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ILLUMINATED HANDBAG

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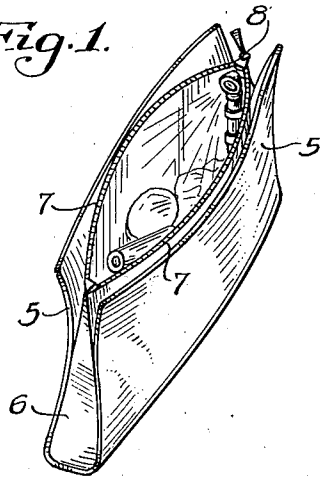


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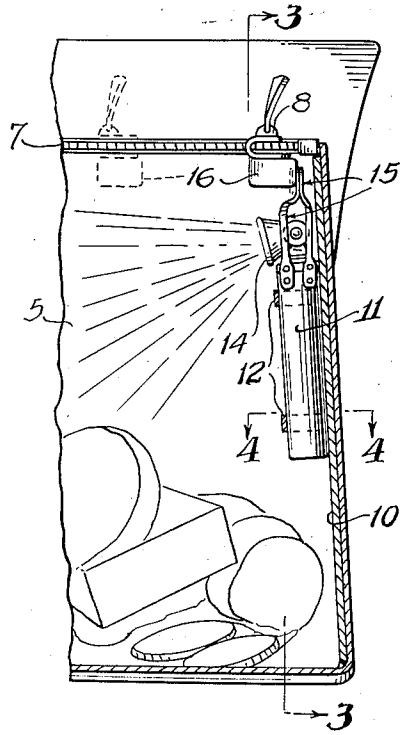


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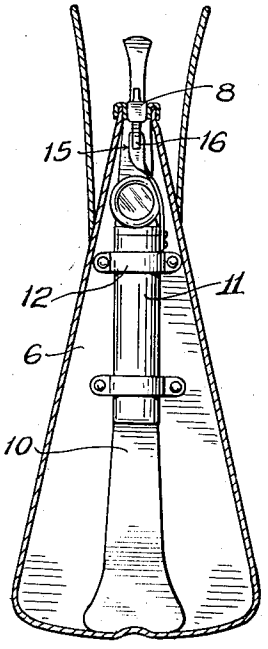
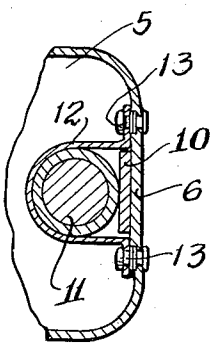


Fig. 4.



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This invention relates to utility articles and more especially to ladies' handbags having means for illuminating the interior thereof.

An object of the invention is to provide a simple, practical and inexpensive article of the character described.

Another object of the invention is to provide a lady's handbag having means to illuminate the interior thereof.

Another object is to provide an electrically lighted lady's handbag having a slide fastener type closure adapted to light the interior thereof when the slide operator is actuated to the open position.

Other objects and advantages will appear and be brought out more fully in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, wherein

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a handbag embodying my invention.

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary elevation sectional view of the same.

Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken along the line 3—3 of Fig. 2, and

Fig. 4 is a sectional view taken along the line 4—4 of Fig. 2.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, I show a lady's handbag having side portions 5 of any suitable material such as leather, suede, fabric or the like, having end wall portions 6, and a pair of strips of hookless fasteners 7 along the top edge portions thereof, an operator 8 being provided for the strips of fasteners of conventional design. A strip 10 of any suitable material having substantial stiffness is secured to the interior of one of the end walls 6, and is adapted to support a flashlight casing 11 which is held thereto by a plurality of straps 12 having snap fasteners 13 secured to end wall 6, whereby the flashlight may be removed for replacement of the cells or lamp if necessary. The flashlight 11 is provided with a suitable lens portion 14 adapted to direct the light rays laterally and downwardly, and may be adjustable as to direction if preferred. A pair of switch contacts 15 are provided on flashlight 11, and are adapted to be inter-connected by member 16 secured to operator 8 when the operator is actuated to open the slide fasteners at the end of its travel at the battery end of the bag.

The operation of the invention should be obvious from the foregoing description, from which it will be clear that the interior of the bag becomes automatically illuminated by the opening thereof by the slide fastener, thus facilitating the search for any article or articles wanted in the bag which is otherwise usually dark, requiring tipping of the bag and likelihood of spilling the contents. These objections and other apparent ones are obviated by the present invention.

It will be understood that the foregoing description is illustrative rather than restrictive of the invention, and that changes and modifications may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the sub-joined claims.

Having described my invention, what I claim is:

1. A bag as described, having side and end walls, a closure for a pair of said walls including a stringer of hookless fasteners having an operator, a supporting member along an end wall for a flashlight, a flashlight secured to said supporting member, said light having a pair of switch contact closing members projecting upwardly above the light adjacent the end of said stringer, and an abutment member projecting downwardly from said operator and adapted to engage and interconnect said switch contact members to close the circuit to the light when said operator is moved to the open position of the bag.

2. A bag as described, having side and end walls, a closure for a pair of said walls including a stringer of hookless fasteners having an operator, a supporting member along an end wall for a flashlight, a flashlight secured to said supporting member, strap means having snap fasteners adapted to secure said light to said support, said light having a pair of switch contact closing members projecting upwardly above the light adjacent the end of said stringer, and an abutment member projecting downwardly from said operator and adapted to engage and interconnect said switch contact members to close the circuit to the light when said operator is moved to the open position of the bag.

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