

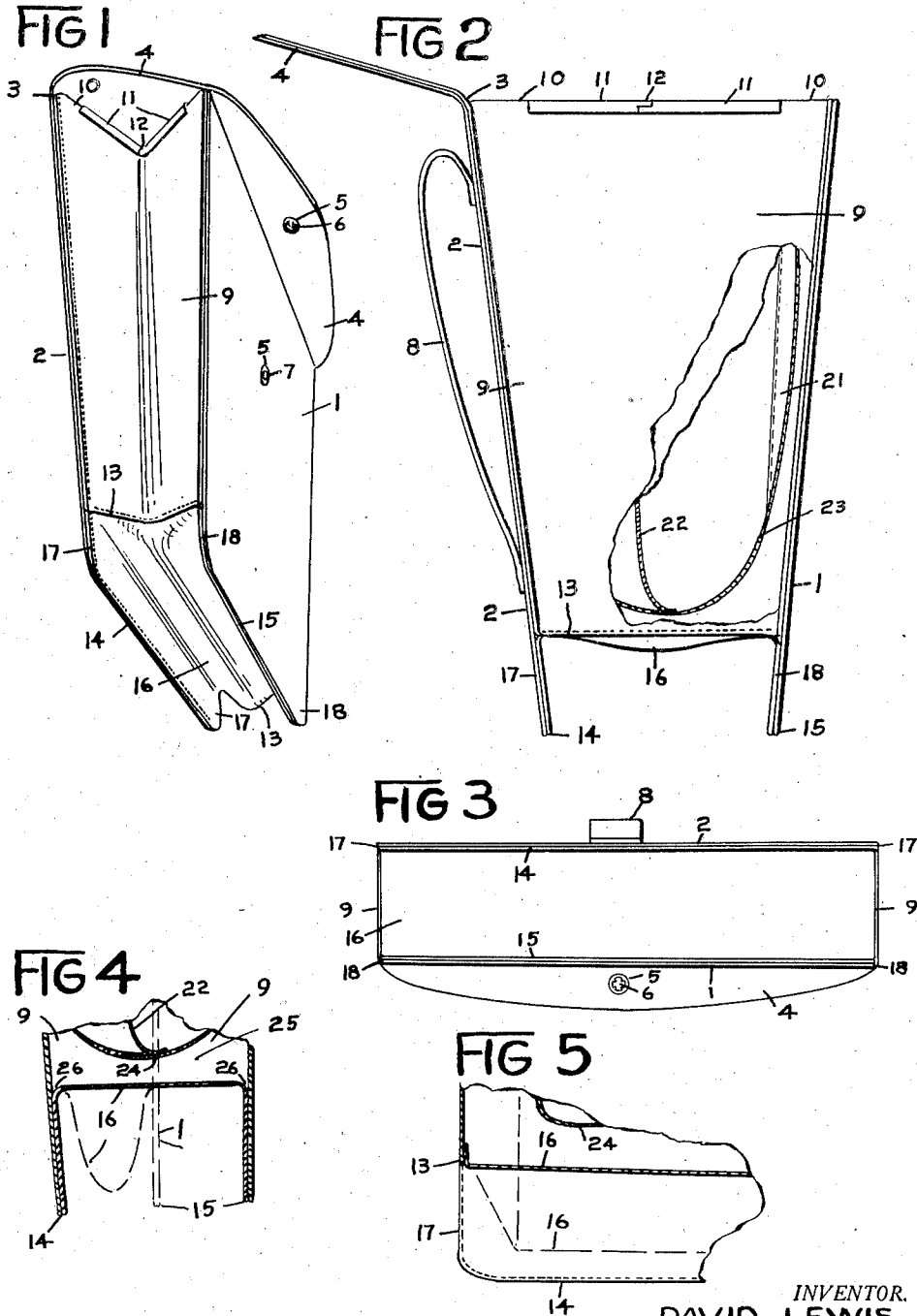
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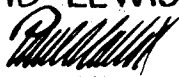
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My invention relates to an improvement in the construction of ladies' hand bags and particularly to the bottom of such bags, and has among its objects to provide:

A bag which will not bulge and lose its neatness of appearance.

A separate bottom permitting a relatively large expansion of the sides of the bag without bulging the sides.

A bag having a large capacity without changing or distorting the substantial flat front and back sides of the bag.

I accomplish these and other objects by the construction herein described and shown in the accompanying drawing forming a part hereof in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing my bag partially open.

Figure 2 is an end elevation showing my bag in its open position.

Figure 3 is a bottom view of my bag.

Figures 4 and 5 are fragmentary sections.

Similar reference characters refer to similar parts throughout the several views of the drawing and in the specification to follow.

Ladies' hand bags are made in a great variety of shapes and sizes and materials, and in the following description and in the drawing I have shown but one of the simple plain constructions for the purpose of clarity and so that my improvements may be readily understood as it is obvious that in many respects my device may be modified without departing from the important characteristics and principles which constitute my invention.

The hand bag, as every woman knows, is called upon in most cases to carry more than its limited size was intended to carry and for this reason the sides are bulged out of shape destroying its original neat and attractive appearance. For this reason it is my purpose to overcome this difficulty and to produce a bag that may be expanded to suit the contents without bulging or distorting the sides and the resulting bad appearance.

My bag in this specification, comprises the front side 1 and back side 2, which are substantially rectangular and flat. To the top edge 3 of the back side 2, I have provided the flexible flap 4 which when my bag is closed is detachably secured to the front 1 by the fastener 5 having the male part 6 thereof secured to said flap 4 and the female part 7 secured to the front 1. The back 2 is provided with the handle 8.

Each end is provided with the end pieces 9 which are secured to the front 1 and back 2 and

at the top edge 10 is reenforced by the hinge members 11 of relatively stiff material and having at or near their center the hinges 12 which are so constructed that when the front and back are brought together the hinges permit the ends 9 to bend inwardly but not outwardly as may be seen by referring to Figure 1 of the drawing.

The end pieces 9 are substantially shorter in elevation than the front and back, the difference in height being at the bottom as the top edges 3 and 10 are substantially at the same height. The bottom edges 13 of the ends 9 are at a higher elevation than the bottom edge 14 of the back and the bottom edge 15 of the front and the end pieces 9 bend inwardly at the bottom in the same manner as the top edges but the bottom edges 13 are not provided with the hinge members nor hinges.

Secured to the bottom edges 13 of the ends 9, I have provided the flexible bottom 16 which is also secured to the lower end edges 17 of the back 2 and the lower end edges 18 of the front 1 which project below the bottom edges 13 of the ends 9. The bottom 16 is also secured to the lower edges 14 of the back 2 and the lower edge 15 of the front 1.

When the front and back are moved toward each other the end wall or pieces 9 bend inwardly and the bottom 16 bends downwardly near the center as may be seen in Figures 1, 4 and 5. The broken lines of Figures 4 and 5 indicate the position of the ends and bottom.

Figure 2 is broken away to show the comb and mirror pockets 21 and a center division wall 22. The arrangements of the inner compartments may be varied and form no part of my invention further than to show that an inner lining 23 and bottom 24 such as would conform to the usual bag construction is used and this prevents the contents from entering the space 25 and the side spaces 26 between the front and back 1 and 2 and the bottom 16 which normally rests against the inner surface of these parts because of being secured along their lower edges and lower end edges.

I have herein shown and described one form of my bag in detail that it may be more easily understood. Its shape, the manner of securing the flap and the type of fastener as well as the handle and other parts may be modified in many ways to change its appearance, size and construction. I do not, therefore, wish to be limited to the details herein shown and described in detail as I may wish to depart therefrom within

the scope of the appended claims which succinctly set forth my invention.

I claim:

1. In a bag, front and back members, a downwardly foldable bottom secured thereto above the bottom edges of said front and back, and at a distance from said edges at least one half the width of said bottom, whereby the bottom edges of said front and back project below said foldable bottom when the bag is closed or open, inwardly foldable ends secured to said front and back and secured to said bottom, said bottom providing an extension to said ends when folded and foldable inwardly with the folding of said ends.

2. In a bag, front and back members, a bottom including a downwardly foldable central section secured thereto above the bottom edges of said front and back and at a distance from said edges at least one half the width of said bottom, whereby the bottom edges of said front and back project below said foldable bottom when the bag is closed or open, inwardly foldable ends secured to said front and back and secured to said bottom along said central section only, said bottom providing an extension to said ends when folded.

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