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Fig. 1

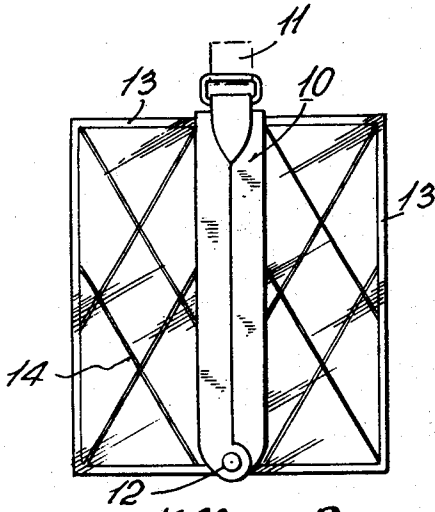


Fig. 3

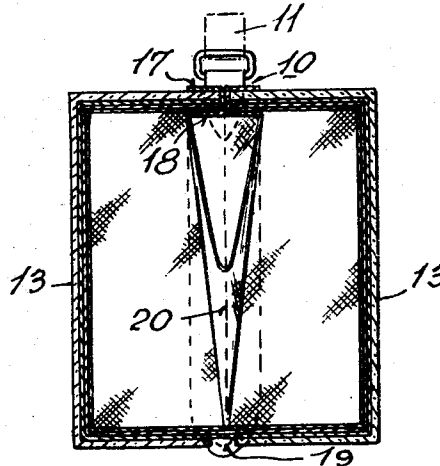


Fig. 2

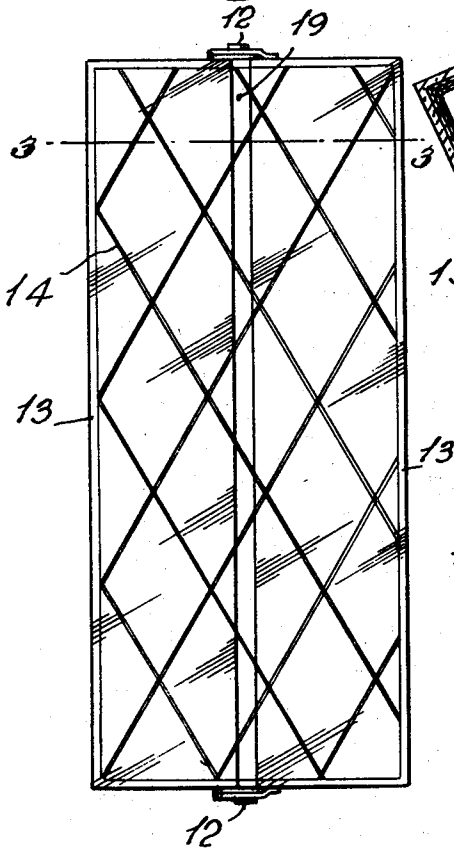


Fig. 4

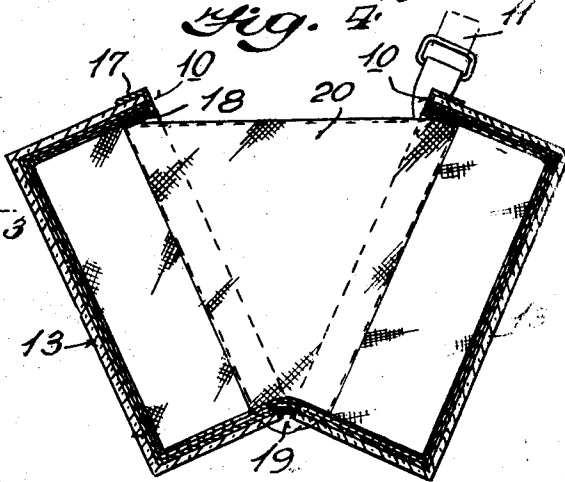
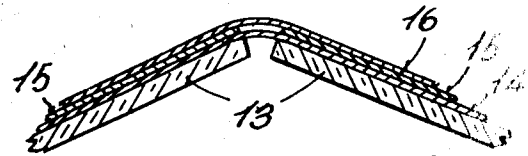


Fig. 5



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The invention relates to handbags of the kind usually carried by ladies.

A purpose of the invention is to provide such a bag which will be ornamental and attractive and readily kept clean. The bag may have a permanent shape or form so that its interior will be suitable for receiving articles in such a way they may not become unduly crushed or marred or displaced. A purpose is to provide a bag whose outer walls are of plastic of a suitable character to be stiff enough to form the sustaining or outer members to constitute the means for supporting the bag in proper desired contour. The plastic may be relatively thick so that it will not readily deform or lose its original shape. The plastic outer walls of the bag may be plain or ornamental and may be transparent so that through them or some of them may be seen the material of a lining or layer intermediate the plastic and the lining. This portion of the bag, visible through the plastic, may be plain or colored or ornamented in any suitable manner so as to give a suitable pleasant appearance to the bag. So as to add to the beauty and usefulness of the bag means may be provided for holding the inner material in more or less the same form as the outer plastic wall and in relatively close contact therewith.

The outer plastic wall may be mounted in the usual U-shaped frame for opening and closing the bag and for access to its interior. Since the plastic may be rigid and unyielding, its edges adjacent the hinge of the U-shaped frame might engage and interfere with the opening of the hinge. In order to avoid this, it may be desirable to omit a portion of the plastic so as to leave a slot from hinge to hinge along the open end of the U of the frame. The bag may be held in any convenient position but for convenience this open end of the frame may be referred to as at the bottom of the bag. This opening may make a break in the integrity of the outer wall of the bag but this may be closed so that the contents of the bag will not protrude or fall out by arranging the lining or inner decorative layer or both so as to cross over the slot and close it.

The specific details of the bag material, construction and shape or form may not be essential but, in order to better explain the invention, one embodiment of it is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which Figure 1 is an end elevation of one form of bag embodying the invention. Fig. 2 is a bottom plan view of the same. Fig. 3 is a transverse vertical section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2 of the bag in closed position. Fig. 4 is a similar transverse section show-

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ing the bag in open position. Fig. 5 is a fragmentary section at the hinge portion.

The specific form or shape of the bag is immaterial to the invention. The bag may include the usual U-form 10 customary in ladies' bags, which may be made of metal or other suitable material. Attached to this may be the usual handle 11. The two portions of the U-shaped frame member are joined together by hinges 12 at each end of the bag in the usual manner. The bag itself consists of plastic 13 which is underlaid with an inner member 14 which preferably will be of an ornamental character and be visible through the plastic member 13 which may be transparent. A stiffening liner member 15 may underlie the element 14 and hold it throughout its area in substantial contact with the outer plastic member 13. The member 15 may be of such material as to form the inner lining of the bag itself, but it may be desirable to have within it an additional wearing or lining member 16 which may form the interior of the bag.

It will be understood, of course, that all of these members may extend the entire inner surface of the bag, top, sides, and bottom and ends. All of the members 13, 14, 15, 16 may be grasped and held in place at their edges by the sides or members 17 and 18 of the U-shaped frame 10 in a manner well known in the art and as shown clearly in Fig. 4. Since the outer plastic member 13 is not flexible, it might be impossible to open the bag and, in order to take care of opening the bag, a portion of the outer member 13 is cut away at 19 in the middle of the bottom of the bag extending from one hinge member 12 to the other hinge member 12. Thus, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4, the bag may be opened without deforming or crushing the outer plastic layer. In order to limit opening movement of the bag, there may be provided on its inside the usual bellows limiting members 20. The ornamental member 14 and the lining member 16 may, however, be unbroken and extend across the slot or opening 19 to keep the bag permanently and continuously closed. The stiffening member 15 will preferably be broken or cut away at the slot 19 so that it may not be deformed or crushed when the bag is opened.

The invention may be embodied in structures involving other details of construction.

I claim as my invention:

1. In a hand bag, two members hinged together to form a U-shaped frame, transparent plastic outer rigid form members held by each hinged

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member but being out of engagement with each other at the open bottom end of the U-shaped frame and forming an open slot, an inner lining member, an intermediate member between the inner member and the outer plastic members, both the inner member and intermediate member crossing and closing the slot, and stiffening material between the lining member and intermediate member holding the intermediate member in contact with the plastic members so it is visible therethrough.

2. In a hand bag, two members hinged together to form a U-shaped frame, transparent plastic outer rigid form members held by each hinged member but being out of engagement with each other at the open bottom end of the U-shaped frame and forming an open slot, an inner lining member, an intermediate member between the inner lining member and the outer plastic members, the inner lining and intermediate members crossing and closing the slot, and means for holding the intermediate member in contact with the plastic members so it is visible therethrough.

3. In a handbag, two members hinged together to form a U-shaped frame, transparent plastic outer rigid form members held by each hinged member but being out of engagement with each other at the open bottom end of the U-shaped frame and forming an open slot, an inner lining member, an intermediate member between the inner lining member and the outer plastic members, the inner lining member crossing and closing the slot, and means for holding the intermediate member in contact with the plastic members so it is visible therethrough.

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4. In a handbag, two members hinged together to form a U-shaped frame, transparent plastic outer rigid form members held by each hinged member but being out of engagement with each other at the open bottom end of the U-shaped frame and forming an open slot, an inner lining member, an intermediate member between the inner lining member and the outer plastic members, the intermediate member crossing and closing the slot, and means for holding the intermediate member in contact with the plastic members so it is visible therethrough.

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