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Fig. 1

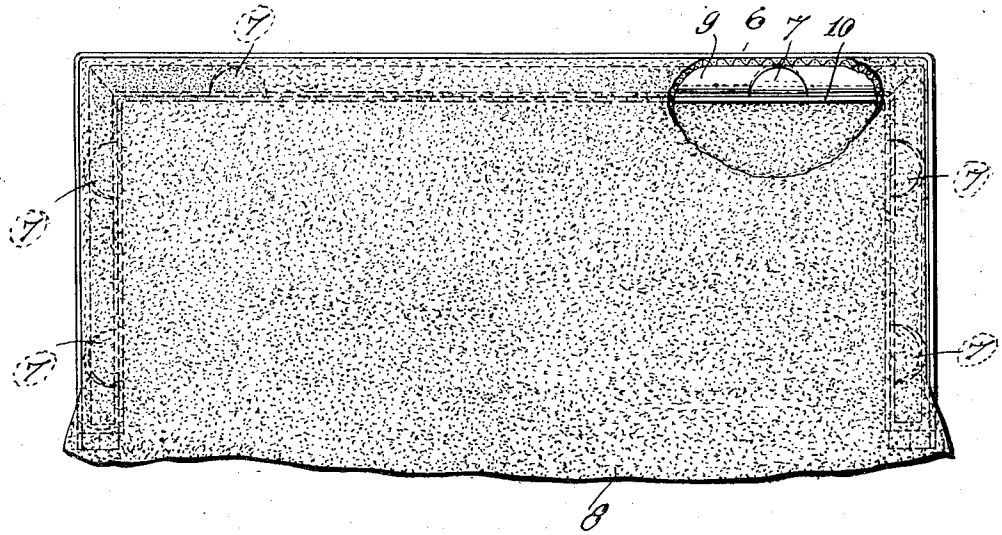
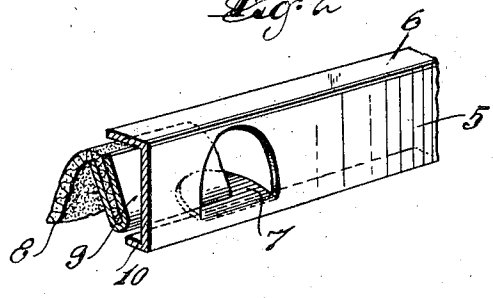


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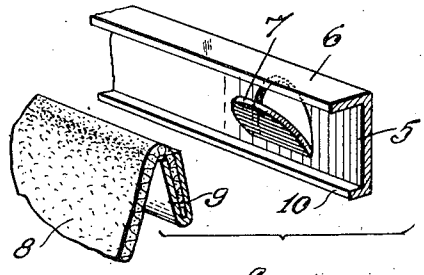


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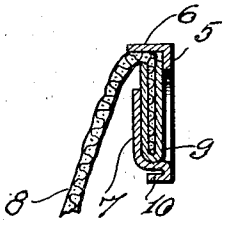


Fig. 4

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This invention relates to hand bags and more particularly to improvements in frames for use in hand bags.

It has been common practice in the manufacture of hand bags to use channelled frame members to which bag covering material is attached by various expedients. Heretofore the means for attaching bag covering material to the frame members have been satisfactory with the exception that an appreciable amount of labor is required in the attaching process, which increases the cost of manufacturing the bag. This is objectionable in that the merchandising of hand bags has become highly competitive and it is necessary, in order to profitably merchandise such bags, that the labor cost be reduced to a minimum.

It is therefore an object of this invention to provide a hand bag frame member having means for attaching bag covering material thereto with a minimum amount of time and labor.

A further object is the provision of a bag frame member having tabs struck out from a wall thereof, which tabs can be used for the purpose of securing bag covering material to frame members.

These and other advantageous objects which will later appear, are accomplished by the simple and practical construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and exhibited in the accompanying drawing, forming part hereof, and in which:

Fig. 1 represents a side elevational view of a hand bag embodying my invention, parts being broken away for the sake of clarity,

Figs. 2 and 3 represent fragmentary perspective views of a frame member embodying my invention, and of the bag covering material secured in the channelled insert, and

Fig. 4 represents a transverse sectional view of a bag frame embodying my invention showing the manner in which the inlay is clamped within the frame member by the frame tab.

Referring to the drawing, there is shown a pair of hingedly connected bag frame members, each of which has an inner side wall **5**, with a right angled flange **6** at the upper edge thereof. Struck up from the wall **5** are a plurality of tabs **7**. The tabs **7** are preferably of slightly less height than the height of the inner wall **5** so that, as is clearly shown in Fig. 4, the tabs when bent over the inlay **9**, will parallel the inner wall **5** for substantially the height of the wall **5**. The base of the tab **7** is of approximately the same dimensions as the height of the tab so that the tab will have a firm support, thereby preventing the accidental withdrawal of the inlay **9** from the tab, or the accidental bending of the tab forwardly, allowing the inlay to slip out of the frame.

In the attaching of bag covering material **8** to the frame member, the edge of the material is crimped between a channelled inlay **9**, and then the inlay is placed in the frame member between the tabs **7** and the inner wall **5**, after which the tabs **7** are pressed toward the wall **5** to tightly clinch the inlay in position.

From the above description, it will be seen that I have provided a frame member of simple structure, having means to enable bag covering material to be readily and conveniently attached thereto.

While I have shown my frame member as having a lower flange **10**, it is obvious that such flange may be eliminated without in any way affecting my invention.

The process of striking out the tabs from the frame member is obviously very simple, and the attaching of the bag material to the frame member by means of the tabs **7** can be readily performed by unskilled persons; which enables the manufacture of hand bags at a very low cost, as the item of labor is very important in determining the cost of manufacturing a hand bag. At the same time, my invention enables the production of a bag of pleasing appearance.

If so desired, instead of having a plurality of tabs, one tab extending the length of the wall **5** may be struck therefrom, and the bag covering material can be clamped to the wall **5** by means of such a tab without necessitating the use of the inlay **8**, as above described.

The term "inlay" as used in the specification and claim of this application means a member secured to the margin of the bag covering material and held in the bag frame member. The term is part of the nomenclature of the bag frame industry and is used in the same meaning it has in the industry. The foregoing disclosure is to be regarded as descriptive and illustrative only, and not as restrictive or limitative of the invention, of which obviously an embodiment may be constructed including many modifications, without departing from the general scope herein indicated and denoted in the appended claim.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

In a hand bag frame, a frame member formed

from a blank of uniform width throughout its length, said member having an inner side wall with outwardly directed upper and lower flanges, a plurality of tabs struck outwardly from the inner side wall at an angle to the side wall, said tabs being directed toward the upper flange and being bendable towards the inner side wall, an inlay having bag covering material attached thereto, said inlay being positioned in said frame member against the inner side wall above said tabs, said tabs being clinched over the inlay to tightly hold the inlay in position to the frame member, bag covering material passing under the upper outwardly directed flange and overhanging the inlay.

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