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Fig. 1

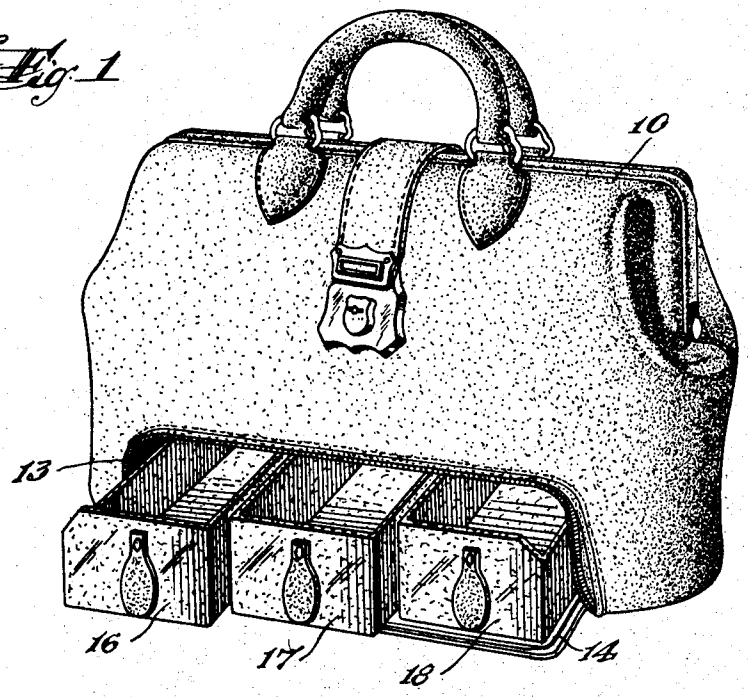


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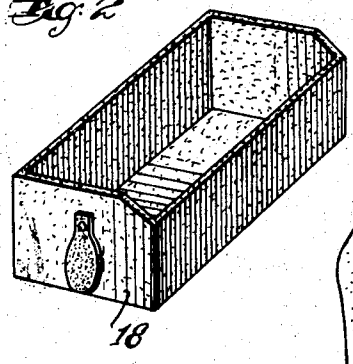


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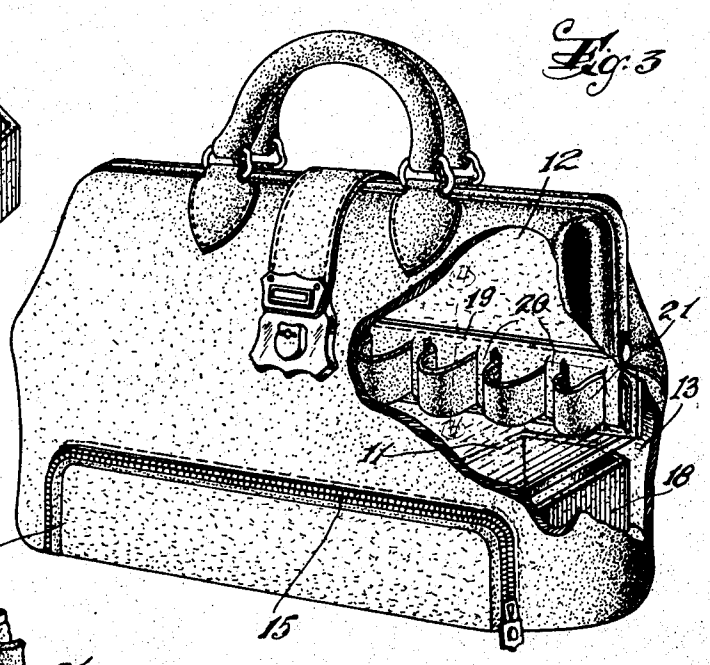
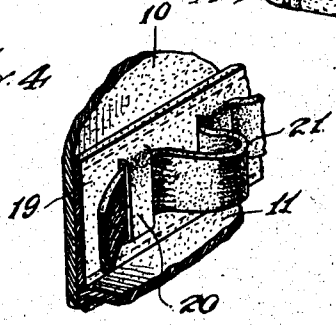


Fig. 4



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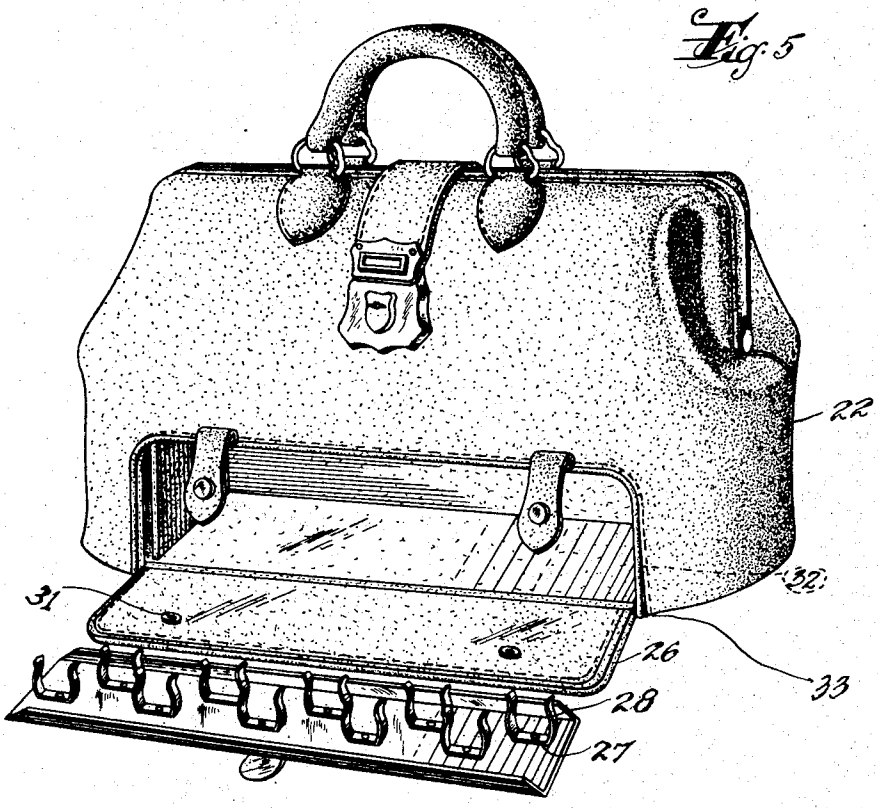
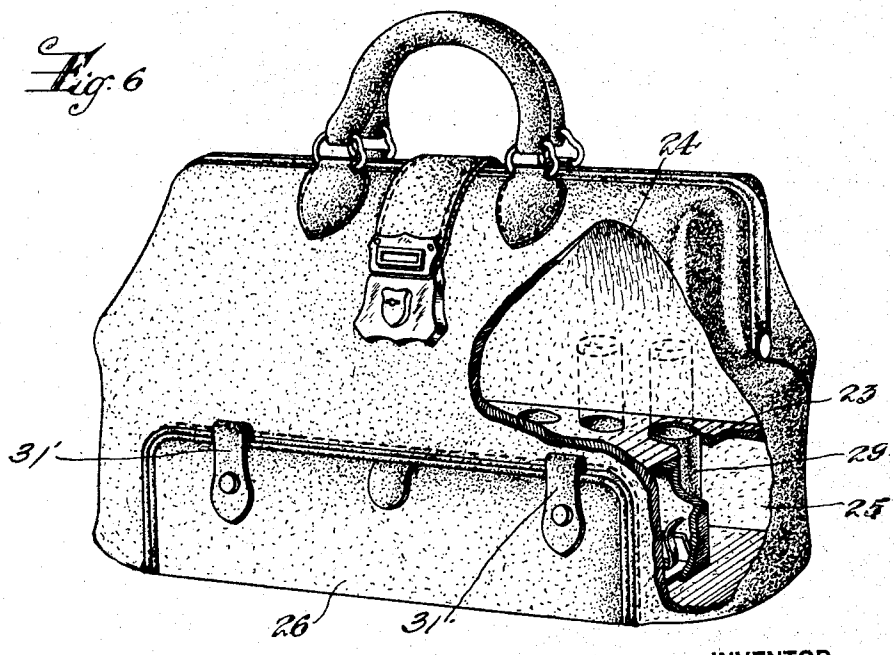


Fig. 6



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An object of my invention is to provide a hand bag especially adapted for use by physicians, the bag being provided with two compartments, one within the bag (the usual compartment) for the reception of ordinary physician's appliances and medicines, the other compartment being at the base of the bag, below the usual compartment, adapted to receive surgical instruments and the like, and being accessible from one of the sides of the bag to permit the ready removal of said articles, without necessitating the opening of the upper or usual compartment.

A further object of my invention is to provide a hand bag having a compartment at the base thereof for holding articles, said compartment being provided with a closure flap to permit practically instantaneous access to that compartment for the removal of the contents thereof.

A further object of my invention is to provide a hand bag of the character described wherein the lower compartment is provided with means for separately holding the various articles in a manner which will permit any article to be immediately selected and removed.

A further object of my invention is to provide a physician's hand bag having means to enable the physician to readily remove any predetermined article therefrom. As is well known the loss of time in removing physician's articles from hand bags is frequently fatal and it is therefore an object of my invention to provide a physician's bag having means to permit instantaneous removal of any selected article or instrument therefrom.

A further object of my invention is to provide means for separately holding test tubes, bottles and the like within a hand bag.

These and other advantageous objects, which will later appear, are accomplished by the simple and practical construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and exhibited in the accompanying drawings, forming part hereof, and in which:

Fig. 1 represents a perspective view of a hand bag embodying my invention the lower compartment being shown open, and showing the three trays which are adapted to be positioned therein partly withdrawn from the compartment,

Fig. 2 represents a perspective view of one of said trays,

Fig. 3 represents a perspective view of said hand bag partly broken away to show the means within the bag for holding test tubes, bottles and the like,

Fig. 4 represents a fragmentary perspective view taken along lines 4—4 of Fig. 3 showing details of the means for holding test tubes, bottles and the like, shown in Fig. 3,

Fig. 5 represents a perspective view of another form of my invention, wherein the lower compartment is provided with a tray for holding instruments and other articles, the lower compartment being shown open, and

Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the bag shown in Fig. 5 partly broken away to show structural features including means for holding test tubes and the like.

In the drawings, in Fig. 1 there is shown a hand bag 10 provided with a false bottom 11 which divides the bag into an upper compartment 12 adapted to receive ordinary articles and a lower compartment 13 adapted to receive surgical instruments and other articles in a manner that will enable them to be removed from the bag instantaneously. The lower compartment 13 is preferably provided with a flap 14 to enable immediate access to the compartment, the flap being normally closed by any suitable closure means 15 such as the hookless fastener or zipper strips shown in the drawings.

The lower compartment 13 is provided with means for separately holding instruments and the like, said means preferably comprising the trays 16, 17 and 18 which are slidably arranged in said compartment. The upper compartment 12 is provided with means for separately holding test tubes, bottles and the like, said means preferably comprising a plate 19 secured within the bag, said plate 19 having loops 20 through which the strap 21 is threaded. It will be obvious that by varying the length of the strap 21 it is possible to accommodate bottles and test tubes of various designs and after the bottles and test tubes of various designs and after the bottles and tubes have been positioned between the strap and the plate the strap may be drawn taut to securely hold the articles in position.

In Fig. 5 I have shown another form of my invention, wherein the bag 22 is provided with a false bottom 23 dividing the bag into an upper compartment 24 and a lower compartment 25. The lower compartment is preferably provided with a flap 26 which is normally held in closed position by means of latch members 31, carried by the flap and engageable with cooperating latch members 31' of the bag. The lower compartment is provided with a tray 27 or the like provided with clips 28 or the like for holding surgical in-

struments or bottles on the tray in position for instantaneous removal.

The false bottom 23 is provided with openings in which are positioned socket members 29 which rest on the bottom of the bag. The tray 27 is slidably arranged within a box-like member in the lower compartment, of less width than the lower compartment as shown in Fig. 6, to provide a space between the rear wall of the member and of the bag to receive the socket members 29 which are positioned in openings in the false bottom 23.

The loops 20 are preferably formed by vertically slitting the plate 19 at spaced intervals and forcing the slitted portions outwardly to form the loops as shown in Fig. 4, and the strap 21 is preferably made of a relatively stiff material so that the strap will normally hold its position within the loops; but if desired, any suitable means may be provided for securing the strap in position, for example, by rigidly securing one end of the strap to the plate 19 and providing adjustable latching means, such as a buckle arrangement for securing the free end of the strap to the plate.

The opening for compartment 25 in the side wall of bag 22 is preferably provided with reenforcing means such as a U-shaped metallic frame 32 sewed into the material of the bag and defining said opening. The flap 26 is also preferably pivotally connected to the frame 32 by pivotpins 33.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that in the forms of invention shown in Figs. 1 and 5, the bag is provided with means cooperatively associated with the false bottom of the bag for positioning various articles within the bag.

The foregoing disclosure is to be regarded as descriptive and illustrative only, and not as restrictive or limitative of the invention, of which obviously an embodiment may be constructed including many modifications without departing from the general scope herein indicated and denoted in the appended claims.

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

1. In a hand bag, a false bottom dividing the bag into an upper compartment and a lower compartment, one of the side walls of the bag being provided with an opening in alignment with the lower compartment and substantially co-extensive with the length thereof, a U-shaped metallic frame secured to the material of the wall of the bag adjacent said opening to reinforce the bag and define said opening, and a flap connected to the bag and adapted to close said opening, the free end of said flap and the said frame carrying cooperative latching elements to enable the flap to be latched to close the compartment opening, and means in the lower compartment arranged for holding surgical instruments and the like in a manner that will enable the instantaneous removal thereof through the compartment opening.

2. In a hand bag, a false bottom dividing the bag into an upper compartment and a lower compartment, a box-like member of less width than the lower compartment positioned in the lower compartment, the rear wall of the box-like member being spaced from the rear wall of the bag, the false bottom being provided with openings, and socket members secured in said openings and positioned between the rear wall of the box-like member and the rear wall of the bag, said socket members being adapted to hold test tubes and the like.

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