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Fig. 1.

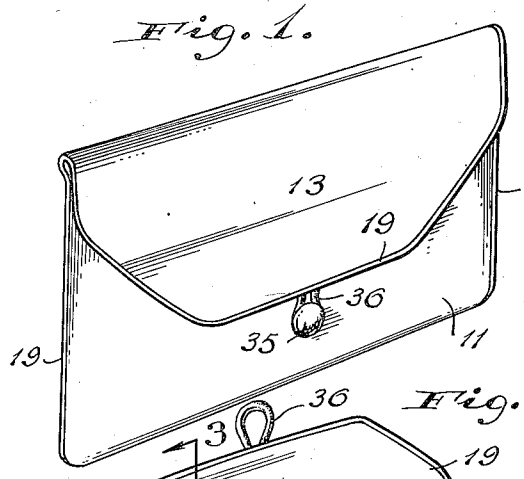



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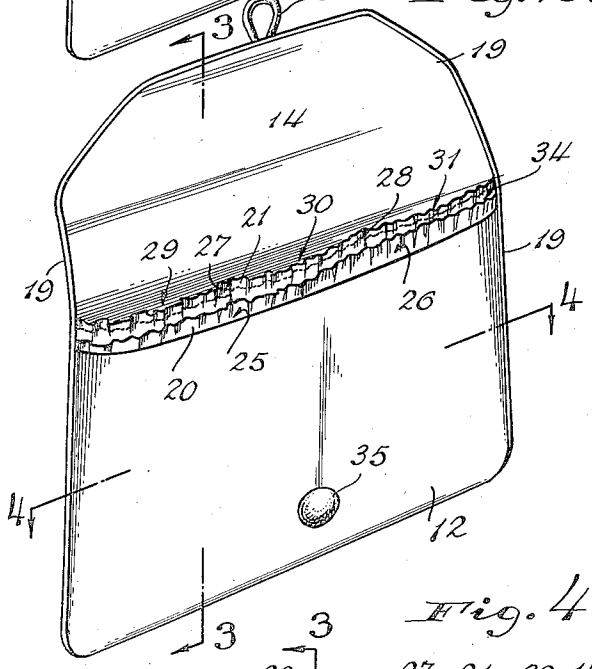



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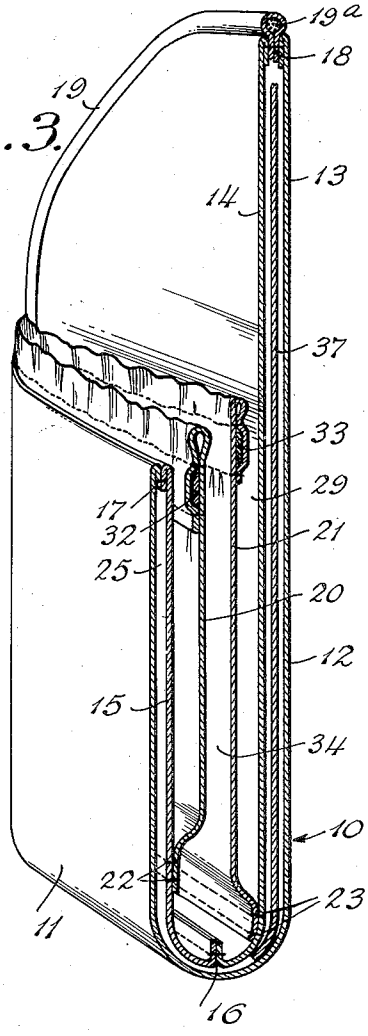
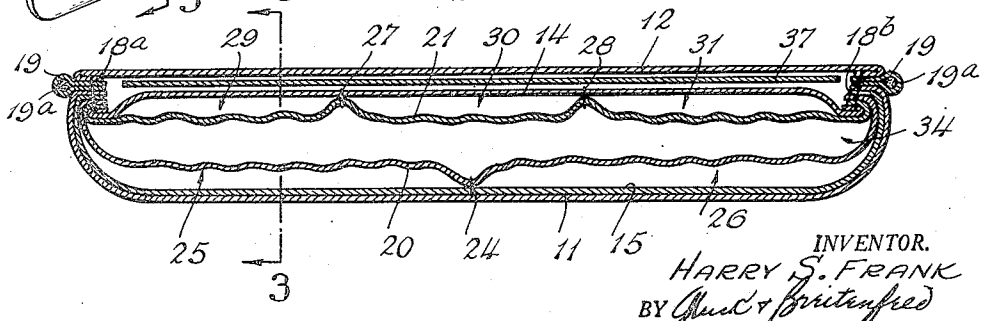



Fig. 4.




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This invention relates generally to purse kits, that is to a bag or pocket adapted for the reception of articles, such as toilet articles, which women usually carry in their purses or handbags, and further adapted to be inserted into a purse or handbag and to be carried therein. Coordinately therewith it relates to a method of making such a purse kit.

The general object of my invention is the provision of a purse kit that is attractive in appearance, effective for its intended purpose, and is capable of economical manufacture and the provision of a simple and economical method of manufacture.

Among other objects of my invention may be mentioned the provision of a purse kit in which the pockets are conveniently arranged and in which there are substantially no exposed seams.

These objects and such other objects as will hereinafter appear or be pointed out, are attained in the illustrative embodiment shown in the drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a front perspective view of my purse kit showing the cover flap thereof in its closed position;

Figure 2 is a view similar to Figure 1, but showing the cover flap in its open position;

Figure 3 is a perspective view of my purse kit with a portion thereof broken away along the line 3—3 of Figures 2 and 4, and the view being taken looking in the direction of the arrows; and

Figure 4 is a sectional view taken along the line 4—4 of Figure 3, looking in the direction of the arrows.

It will be understood that the purse kit shown in the drawing is of a size adapted, when flat, for insertion into a woman's purse or handbag and that the pockets therein are of a size adapted for the reception of articles customarily carried in such a purse or handbag, and which may comprise toilet articles such as handkerchiefs, comb, rouge, lipstick, etc. By the use of a purse kit to receive such articles they will be carried in an orderly manner and be readily available when wanted without the need of fumbling around in a disordered mass of articles in the handbag. They will further be protected against possible contamination by articles carried in the handbag (such as cigarettes) due to the closure means provided in the handbag.

It is contemplated that in addition to a convenient arrangement of its parts, my purse kit is attractive in appearance, and for this purpose, not merely are the configurations and contours of the kit and its parts attractive in appearance, as can be seen from the illustrative embodiment shown in the drawing, but attractive materials in attractive, well matched colors are preferably used. The colors are preferably so selected that they will match the colors of the handbag in which the kit is to be carried, or will match the color of the dress of the user.

The materials of which the purse kit is made may be any pliable sheet material that is otherwise suitable. Woven fabrics are eminently suitable, but other materials such as leather for instance, also suggest themselves.

The outer ply or layer of the illustrative bag shown in the drawing is numbered 10 and this is contoured in the finished bag so as to form a front portion 11 and a rear portion 12, the latter having an extension 13 on its free end, to serve as a cover that can be folded downward over the front portion 11.

The outer layer is lined, this lining being in two sections 14 and 15, secured to each other by a seam 16, and secured respectively to the front portion 11 by a seam 17, and to the cover portion 13 by a seam 18 which also passes through reinforcing tape 19, having a core 19a, secured between the cover portion 13 and the lining section 14 and running along the sides of the kit and around the edge of the cover section. It will be observed that the seams 17 and 18 are passed through the inwardly turned edges of the material they unite, whereby the seam is not visible in the finished bag.

At the sides of the bag the portions 11, 12, the lining sections 14 and 15 and two plies, sections or layers 20 and 21, are united by seams 18a and 18b which pass through the inturned edge portions of all of them, as clearly shown in Figure 4. It will be noted that the seams 18a and 18b are extensions of the seam 18, and constitute therewith a single continuous seam.

The sections 20 and 21 are both longer than is necessary to extend from side to side of the bag and are gathered or shirred, whereby, when their ends are sewed in at the sides of the kit and their lower edges seamed as at 22 and 23, expansible pockets or pouches result. These large pockets may be subdivided into smaller pockets by transverse or vertical seams. Such seams are shown at 24, whereby the pockets 25 and 26 are formed from the section 20, and at 27 and 28, whereby the pockets 29, 30 and 31 are formed from the section 21.

Elastic bands 32 and 33 are shown sewed into the sections 20 and 21 respectively, adjacent their mouth portions, whereby they tend to resist expansion of these portions and thereby to restrict the mouth portions of the pockets and in effect form closures for the same.

It will be observed that between the sections 20 and 21 a pocket 34 is formed that extends the full width of the kit.

It will further be observed that the tops of the front portion 11, the section 20 and the section 21 are arranged in stepped relation so that each is visible and not obstructed by the portion or

section in front of it, so that the mouth of any desired pocket is readily located. Great convenience results from the fact that the pockets 25 and 26 are of less depth than the pockets 29, 30 and 31, as the appropriate pockets may then be selected for articles of various sizes so that if possible a portion of the article show above the mouth of the pocket, or at least its upper portion will be so near the mouth portion as to be readily accessible.

As an additional feature I may provide a closure for the purse kit. An arrangement for this purpose is shown as comprising a button 35 on the front portion 11 and a loop 36 on the cover portion that is adapted to slip over the button, as shown in Figure 1, and thereby to close the kit.

In order to give rigidity or body to the kit I may use a stiffening or reinforcing piece 37, interposed between the rear and cover portions 12 and 13 and the lining section 14.

It will be observed that all of the seams uniting the various sections are concealed. This desirable result is obtained by assembling all of the sections including the loop 36 in the proper order but with their edge portions flat (instead of turned in), applying the seams 18, 18a and 18b so as to unite them, and then turning the resulting assembly inside out. Before this operation the lining 15 is united to the front wall 11 by the seam 17, the sections 15 and 26 and 14 and 21 are first united by the seams 22 and 24 and 23 and 27 and 28 respectively, and the button 35 is attached to sections 11 and 15.

After the assembly is turned inside out the piece 10, doubled up, is inside the kit, and the section 20 forms the outside piece on one side, while the section 21 is the outside piece on the other side, but these sections are not yet united by the seam 16. The reinforcing piece may be slid into place through the opening between the sections 20 and 21, which opening is thereafter closed by the seam 16. The sections and portions 20, 15 and 11 are now manipulated so that they are brought to the same side as the section 21, and the purse kit is then in its final form.

While I have herein disclosed one illustrative embodiment of my invention and an illustrative manner of making the same, it is to be understood that the same may be embodied in many other forms without departing from the spirit thereof, as will be obvious to those skilled in the art, and that the disclosure herein is by way of illustration merely and is not to be interpreted in a limiting sense, and that I do not limit myself other than as called for by the prior art.

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

1. A purse kit comprising an outer layer folded so as to constitute a front wall and a composite rear wall and cover portion, and said purse kit further comprising a front lining, a pair of pocket forming sections and a lining for said composite rear wall and cover portion interposed between said front wall and said rear wall in the order named, all of said pieces having their side edges inturned and secured together by a single set of concealed stitches, and said cover portion and the overlying portion of said rear wall and cover portion lining also having their edges turned in and united by concealed stitches, and said two lining sections having their inner edges secured together by stitches but being otherwise unsecured.

2. In the art of assembling purse kits, the method comprising the steps of doubling over an outer section so as to form two portions, superposing and sewing together at their outer edge portions in the order named, said doubled over outer section, a lining section, a pocket forming section, a second pocket forming section, and a second lining section, but leaving the lower edges of said lining sections unsecured, inverting said assembly, whereby said pocket forming sections are brought to the outside of the purse kit, one on one side and the other on the other side, and said outer layer is inside the purse kit in doubled over position, introducing a relatively stiff reinforcing member through the opening between said lining sections, uniting said lower edges of said lining sections so as to close said opening, and inverting said assembly so as to bring one portion of said doubled over section to the outside of the purse kit on one side thereof, and the other of said doubled over sections to the outside of the other side of said purse kit.

3. In the art of assembling purse kits, the method comprising the steps of superposing and sewing together at their outer edge portions a doubled over outer section, a lining section, a pocket forming section, a second pocket forming section, and a second lining section, but leaving the lower edges of said lining sections unsecured, said sections being arranged in such an order that on inverting said assembly said pocket forming sections are brought to the outside of the purse kit, one on one side and the other on the other side, and said outer layer is inside the purse kit in doubled over position, and a lining section is interposed between each pocket section and the adjacent portion of the doubled over outer section, thereafter inverting said assembly, uniting said lower edges of said lining sections so as to close said opening, and inverting said assembly so as to bring one portion of said doubled over section to the outside of the purse kit on one side thereof, and the other of said doubled over sections to the outside of the other side of said purse kit.

4. In the art of assembling purse kits, the method comprising the steps of uniting an edge of a lining section to an edge of an outer section and securing a pocket forming section to the outer face of said lining, securing a second pocket forming section to one side of a second lining section, doubling over said outer section, so as to bring the pocket section secured thereto uppermost, placing said second lining section over said outer section, so that its pocket forming section overlies the pocket forming section of said outer section, securing the lateral edges of said sections to each other by a single set of stitches on each side, but leaving the lower edges of said lining sections unsecured, inverting said assembly, whereby said pocket forming sections are brought to the outside of the purse kit, one on one side and the other on the other side, and said outer layer is inside the purse kit in doubled over position, introducing a relatively stiff reinforcing member through the opening between said lining sections and positioning it between one of said lining sections and the outer section, uniting said lower edges of said lining sections so as to close said opening, and inverting said assembly so as to bring one portion of said doubled over section to the outside of the purse kit on one side thereof, and the other of said doubled over sections to the outside of the other side of said purse kit.

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