

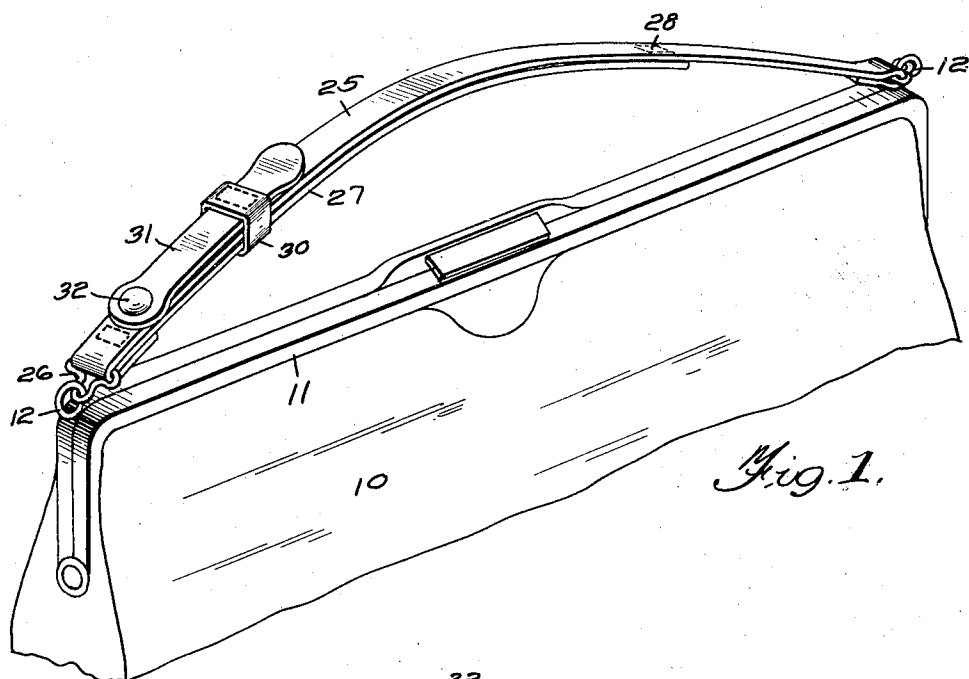
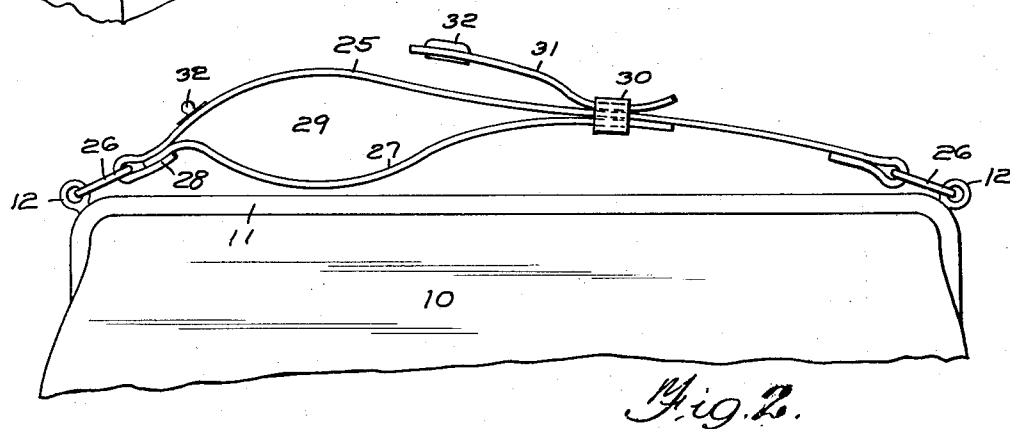
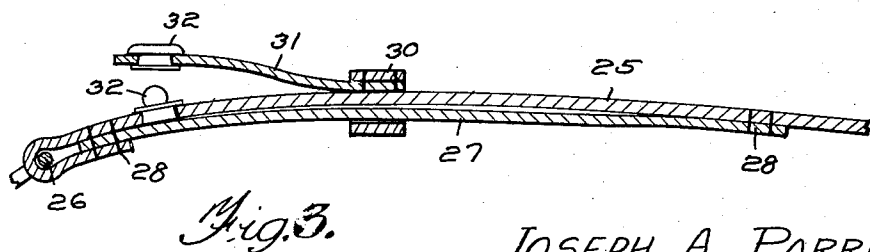
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GLOVE-RETAINING DEVICE FOR HAND BAGS

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This invention relates to improvements in handbags, purses or the like, and has particular reference to handle structures having means for securely retaining the user's gloves against loss, when not in use.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a handle structure for handbags, having slidable means adapted to form a loop for the insertion of gloves when in one position, and when in the opposite position adapted to close the loop for securely holding the gloves against accidental displacement.

A further object of the invention resides in the provision of such a handle structure which is extremely neat in appearance, will not materially add to the cost of the bag, is strong, durable and highly convenient in use.

Other important objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent during the course of the following description reference being had to the accompanying drawings in which like numerals are employed to designate like parts throughout.

Referring to the drawings—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a handbag having the invention applied thereto;

Figure 2 is a side elevation of the same in the open position, and,

Figure 3 is a longitudinal section thereof.

Referring specifically to the drawings, the numeral 10 designates the conventional handbag having the frame 11 and handle securing eyes 12. In this form of the invention a strap 25 is looped at its opposite ends and engaged with eyes 26, in turn engaged with eyes 12. The strap 25 has secured thereto, as by stitching, a companion strap 27, the points of stitching being indicated at 28. By referring to Figure 2 it will be seen that movement of the handle toward the bag will provide sufficient slack therein to permit the straps 25 and 27 to be looped as at 29, and when in this position, a pair of gloves may be conveniently slipped therein. Movement of the handle away from the bag, as in carrying, will at once close the loop 29 and bind the gloves therein.

The means to positively hold the loop in

the closed or binding position to prevent displacement of the gloves, comprises a sliding loop member 30, encircling the straps 25 and 27. This loop 30 has stitched thereto a short strap section 31 provided at its free end with a companion member of a snap button 32, carried by the strap 25 adjacent its end. It will therefore be seen that upon sliding the strap section 31 and loop 30 toward the left in the drawings, the loop 29 will be positively held closed and in engagement with the gloves, regardless of the position of the handle. The snap button is engaged by the end of the strap 31 to prevent accidental sliding of the loop 30.

The form of the invention described herein, sets forth a structure that is highly desirable and efficient in use. It is a well known fact that many thousands of gloves are lost annually by women carrying them loosely in the hand, and it is to avoid this loss that the present invention has been devised. The device shown may be produced as standard equipment of ladies' handbags, without materially increasing the cost thereof. The device presents a pleasing appearance and, when not in use offers no objectional obstruction to the handle in carrying.

It is to be understood that the form of the invention herewith shown and described is to be taken as the preferred one, but it should be understood that various changes in the shape and size of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the subjoined claims.

Having described my invention what I claim is:—

1. In combination a handbag having a flexible handle, means attached to said handle for forming a loop, means for contracting said loop, and means for retaining said loop in the contracted position.

2. In combination a handbag having a flexible handle, said handle comprising a main flexible section and a co-acting flexible section secured thereto, said section when in one position adapted to jointly form a glove receiving loop, and means slidable upon said sections for retaining them against looping.

3. A handbag having a flexible handle section formed of a single strip of material, a co-acting flexible strip member secured to said handle section and adapted to lie there-
against, said flexible members adapted to
5 form a loop when in one position, a loop member encircling said handle section and adapted to slide thereon and upon said strip member, and means carried by said loop member for retaining the handle member
10 and the strip member against looping.

4. A handbag having a flexible handle comprising a single section, a co-acting section secured thereto, said section adapted to
15 jointly form a glove receiving loop when in one position, a loop member encircling said section and adapted to slide thereon, said loop member when moved to one position adapted to contract said loop, a flexible strip member carrier by said loop member and
20 movable therewith, snap means carried by the free end of said strip member, a co-acting snap means carried by said handle section, said loop member and said flexible strip when moved to one position and en-
25 gaged with said snap means adapted to positively retain the said sections against looping.

5. In combination a handbag having a handle, means associated with said handle
30 for forming a loop, means for contracting said loop and means for retaining the loop in the contracted position.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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