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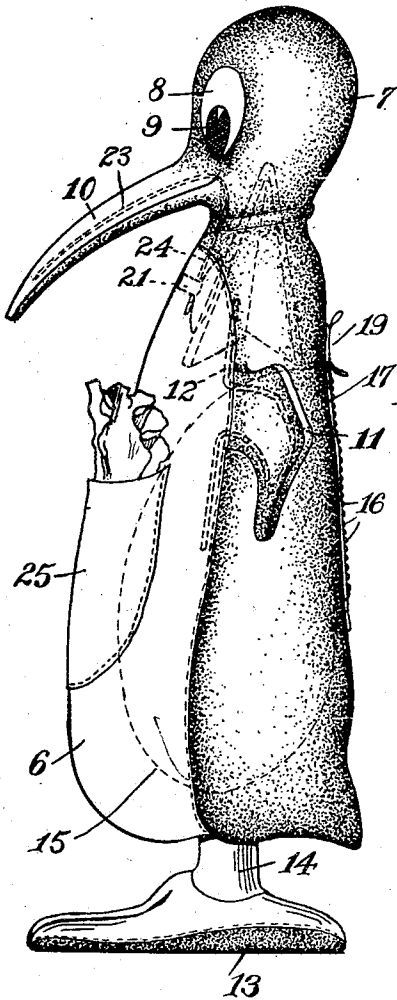
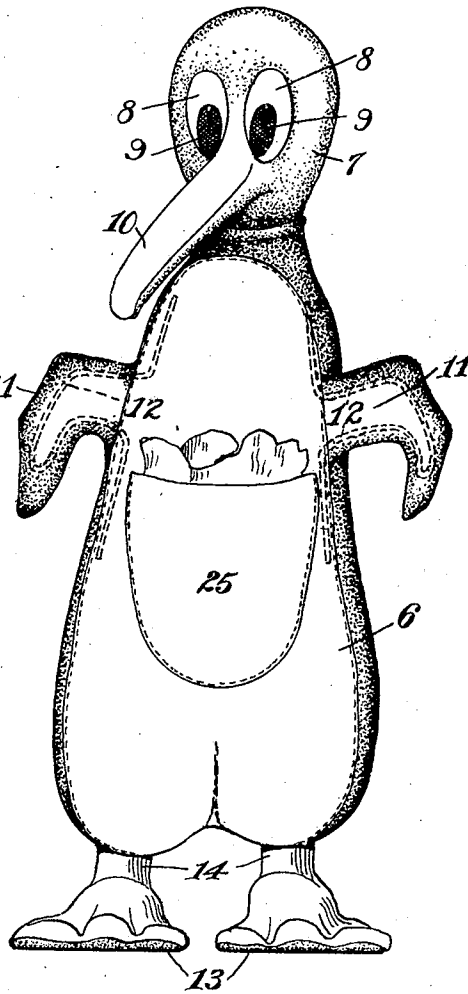


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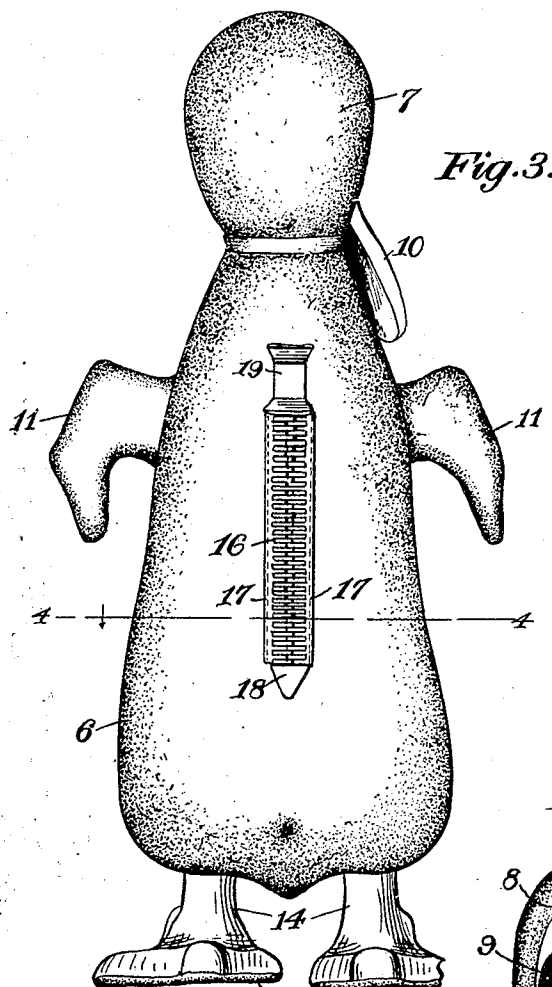


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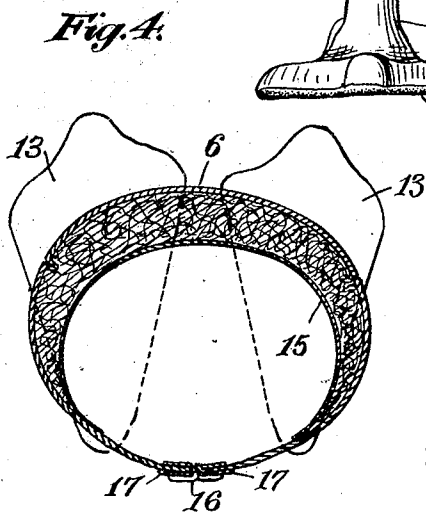


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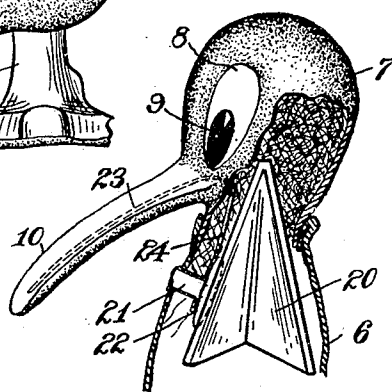


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This invention relates to ladies' hand bags, and it is an object of the invention to provide a novelty bag of this character embodying a shape in the form of or to simulate a bird having a stuffed body portion and head and feet connected with the body whereby the center of gravity of the shape will be in a direction toward the feet, and the feet arranged to stand and support the shape on the feet in an upright position, the body having a hollow therein to form an article carrying pocket arranged whereby articles placed therein will assume a position within the shape adjacent the connection of the feet therewith, said pocket having an access thereto through an opening in the form arranged with releasable closure means.

A further object of the invention relates to novelty bags of this character having a pneumatic or collapsible and expansible air chamber arranged with a port for the inlet and outlet of air and having an air operated noise making device, such as a whistle, connected with said port, adapted to be operated by the air expelled from and drawn into the pneumatic by pressure applied to the exterior.

Other objects and advantages will hereinafter appear.

In the drawings accompanying and forming a part of this specification I have shown an embodiment of my invention wherein Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved novelty hand bag.

Figure 2 is a front elevation.

Figure 3 is a rear elevation.

Figure 4 is a cross sectional view taken on the line 4-4 of Figure 2 looking in the direction of the arrow to show the arrangement of the article carrying pocket within the shape or figure; and

Figure 5 is a sectional view to show the arrangement of a pneumatic or collapsible and expansible air chamber within the shape having an air device connected thereto and to be operated by the expelling of air from and the drawing of air into the pneumatic by the collapsing and expanding of the pneumatic.

In carrying out the invention I provide a figure or shape in the form of a bird arranged to simulate a penguin, and comprising a body

portion 6 and a head 7 constructed of fabric or any other suitable material, and stuffed or filled with excelsior or other material. Two pairs of superposed disks 8 and 9 are secured to the outer surface of the material of the head, as by stitching or an adhesive, to simulate eyes, and a beak 10 elongated and slightly of curved or convex form and distorted to extend from the head toward one side when viewed from the front as shown in Figure 2. The body is arranged with laterally and oppositely extending wing like projections 11 substantially of the form shown made of the same material as the body and attached to the body, as by stitching, the wing material being engaged upon a supporting frame 12 to permit of the wings to have movement laterally of the body but preventing movement of the wings in a direction longitudinally of the body whereby said wings are adapted to serve as hand grips to carry the bag. This frame is formed of wire bent upon itself intermediate the ends to conform to the wing shape with the opposite ends extended into the stuffing of the body to extend longitudinally thereof. A pair of feet 13 are connected with the body by rigid leg portions 14 in such position that the center of gravity of the bag will be in a direction toward the feet. The feet are of plantigrade form, as shown, whereby the bag may stand and be supported upon the feet in an upright position.

A hollow, as shown at 15 in dotted lines in Figure 1, is arranged within the stuffing of the body, said hollow constituting the article receiving and carrying pocket of the bag having an access thereto through an opening in the body in the region of the upper portion or adjacent the juncture of the body with the head and arranged with releasable closure means, preferably of the type commercially known as "hookless fasteners" shown in a general way at 16, and comprising hook and eye members mounted on tapes stitched to the opposite edges of the opening to the bag, as shown at 17, and secured together at one end and to the opening at the juncture of the side edges by a connector 18. The hook and eye members are adapted to be moved to interlocking position to close the opening by

moving a slider 19 mounted on the edges of the opening or hook and eye carrying tabs in one direction, which slider when moved in the opposite direction is adapted to move the hook and eye members to unlocking position. The pocket 15 is arranged to extend from the opening into the body portion with the bottom thereof adjacent the connection of the legs with the body portion, whereby articles placed in the pocket will assume a position in the bottom thereof adjacent such connection and thus assuming a position of center of gravity of the bag when it is stood upon the feet and thus preventing the same from falling over.

To cause the figure or shape to emit a noise upon a pressing pressure being applied thereto, which noise may be a whistle or the cry of a bird, a pneumatic or collapsible and expandable air chamber is arranged at a suitable point in the figure. In the present instance this pneumatic being arranged in the juncture of the head with the body, as shown at 20 in Figure 5, and comprises a bellows form of pneumatic of usual construction having a port for the inlet and outlet of air through a tubular portion, as at 21, which tubular portion may also serve to position the pneumatic by securing the same to the covering of the body, a whistle 22 being interposed in the connection of the tubular member 21 with the pneumatic. This whistle is of the form embodying oppositely dished and connected metallic plates having a central opening. It will be obvious that when pressure is applied to the figure at opposite sides or one side of the pneumatic the air will be expelled therefrom and the passage of the air through the whistle will cause it to be sounded, and that the same result will be produced when air is drawn into the pneumatic.

As a means to facilitate the actuation of the bellows there is provided a strip of rigid material bent to angular shape with one angle portion 23 inserted into the beak 10 while the other end 24 extends into the body at the juncture thereof with the head, the bend of the strip being at the juncture of the beak with the head and body. The end 24 is preferably adapted to the pneumatic. This metallic strip also serves to reinforce and stiffen the beak whereby it is adapted to serve as a hand grip to carry the bag, or in carrying the bag the beak may be engaged over the arm of the user and supported from the arm with the body portion confined between the arm and body of the user.

The bag may also be provided with a pocket on the exterior for the carrying of a handkerchief, change purse or the like, this pocket in the present instance being arranged at the front of the body portion, as shown at 25, with a handkerchief tucked therein.

While I have illustrated and described one

construction and arrangement of my improved novelty bag it will be obvious that changes may be made in construction and arrangement of parts and come within the scope of the invention.

Having thus described my invention I claim:

1. As an article of manufacture, a hand bag in simulation of an image embodying a body portion, head and feet, the body being stuffed to add rigidity thereto and the feet arranged of plantegrade form and adapted to support the image in upright position, and the body having a hollow within the stuffing with an access opening thereto arranged with releasable closure means.

2. A hand bag as claimed in claim 1, wherein the access opening to the pocket is at the upper portion of the body portion adjacent the juncture thereof with the head, and the pocket extends into the body portion with the bottom thereof adjacent the connection of the feet with the body portion whereby articles placed in the pocket will assume a position in the bottom of the pocket adjacent the connection of the feet with the body portion.

3. A hand bag as claimed in claim 1, wherein the head is arranged with a beak of elongated and partially convex form and arranged with a reinforcement within the same whereby the beak is adapted to serve as a hand grip to carry the bag, and be engaged upon and support the bag from the arm of the user with the body portion confined between the arm and body of the user.

4. In a novelty hand bag in simulation of an image embodying a body portion, head and feet, a pneumatic within the body having an air inlet and outlet port arranged with a whistle operated by the expelling and drawing of air into the pneumatic by the collapsing and expanding thereof, and the head having a beak having a rigid member of angle shape arranged with one part extending into the beak to reinforce and stiffen the same to adapt the beak to serve as a hand grip to carry the bag, and the other part connected with and adapted to collapse the pneumatic when pressure is applied to and the beak moved in a direction toward the body portion.

5. In a bag as claimed in claim 1, wherein the body portion is arranged with projecting simulating wings having reinforcing means therein to permit of movement of the wings laterally of the body and to hold the wings against movement in a direction longitudinally of the body whereby the wings are adapted to serve as hand grips to carry the bag.

6. In a bag as claimed in claim 1, wherein the body portion is arranged with projecting simulating wings having reinforcing means therein to permit of movement of the wings

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adapted to serve as hand grips to carry the
5 bag, said wing reinforcing means comprising
a wire folded upon itself and arranged at
the fold to conform to and be engaged within
the wings and the ends anchored in the body
portion.

10 Signed at the city of New York, in the
county of New York and State of New York,
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