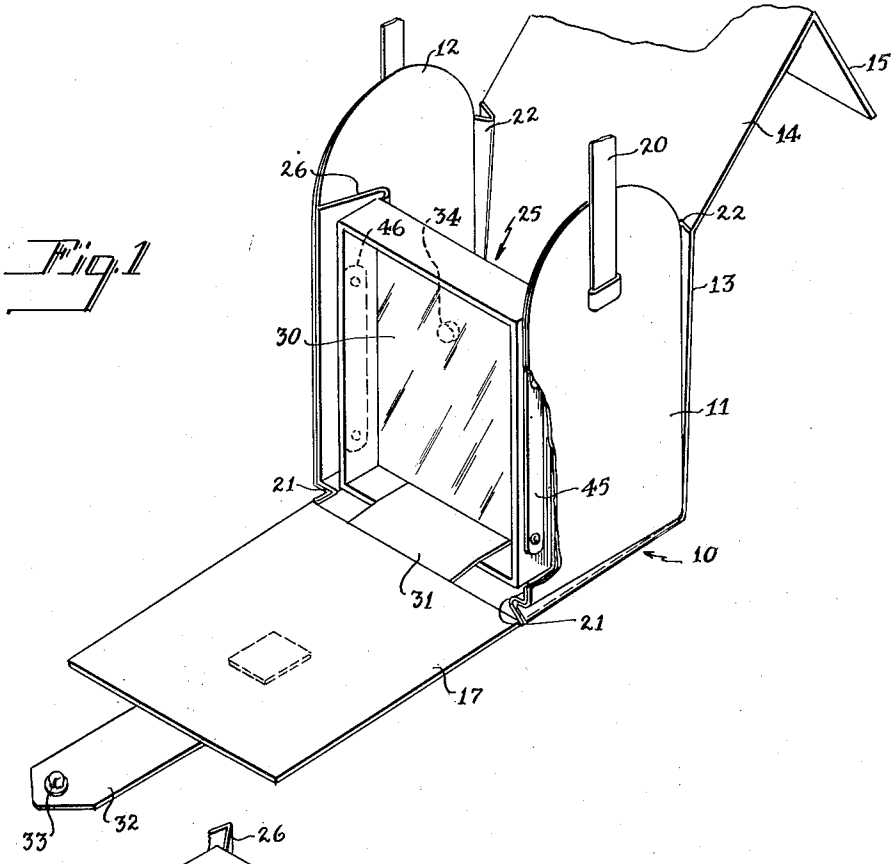
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Fig. 1



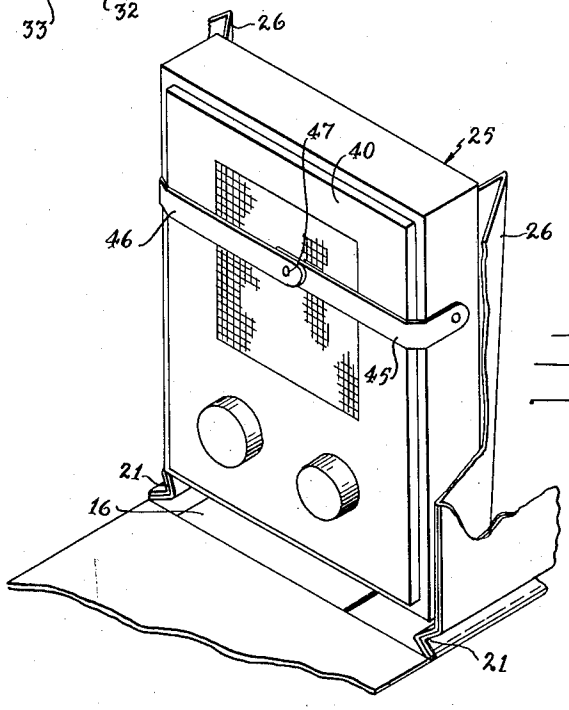


Fig. 2

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This invention relates to handbags, and more particularly to a handbag which has a compartment incorporated therein for carrying various articles and especially for carrying a portable radio set. The principal object of this invention is the provision of a handbag construction which incorporates a separate compartment adapted to receive articles normally carried in a handbag. This separate compartment is designed to segregate some of the articles from others contained in the handbag. A special feature of its construction is the use of a mirror as one of the walls forming the compartment, and it is accordingly an important object of this invention to provide a compartmented handbag in which one of the walls of one of the compartments is a mirror which may be used as such.

Another important object of this invention is the provision of a handbag which is adapted to carry the conventional contents of handbags, as well as a portable radio. Provision is made in the handbag to accommodate a flat type of portable radio set in such a manner that its presence in the bag does not diminish the bag's capacity insofar as its usual contents are concerned.

Still another object of this invention is a combination handbag and portable radio set carrier which comprise a single unit having a single handle or strap for carrying the same. A still further object of this invention is the provision of a carrier for portable radio sets, which includes provision for carrying the usual contents of handbags.

A preferred embodiment of this invention is shown in the accompanying drawing in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view thereof, partly broken away, the handbag being shown in open position; and

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary perspective view thereof, showing a portable radio set carried within its separate compartment.

The handbag herein claimed comprises a handbag proper 10 which has side walls 11 and 12, a back wall 13 which has a cover flap 14 connected thereto, and a front flap 15 connected to said top cover flap, a bottom wall or floor 16, and a front wall 17. A handle strap or bail 20 is connected at its two ends to side walls 11 and 12, and it is by means of this strap that bag 10 may be carried. It will be realized however that the bag may be carried by other conventional means as well, and the scope of this invention should not be limited to the specific strap handle shown in the drawing. It should also be noted at this point that the general design of handbag

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10 as shown in the drawing is not critical except insofar as its inner compartment, hereinafter more specifically described, is concerned. It will be understood therefore that other designs of handbag are included within the scope of this invention.

Bearing the last remarks in mind, it will be noted that accordion folds 21 connect the side walls 11 and 12 to the floor 16. Accordion folds 22 also connect the back wall 13 to the side walls 11 and 12. This construction makes for an adjustably-sized handbag which expands to accommodate a greater number of articles and which contracts to accommodate a lesser number of articles.

A frame 25 which defines a compartment within it is mounted within, and forms a part of, handbag 10. It has top, bottom, and side walls. The side walls are connected by means of accordion-like folds 26 to the side walls 11 and 12 of the handbag proper. Frame 25 is a relatively rigid frame, but in view of the fact that it has accordion-like connections with side walls 11 and 12 of the handbag, these side walls may be moved outwardly or inwardly as desired to accommodate contents occupying a greater or lesser volume. The bottom wall of frame 25 may be connected to the floor of the handbag.

The back wall of frame 25 is a mirror 30, and the front wall of said frame is the same wall 17 which constitutes the front wall of handbag 10. It will be seen in Fig. 1 that wall 17 is connected by means of a hinged construction or the equivalent of a hinged construction to the bottom wall or floor 16 of the handbag 10. A strap 31 interconnects the bottom wall of frame 25 and front wall 17, and this strap serves in the nature of a tether or restraining member which prevents the front wall 17 from swinging down below a predetermined level. A second strap 32 is connected to the free or non-hinged end of front wall 17, and this strap is provided with a snap fastener element 33 which is adapted to engage a complementary snap fastener element 34 affixed to the back of mirror 30. It will be seen therefore that in order to close the compartment formed by frame 25, front wall 17 is brought upwardly and against said frame 25 as well as against or at least adjacent to the side walls 11 and 12 of the handbag, and its strap 32 is then swung over the top of frame 25 and then downwardly until the two snap fastener elements 33 and 34 are in position for interengagement with each other. The handbag as a whole may there-

after be closed by swinging flaps 14 and 15 over the top of the handbag in the usual manner.

Reference to Fig. 2 will disclose the fact that the compartment formed by frame 25 is adapted to accommodate a flat compact type of portable radio 40. The dimensions and shape of frame 25 may be changed to correspond to the dimensions and shape of radio 40. The frame 25 should of course be made to certain specifications, bearing in mind the requirements of the particular type of radio 40 which the frame is to accommodate.

It will be observed that straps 45 and 46 are fastened at one end to the side walls of frame 25 and that they are fastened to each other at their opposite end by means of snap fastener 47. These straps, when not in use, hang downwardly along the side walls of frame 25, as shown in Fig. 1. They are brought upwardly however to assume a substantially-horizontal position when they are used to hold radio 40 in place in frame 25. This is shown in Fig. 2. In other words, front wall 17 is not needed to hold radio 40 in place in frame 25.

It will be understood from the foregoing that an invention is herein claimed, which may be modified in many ways to meet individual requirements. It has already been stated that the precise design of the handbag proper is not critical and that it may be made in accordance with different styles as desired. One of the features which it should include, if possible, is a hingedly-connected front wall substantially similar to front wall 17. It is by means of this type of wall that the radio set contained in the handbag may be exposed for use. The employment of a wall of this type makes it unnecessary to remove the radio set from the handbag in order to use the radio set. Furthermore, it is highly desirable to have a front wall of this type, which may be fastened to the radio set-containing frame in substantially the manner shown in the drawing. It will be appreciated that when this type of front wall is fastened in closed position to the frame in which the radio set is contained it is not necessary, when opening the handbag in connection with its conventional use, to open the front wall at the same time. The cover flap of the handbag proper may be swung back to expose the contents of the handbag without disturbing the radio set or the frame in which it is mounted, or the front flap which closes the frame in which the radio set is mounted.

The material of which the handbag may be made is not critical, and any conventional handbag material may be employed. The accordion members of the bag should however be made of relatively flexible material since, otherwise, it would not be possible to expand or contract the handbag as above described. The frame in which the radio set is mounted should preferably be made of relatively stiff material in order to protect the radio set against injury. The specific strap means by which the radio set is held in place in its frame as shown in the drawing need not necessarily be used, and other conventional means for holding an object in place in a frame adapted to receive it may be used to equal advantage.

It will be understood that the handbag hereinabove described may be used with or without a radio set. It is a complete bag even though the radio set may not be in it, since its frame 25 may be used to hold other objects than a radio set. And the bag is complete even if nothing is carried within frame 25, the mirror constituting one wall of said frame being left exposed for conventional use. This invention should not therefore be considered as merely comprising a woman's handbag having a radio set compartment fitted therein, but rather as a handbag adapted to accommodate a radio set as well as other articles, either being accessible without disturbance to the other.

I claim:

1. A compartmented handbag, comprising a bag having a rear, bottom and side walls connected to one another along their entire contiguous edges, the free upright edges of said side walls having inwardly directed reentrantly folded extensions, a relatively deep, rectangular, rigid frame engaged by its inner upright edges to the free edges of said side wall extensions, a wall set into the said frame at its inner edges dividing said bag into an inner bag portion and an outer receptacle, a front wall pivotally secured by its bottom edge to the free edge of said bottom wall, a top wall pivotally secured by its bottom edge at the top edge of said rear wall, and means for interengaging said top and front walls to form a closure for said bag and receptacle.

2. The compartmented handbag of claim 1, wherein means are provided for securing the said front wall in upright position separately from said top wall.

3. The compartmented handbag of claim 1, wherein a carrying strap is secured to said side walls.

4. The compartmented handbag of claim 1, wherein means are provided, associated with said frame for releasably securing a radio set disposed within said receptacle.

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