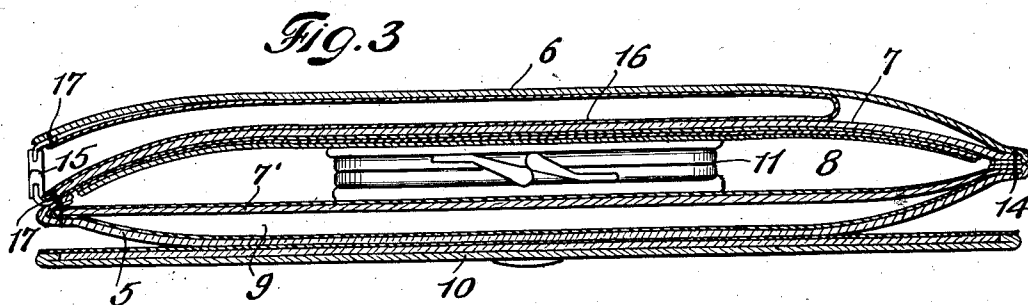
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1 Claim. (Cl. 150—35)

This invention relates to handbags and has for its principal object to provide a lady's handbag of improved construction which, in addition to the usual compartments which are closed by a longitudinally extending closure flap, is provided with an independent pocket extending substantially the entire length and width of the bag. This pocket is closed at one end of the bag by suitable means operable independently of the closure flap to afford access to said pocket. Thus gloves, handkerchiefs, bankbooks or documents may be securely confined against loss, though readily removed from said pocket without exposing or disturbing the contents of the main compartments of the bag.

A further general object of the invention is to provide an improved handbag of the above character which will be serviceable and convenient in use and may be manufactured and sold at a nominal price.

With the above and other objects in view the invention consists in the improved handbag and in the form, construction and relative arrangement of its several parts, as will be hereafter more fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawing and subsequently defined in the subjoined claims.

In the drawing, wherein I have illustrated one simple and practical embodiment of my invention and in which similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a handbag embodying the present improvements, showing the main compartments and the supplemental pocket open.

Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view, and

Fig. 3 is a horizontal section taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Referring in detail to the drawing, the body of the bag having the front and rear walls 5 and 6 respectively may be of any desired size and shape. Partition walls 7, 7' divide the interior of the bag into compartments 8 and 9 respectively, the wall 7 being upwardly extended and attached to the closure flap 10, which is secured to the upper edge of the rear wall 6 of the bag. A change purse 11 may be suitably attached to the wall 7 within the compartment 8 of the bag. A fastening stud 12 is carried by the flap 10 to engage the socket 13 on the front wall 5 of the bag and secure said flap in its closed position.

The structure above described is merely suggestive as my invention is readily applicable to

various constructions having other arrangements of interior compartments or pockets. However, unlike the ordinary handbag, the front and rear walls 5 and 6 are permanently secured together at one end only of the bag, as indicated at 14. At their other ends these walls are provided with suitable fastening means whereby they may be releasably connected with each other. In the present instance I have shown such a fastening means in the form of the well known interlocking slide fastener 15.

My invention consists essentially in the provision of an independent pocket 16, arranged between the rear wall 6 of the bag and the partition wall 7 and extending therebetween for substantially the full length and width of the bag. This pocket may be formed from a sheet of satin, silk or other fabric material. The edges of this material at the mouth or open end of the pocket are secured to the end edges of the walls 6 and 7 of the bag by the stitching 17 which also secures the tapes carrying the interlocking elements of the fastener 15 to said walls and the end of the front wall 5 to the wall 7.

Preferably, the walls of the pocket 16 are otherwise unattached to the bag walls.

From the above description it will be seen that I provide a capacious supplemental pocket which is entirely independent of the bag compartments 8 and 9 and to which access may be readily had without releasing and opening the closure flap 10 for said compartments. The pocket 16 may contain valuable documents, bank books, passports and the like which will be safely confined therein when the fastener 15 is closed. By opening said fastener such articles can be easily extracted while the flap 10 remains in its closed position and it is unnecessary to remove or disturb the miscellaneous contents of the bag compartments 8 and 9. Of course, if desired, the gloves, handkerchiefs or other articles may be carried in the pocket 16. Should the material of the pocket become badly worn or torn it may be readily removed and a new pocket substituted therefor.

I have herein described an embodiment of my invention which may be easily applied to an ordinary handbag without greatly increasing the manufacturing cost thereof, to materially add to the utility of such articles. Since the essentials of my invention are obviously applicable in numerous alternative forms I reserve the privilege of resorting to all such legitimate changes in the form, construction and relative arrangement of the various elements as may be fairly con-

sidered to be within the spirit and scope of my invention as claimed.

What I claim is:

5 A handbag comprising front and rear walls, partition means forming a plurality of compartments between said walls open at the top of the bag, means directly and permanently securing said partition means and said front and rear walls to each other at one end of the bag,
10 said rear wall having a flap extension and means for detachably fastening the same to the front wall to close said compartments, means securing said partition means to the front wall

only at the opposite end of the bag, an article receiving pocket, extending between said partition means and the rear wall of the bag, and a closure for the open end of said pocket including two series of interlocking elements and a 5 slide fastener, one series of said elements being attached to the latter end of the front wall of the bag by the means securing said wall to the partition means and the other series of interlocking elements being secured to the corresponding end edge of the rear wall of the bag. 10

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