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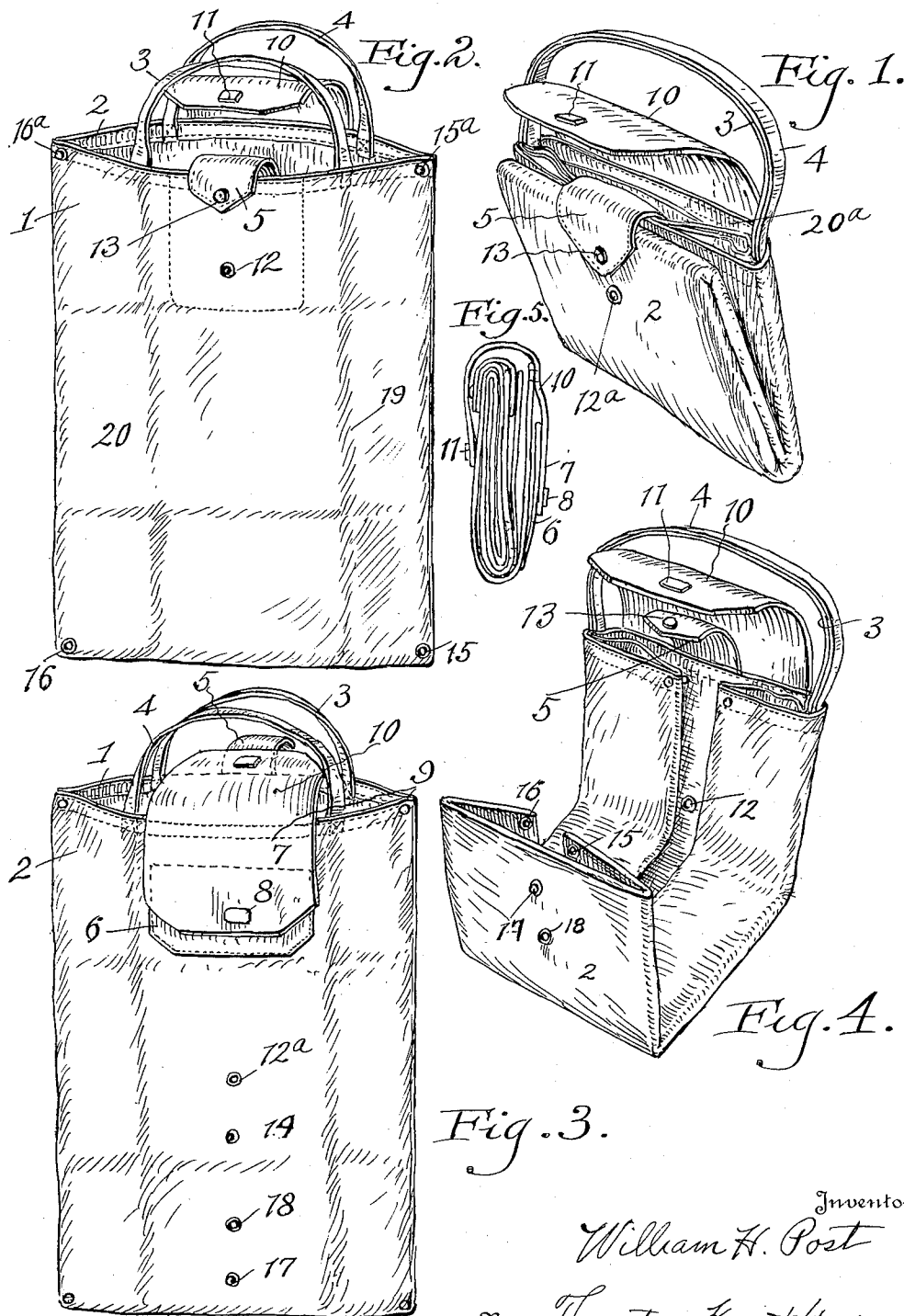
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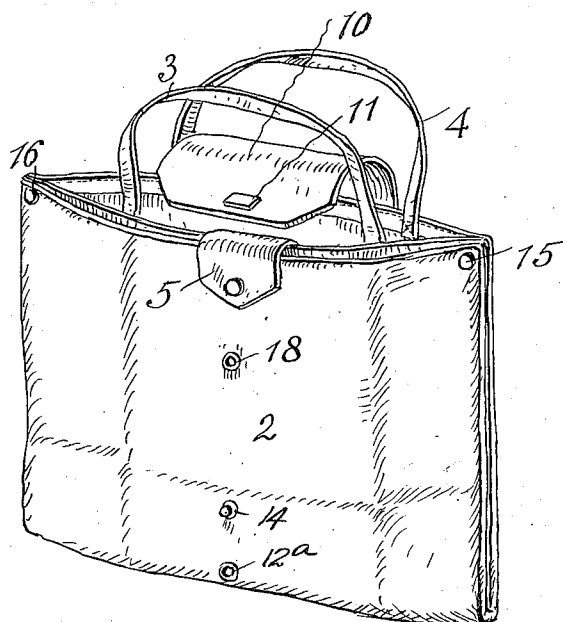


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COMBINED SHOPPING BAG AND HAND BAG.

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The present invention relates to what may be termed a combined hand bag and shopping bag.

The object of the invention is to provide a structure which when in its full open position provides a shopping bag of comparatively large capacity, and when in its folded condition resembles a hand bag, and in fact, is so constructed that when in its folded condition there is a compartment available for use in the same fashion as is found in those constructions of hand bags proper.

Reference should be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which—Fig. 1 is a perspective view showing the bag in its folded condition in which it may be used as a hand bag; Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing the bag in completely unfolded condition; Fig. 3 is a view of the reverse side to that shown in Fig. 2; Fig. 4 is a perspective view showing the bag in partly folded condition; Fig. 5 is a sectional elevation of the bag in completely folded condition; Fig. 6 is a perspective view showing the shopping bag folded to smaller size.

Referring to the drawings, the bag comprises a front portion 1 and a rear portion 2 which are sewed or otherwise secured together along all edges except the top edges of these portions.

The portion 1 is provided with a handle 3, and the portion 2 is provided with a handle 4, and these handles are fastened to their respective portions in such manner that they are superimposed and capable of overlapping when the bag is in folded condition. The portion 1 has secured thereto a flap 5 which is secured upon the inside of the portion 1 and extends upon the outside portion of the member 1 and around the upper edge thereof.

Upon the outside of the portion 2 a piece 6 is stitched around its edges, all except the top edge, and this piece 6 therefore forms a pocket. There is a covering flap 7 which covers the major portion of the piece 6, and is secured to the piece 6 by means of a snap 8. This covering flap 7 is stitched at the place indicated at 9, and there is an extending flap 10 which passes beyond the upper edge of the part 2 and is capable of extending between the handles 3 and 4 and overlying the portion 1. This flap 10 is provided with a snap 11 which is adapted to engage

with a snap 12 carried by the portion 1. The engagement between the snaps 11 and 12 will hold the upper edges of the portions 1 and 2 together. When the bag is in folded condition, as in Fig. 1, the snap 11 is adapted to engage with the snap 12^a which is carried by the portion 2, as will be clearly seen by reference to Fig. 1.

The flap 5 has a snap 13 which is adapted to engage with a snap 14 shown in Fig. 3, when the bag is in its unfolded condition, such as is shown in Fig. 2.

With the bag in the condition illustrated in Fig. 2, that is, completely unfolded, then the interior of the bag is all available for use.

If it be desired to use a bag of half the capacity of that which is shown in Fig. 2, then the bag may be folded in the middle portion, that is to say, the lower edge having the snaps 15 and 16, may be folded over so that they engage with the snaps 15^a and 16^a, as shown in Fig. 6. When this is done, what was before the lower edge of the portion 2 is retained at the portion thereof between the snaps 15 and 16 by means of the flap 5, which in this instance engages with a snap 17 which is carried at the lower end of the portion 10. In this condition the flap 10 may still close the upper edges of the bag from gaping open by engagement of the snap 11 with a snap 18 which is carried by the portion 2.

When it is desired to completely fold the bag and convert it to a hand bag, the bag as shown in Fig. 2 is folded upon lines which are indicated at 19 and 20, the outer edges being folded inwardly, as indicated in Fig. 4. The body portion of the bag is then folded in three folds with what has before been the lower edge of the portions 1 and 2 folded inside. When this is done the flap 5 extends over the folded portion, and the snap 13 thereof engages with a snap 14, as shown in Fig. 1. This then holds the bag in its folded condition, and it will be seen that the compartment which is now available to receive contents as indicated at 20^a in Fig. 1, is of greatly reduced size, and by properly proportioning the size of the bag this finally folded form will be of the dimensions such as a hand bag of usual form has, and the usable compartment 20 will be comparable to the inside compartment of the usual form of ladies' hand bag.

When the bag is in its folded condition,

as shown in Fig. 1, the flap 10 may be folded over so that the snap 11 will engage with the snap 12^a, thereby to complete the hand bag effect and to keep the edges of the upper

5 compartment from gaping.

When the bag is folded and in the position shown in Fig. 4, it will be noted that the ends of the handle straps 3 and 4 are together, and in the folding operation one of
10 the straps is inside of the other, and therefore when the bag is in its completely folded position, as shown in Fig. 1, the two straps are overlying and form in effect a single handle, thereby simulating usual constructions of ladies' hand bags in which a
15 double handle is used.

Having described my invention, I claim:

1. A combined shopping bag and hand bag having front and rear walls of flexible material adapted to lie flat one upon the other
20 and connected along the side and lower edges of the bag, the upper end of the bag being open and having handles, said bag being foldable, first about two longitudinal lines
25 which lie substantially midway between the longitudinal center line of the bag and side edges to position the opposite side edge portions flat against the rear wall of the bag and substantially in abutting relation and then
30 about two transverse lines one above and the other below the transverse center line, a flap secured to the front wall, a detachable fastener member secured to the flap, and a detachable fastener member secured to the
35 front wall of the bag in a position to be engaged with the fastener member of the flap when the bag is completely folded in compact relation.

2. A combined shopping bag and hand
40 bag having front and rear walls of flexible material adapted to lie flat one upon the other and connected along the side and lower edges of the bag, the upper end of the bag being open and having handles, each
45 handle being in the form of a strap having its opposite ends secured to the upper edge portion of one of said walls at points substantially midway between the center and
50 ends of the upper edge thereof, the side edge portions of the bag being foldable against the rear wall about parallel longitudinal lines extending from the points of attachment of said handles, said edge portions when folded
55 lying flat against the rear wall with the opposite edges of the bag lying in substantially abutting relation, the lower portion of the partially folded bag being foldable upon itself toward the inwardly folded edge portions about a transverse fold line, and in the
60 same direction about a second transverse fold

line substantially midway between the first transverse fold line and the top of the bag, a flap secured to the front wall, a detachable fastener member secured to the flap, and a detachable fastener member secured to the
65 front wall of the bag in a position to be engaged with the fastener member of the flap when the bag is completely folded in compact relation.

3. A combined shopping bag and hand bag
70 having front and rear walls of flexible material adapted to lie flat one upon the other and connected along the side and lower edges of the bag, the upper end of the bag being open, said bag being adapted to be folded
75 about a transverse line to dispose the rear wall within the front wall and form a half size shopping bag, or to be folded first about two longitudinal lines and having the edges of the bag lying in substantially abutting
80 relation, and then about two transverse lines one above and the other below the transverse center line and form a hand bag, a pair of superposed flaps secured to the upper edge of the front wall, the outer flaps being longer
85 than the inner, separable fastener members secured to the flaps adjacent the free ends thereof, and two pairs of separable fastener members secured to the said front wall, one pair positioned to co-operate with the
90 fastener members of the flaps when the bag is folded to form a half size shopping bag, and one pair positioned to co-operate with the fastener members of the flaps when the bag is folded in compact relation to form a
95 hand bag.

4. A combined shopping bag and hand bag having front and rear walls of flexible material adapted to lie flat one upon the other and connected along the side and lower edges
100 of the bag, the upper end of the bag being open and having handles, said bag being foldable, first about two longitudinal lines which lie between the longitudinal center line of the bag and side edges to position the
105 opposite side edge portions flat against the rear wall of the bag with the edges facing each other and then about two transverse lines one above and the other below the transverse center line, a flap secured to one
110 wall of the bag, a detachable fastener member secured to the flap, and a detachable fastener member secured to the front wall of the bag in a position to be engaged with the fastener member of the flap when the bag is
115 completely folded in compact relation.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto affix my signature.

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