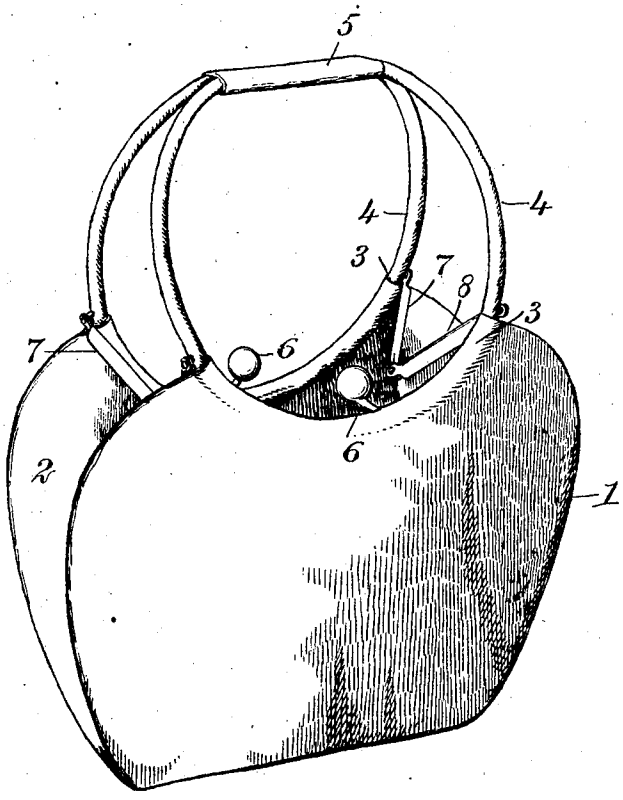
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## HAND-BAG.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, AMAND WIGHARD, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Jersey City, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and Improved Hand-Bag, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to improvements in hand-bags or similar receptacles, the object being to provide a hand-bag or the like with a combined frame and handle, thus reducing the cost and simplifying the construction.

I will describe a hand-bag embodying my invention and then point out the novel features in the appended claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawing, in which the figure is a perspective view of a hand-bag embodying my invention.

Referring to the drawing, 1 designates the bag, which at its opposite ends has the usual inwardly-turned portions 2, connected to the opposite sides of the mouth portion of the bag, and combined handle and frame members, here shown as of ring-like form, the lower portions 3 of which are secured to the bag to form the frame thereof, while the upper portions 4 provide the handles. While I have indicated the parts 4 and 3 as made of ring-like form or substantially circular, they may be otherwise shaped without departing from the spirit of my invention.

The upper portions of the handle members 4 have swinging connection one with the other, this swinging connection consisting of a strip 5 of leather or other suitable material connected to one handle portion rigidly and in which the other handle portion swings. The lower or frame portions are provided with interlocking devices 6, and secured to the upper edges of the inwardly-turned members 2 are links 7 8, the links being pivotally connected together and also having pivotal connection with the combined handle and frame members. The said combined handle and frame members may consist of suitable metal, nickel-plated or otherwise plated or covered with leather.

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

1. A bag having frame members secured to the opposite sides of the bag-mouth and passing longitudinally to its edges, the said frame members being extended upward to form the handles, and means for securing the handle members together at the top whereby they have swinging movement with relation to each other.

2. The combination with a hand-bag, of ring-like members forming combined frame and handle portions, and links engaging with the upper edges of the end portions of the bag, said links being pivotally connected together and also pivoted to the combined frame and handle portions.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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