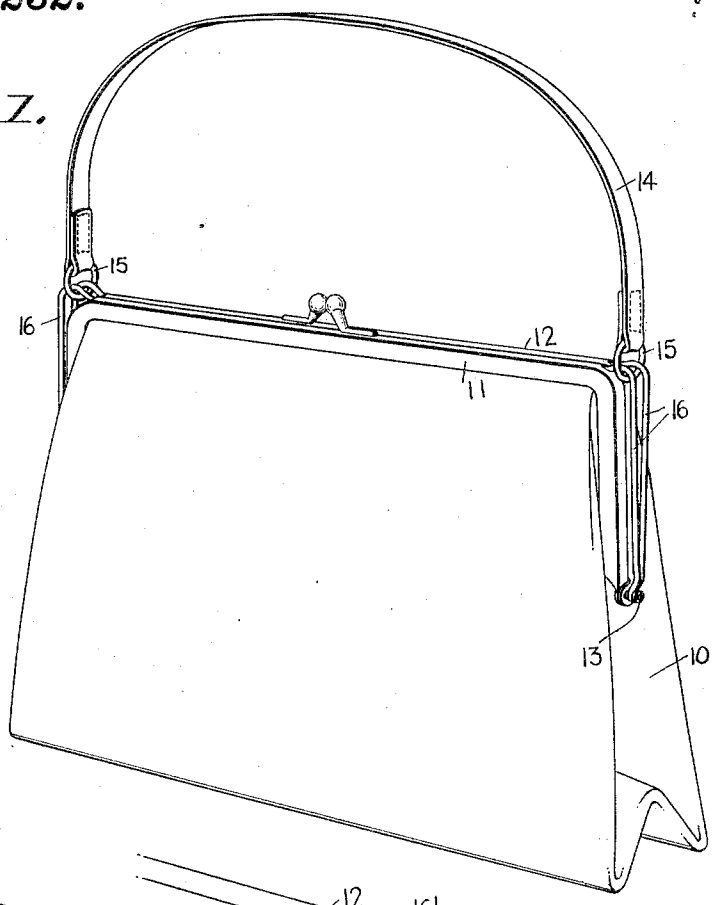
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Fig. 1.



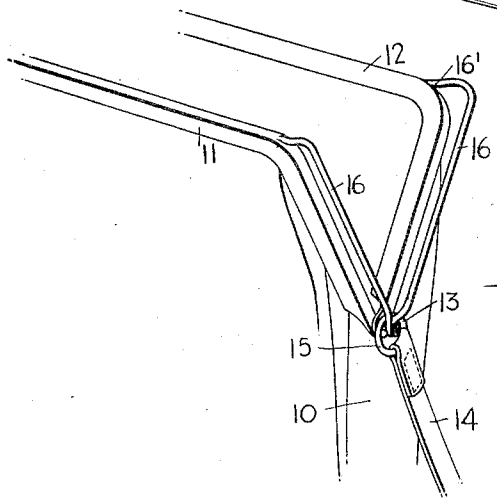


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM M. FISH, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Safety Shopping-Bag, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to shopping bags or other similar devices adapted to be carried in the hand or on the arm and has particular reference to a means of a simple nature whereby such a device may be rendered practically safe from being opened surreptitiously while being so carried.

The primary object, therefore, of this invention is to so construct a bag of the nature indicated that while being carried in the usual manner, the handle coöperates in such a manner with the jaws as to hold them locked shut, but the arrangement being such that by lowering the handle the locking connection becomes easily inoperative.

The foregoing and other objects of the invention will hereinafter be more fully described and claimed and illustrated in the drawings forming a part of this specification in which like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the views and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a conventional type of shopping bag having my invention embodied therein; Fig. 2 is a fragmentary view of the same in open position.

Referring more particularly to the drawings I show, by way of illustration, a shopping bag 10 having jaws 11 and 12 at the mouth of the bag as usual, said jaws being pivoted together at 13. The bag is adapted to be carried in the hand or on the arm by a flexible strap or handle 14, the ends of the handle being connected by rings 15 to the jaws.

In order to prevent the opening of the jaws while the bag is being supported in normal position from the handle, I provide means whereby either or both of the rings 15 will have locking coöperation with both of the jaws, but such means being so arranged that when the handle is down out of supporting position, the coöperating devices above referred to will be released so that the jaws may be opened in the usual way. To carry this principle into practical operation, I show a pair of guides 16 extending along the ends of the jaws, parallel thereto, one end of each guide being connected at the pivot 13 and the other end thereof being rigidly secured as at 16′ to the upper corner of the jaw. Said guides, therefore, when the bag mouth is closed, are in close parallel relation to each other whereby the ring 15 which embraces both of them may freely glide up or down. When the ring is at the upper end of the guides, the jaws cannot be opened, because the ring acting in coöperation with the guides constitutes a positive lock when in such position. When, on the other hand, the handle is lowered so as to allow the ring to slide to the pivot end of the guides, the ring offers no obstruction to the usual opening of the jaws. By providing the interlocking means at both ends of the jaws, the safety of the shopping bag is made practically absolute, and hence the stealthy or surreptitious opening of the same is practically impossible when the bag is carried on the arm or in the hand.

The attachment is neat in appearance and is of a cheap nature adding little, if any, to the cost of manufacture.

While I show a ring 15 coöperating with the guides 16, I wish it to be understood that any other suitable form of slide may be used in place of the ring for coöperating with said guides or equivalent means along the edges of the jaws.

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

1. The combination with a bag of the character set forth having a pair of hinged jaws adapted to close the mouth of the bag, of locking means for said jaws comprising a pair of guides extending along the jaws in close parallel relation and secured one to each jaw, and the handle having a ring embracing said guides and slidable along the same in either direction when the jaws are closed, substantially as set forth.

2. In a shopping bag having a pair of jaws pivoted together, a handle for supporting the bag, a pair of guides extending upwardly from each pivot in close parallel relation, the upper ends of the guides being secured to the upper corners of the jaws, and a ring at each end of the handle embracing the adjacent pair of guides and nor-

mally holding the same and the jaws together when the bag is supported from the handle.

3. In a device of the character set forth, the combination of a pair of jaws pivoted together and having a pair of guides extending along the adjacent edges thereof from the pivot, a handle for the device, and a slide connected to the handle and movable along said guides locking the jaws shut when the slide is remote from the pivot, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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