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FASTENER FOR HAND BAGS

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FIG. 1

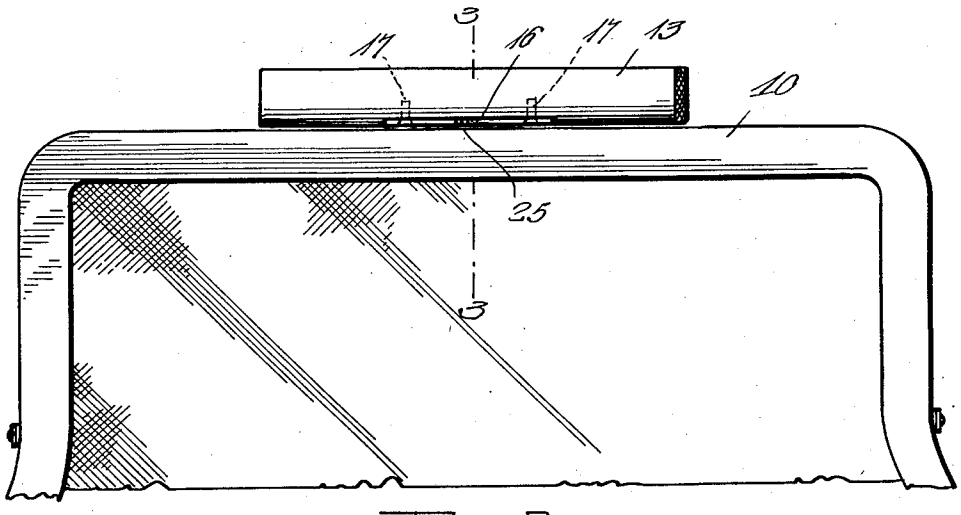


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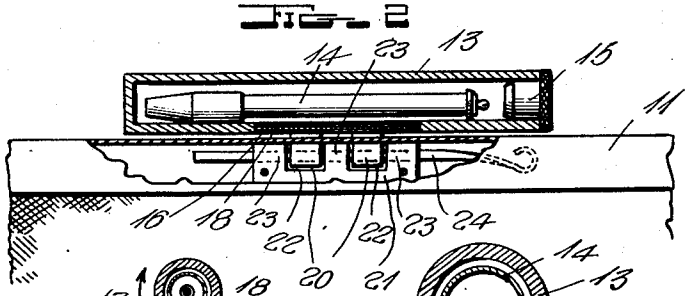
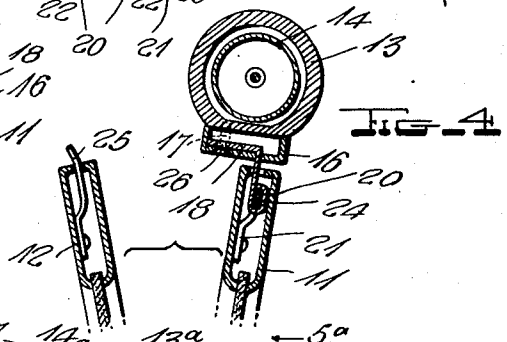


FIG. 3



FIG. 4



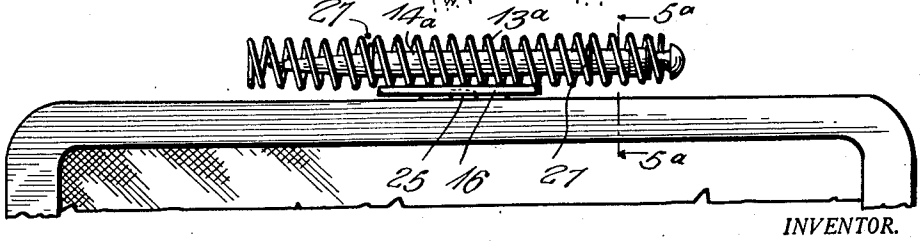


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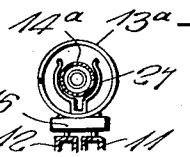


FIG. 5a

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Fig. 6

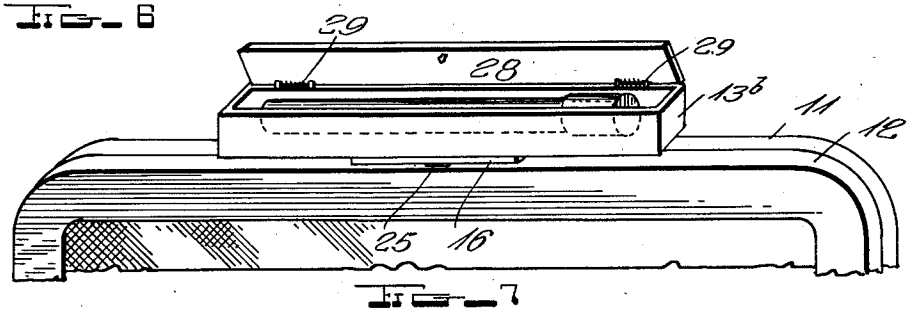


Fig. 7

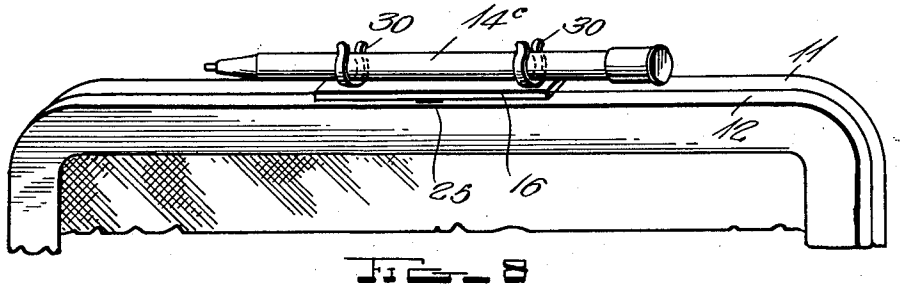


Fig. 8

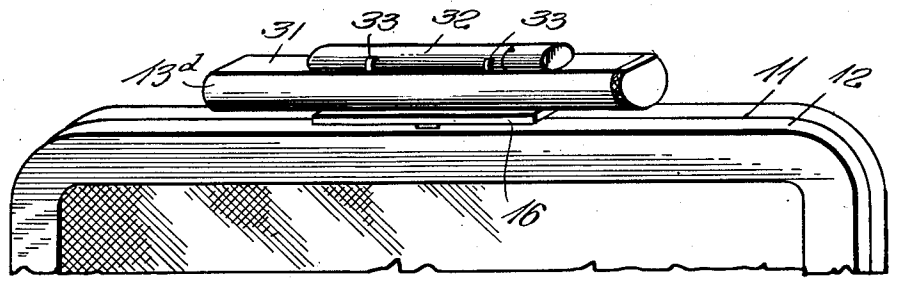
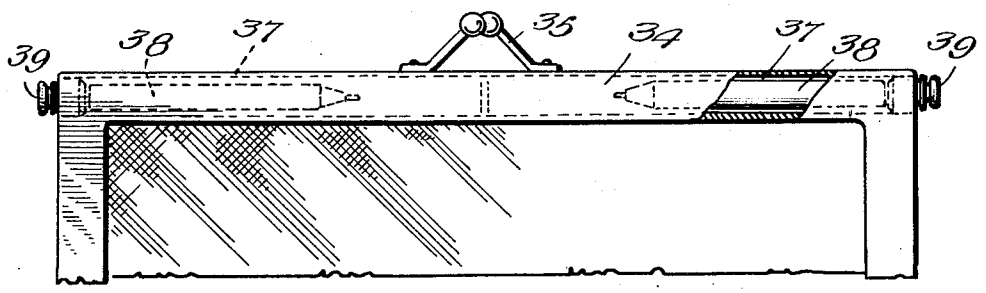


Fig. 9



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FASTENER FOR HAND-BAGS

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The present invention relates to ladies' handbags, pocketbooks, and the like.

The main object of the invention is to provide a lady's handbag or pocketbook with means for carrying one or more small articles, such as a pencil, fountain pen, lipstick, or similar articles, in position externally of the bag where it is readily available for use without opening the bag.

Another object of the invention is to provide a closure fastener device for a lady's handbag or the like, said device being so constructed and arranged that it constitutes a container for one or more of the above mentioned articles.

Another object of the invention is to provide a closure fastener device for a lady's handbag or the like, constructed and arranged to releasably hold a pen, a pencil, or an article of similar configuration, to facilitate actuation of the fastener device, said article being readily removable so that it can be applied to its normal use.

A further object of the invention is to provide a lady's handbag or the like with a frame having a compartment to which access may be had externally of the bag.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a closure fastener device of novel and pleasing appearance.

A yet further object of the invention is generally to improve the construction of ladies' handbags, pocketbooks and the like, and closure fasteners therefor.

In the drawings accompanying the present application I have shown several embodiments of the invention by which the above mentioned objects, and other objects which might hereinafter appear, are attained. However, as the invention may comprise other specific embodiments, the constructions shown are therefore to be considered illustrative of the invention and not exhaustive of the constructions within the scope of the appended claims.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a fragmentary side view of a bag embodying the present invention.

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary view partly in section of one of the bag frame sections.

Fig. 3 is a section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 3, on an enlarged scale, showing the bag frame sections disengaged.

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary side view of a bag showing a modified construction.

Fig. 5*a* is a section on the line 5*a*—5*a* of Fig. 5.

Figs. 6 to 9 are fragmentary side views, each figure showing a different modification of the invention.

As shown in Fig. 1, the bag may be of a well known construction and comprises a bag frame 10 having hinged frame sections 11 and 12, shown more clearly in Figs. 3 and 4. A closure fastener device or clasp is associated with the bag frame 10 and comprises an elongated operating member 13 which extends longitudinally thereof. As shown in Fig. 2 said operating member 13 constitutes a container for a small article 14, such as a pencil, fountain pen or lipstick, and is provided with a removable closure 15 to afford convenient access to said article. The clasp also comprises a metal plate 16 secured to operating member 13 in any suitable way, as by screws 17. A spring metal plate 18 overlies the plate 16 and is provided with depending reflexed extensions forming eyelets 20. As shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the operating member 13 has a recess in its lower portion within which the plates 16 and 18 are positioned. A metal plate 21 is secured within the frame section 11 and is provided with recesses 22, within which said eyelets 20 are positioned, and with eyelets 23 in alinement with the eyelets 20 of the plate 18, as shown more clearly in Fig. 2. A flat spring-steel bar 24 extends through the eyelets 20 and 23, thereby securing the clasp 13 to the plate 21 and acting as a spring biasing the clasp to bag-locking position. The frame section 12 is provided with a catch 25 which is adapted to project into the clasp 13, which for this purpose is provided with alined openings 26 in the plates 16 and 17, as shown more clearly in Fig. 4. To release the catch 25 or to disengage the clasp from the frame section 12, in order to open the bag, said operating member 13 is moved in the direction indicat-

ed by the arrow in Fig. 3, this movement being permitted by the connection constituted by the spring-steel bar 24 and eyelets 20 and 23.

The construction shown in Fig. 5 is the same as that shown in Figs. 1 to 4, except that the operating member 13*a* comprises an elongated helical spring open at at least one end thereof for the insertion of the article 14*a*. One or more spring clips 27 are secured within the helical spring 13*a* to releasably hold the article 14*a* within the container or compartment thus provided.

The constructions shown in Figs. 6 to 8, inclusive, are also the same as that shown in Figs. 1 to 4, except with respect to the container for the article. As shown in Fig. 6, the clasp comprises a container 13*b* having a lid 28 secured to the container by spring hinges 29 which bias the lid to closed position, the lid being shown open against the tension of the spring hinges 29. As shown in Fig. 7, the container comprises spring clips 30 within which a small article such as a pencil 14*c* may be removably secured. As shown in Fig. 8 the container 13*d* is generally similar to the container shown in Fig. 1 and additionally is provided with a flat top surface 31 for holding a lipstick container 32, said container 13*d* being provided with spring clips 33 to engage said lipstick container 32.

It will be observed that in the embodiments shown in Figs. 5 and 7, the articles 14*a* and 14*b*, facilitate actuation of the clasps and that said articles, which are complete articles of manufacture in themselves, may be removed so that they can be applied to their normal uses.

The bag shown in Figs. 9 comprises a bag frame 34 having hinged frame sections, as in the conventional bag frame construction, said frame sections being provided with conventional clasp members 35 and 36. According to the present invention one or both of the hinged frame sections are provided with compartments 37 at one or both ends thereof within which a small article, here shown as a pencil 38, may be contained. Said compartments 37 are accessible externally of the bag and for this purpose removable closures 39 are provided as shown.

Thus, the several objects of the invention are attained in the bag constructions shown. Moreover, in view of the present disclosure other constructions embodying the present invention will readily suggest themselves. Therefore, I do not wish to be limited to the constructions disclosed except as may be required by the appended claims and the prior art.

What I claim is:

1. A fastener for a bag frame comprising two hinged sections, including a plate within one of said sections provided with a plurality of spaced eyelets, an operating member, a spring plate carried by said operating member having a plurality of spaced depending portions provided with eyelets in registry with said spaced eyelets, a flat torsion spring extending through all of said eyelets, said spring plate having an opening, and a catch on the other frame section engageable with said spring plate through the opening therein.

2. A fastener for a bag frame comprising two hinged sections, including a plate within one of said sections provided with a plurality of spaced eyelets, an operating member having a recess in its lower portion, a spring plate secured within said recess having a plurality of spaced depending portions provided with eyelets in registry with said spaced eyelets, a flat torsion spring extending through all of said eyelets, said spring plate having an opening, and a catch on the other frame section engageable with said spring plate through the opening therein.

3. A fastener for a bag frame comprising two hinged sections, including a plate within one of said sections provided with an eyelet, an operating member, a spring plate carried by said operating member having a depending portion provided with an eyelet in registry with said first mentioned eyelet, a flat torsion spring extending through said two eyelets, said spring plate having an opening, and a catch on the other frame section engageable with said spring plate through the opening therein.

4. A fastener for a bag frame comprising two hinged sections, including a plate within one of said sections provided with an eyelet, an operating member having a recess in its lower portion, a spring plate secured within said recess having a depending portion provided with an eyelet in registry with said first mentioned eyelet, a flat torsion spring extending through said two eyelets, said spring plate having an opening, and a catch on the other frame section engageable with said spring plate through the opening therein.

5. A fastener for a bag frame comprising two hinged sections, including a plate within one of said sections provided with an eyelet, a flat spring plate having a depending portion provided with an eyelet in registry with said first mentioned eyelet, a flat torsion spring extending through said two eyelets, said flat spring plate having an opening, a catch on the other hinged section engageable in said opening, an operating member, and a plate having an opening through which said depending portion extends and an opening in registry with the opening in said spring plate, said plates being secured to said operating member.

In witness whereof, I have signed my name to the foregoing specification.

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