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HAND BAG

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Fig. 1.

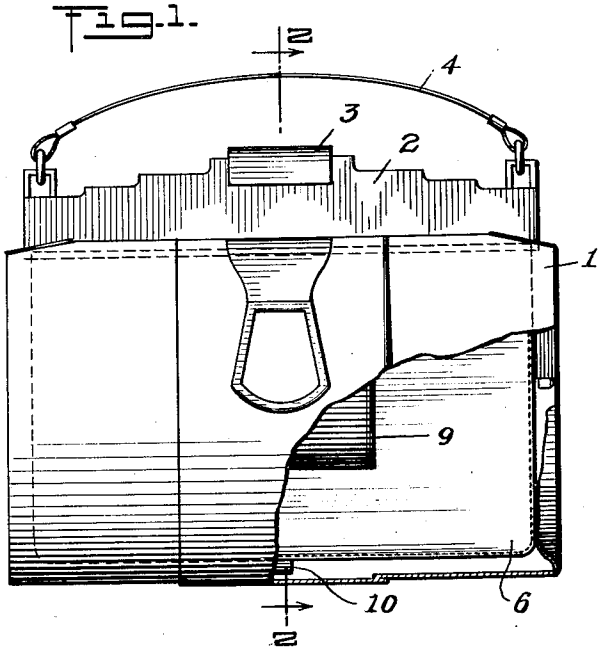
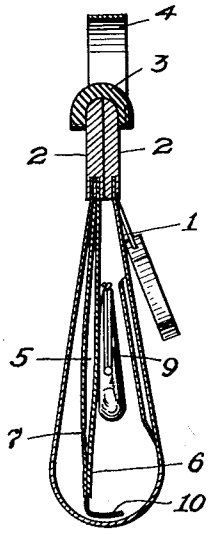


Fig. 2.



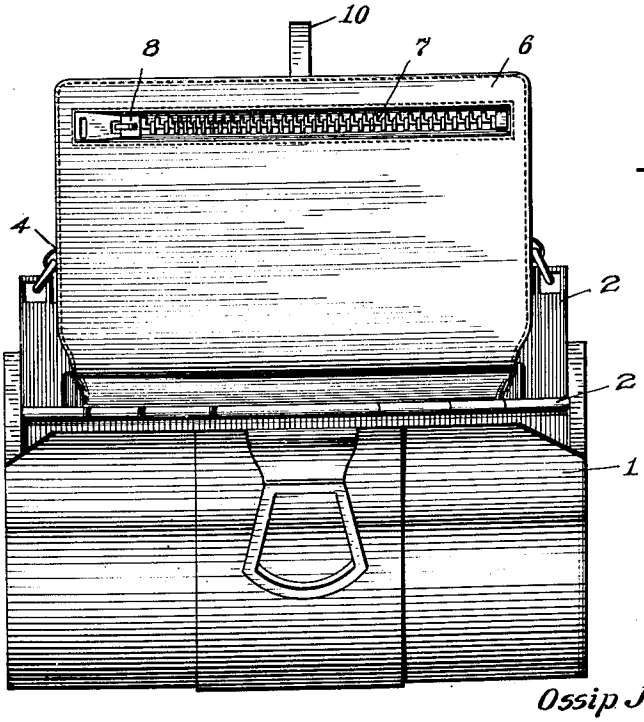


Fig. 3.

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HAND-BAG

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This invention relates to hand bags and more particularly to that type of hand bag which is carried by women for carrying valuables, nicknacks and so forth.

The objects of the invention are to provide a hand bag of this type wherein the same may provide a secret compartment for carrying articles of unusual value which it is desired to hide from a thief or any person who might be endeavoring to obtain valuables therefrom surreptitiously or otherwise; to provide such a compartment which is readily accessible to the owner of the hand bag or person acquainted with the secret thereof; to provide the pocket in what appears to be the lining for the said hand bag without any visible appearance of that pocket when the bag is open in normal position; to provide this lining member in a position depending from the bag frame similar to the body portion of the bag; to weight the said lining member so as to both cause it to maintain its depending position and to cover the fact that it contains any articles; to enable the secret pocket to be very easily utilized, permitting the articles for insertion therein to be introduced with ease and the pocket arranged so that the articles therein may be inspected without removing from the pocket; to secure simplicity of construction and operation; and to obtain other advantages and results as may be brought out in the following description.

Referring to the accompanying drawings in which like numerals of reference indicate similar parts throughout the several views;

Figure 1 is a front elevation of hand bag embodying my invention showing the front wall of the body portion thereof partially broken away for disclosing the interior construction;

Figure 2 is a sectional view on line 2—2 of Fig. 1; and

Figure 3 is a view similar to Fig. 1, but showing the bag open and the secret pocket swung out of the same.

In the specific embodiment of the invention illustrated in said drawings the reference numeral 1 indicates the body portion of a hand bag the upper edges of the body portion being carried in the hinged frame members 2—2. The hinged frame members are constructed in any improved manner so as to enable the same to swing apart for gaining access to the body portion of the bag, as will be understood by those skilled in the art, said frame members being held in closed position by any suitable clasp 3 shown in the present instance at the top of the hand bag and lying beneath a flexible handle 4 by which the bag may be carried around.

The interior of the bag is preferably lined, as usual, and to avoid complexity in making the drawings I have made no attempt to show the body material and the lining separately, the body portion 1 including both the outside material and the lining.

The present invention contemplates provision of a secret pocket 5 within the bag, the pocket being provided in material similar to the lining material of the body portion and depending from one of the frame members 2. The said pocket 5 accordingly is made by a depending lining member 6 having a double thickness between which articles of value may be secreted. This lining member 6 preferably is the full width of the interior of the bag and also the full depth of the bag so that in its normal position within the bag it has the appearance of being a lining sewn thereinto. The said lining is actually attached only at its upper edge, preferably within or immediately adjacent to the frame member from which it depends so as to give no indication that it is anything other than the regular lining for the bag.

The thickness of this depending lining member 6 which is toward the adjacent body portion of the bag, is provided with an opening through which to insert articles to be secreted or to remove those articles therefrom. By providing this opening in the hidden side of the depending lining member it will not be noticed or readily found by persons unfamiliar with the bag and who have not the opportunity to make an extended search through the bag. Since the lining member is attached only at its upper edge, this secret pocket may be drawn out of the bag as shown in Figure 3, at which time the opening will

be exposed. It is not likely that any person unfamiliar with the bag would make any attempt to pull the lining out in this fashion. When the lining member is drawn out, as indicated in Figure 3, I preferably have so constructed the same that the opening will be adjacent what is then the upper edge, but which is ordinarily the lower edge when the lining member is in place. Consequently the pocket within the lining member may be opened when the member is withdrawn without danger of spilling the contents. The opening is preferably made substantially the length of the member so that the contents may be very easily viewed without removing them from the pocket and may be removed if desired by the user inserting her hand.

In order to obtain a positive closure so that even small articles such as loose diamonds, will not spill out when the lining member is put back into the bag, I employ a closure for the said opening which will leave no gaps. This closure is shown in the drawings to be what is commonly known in the art as hookless fasteners 7. As these fasteners are well known, further description thereof is not deemed necessary at the present time except to say that a slide 8 is provided in connection therewith that can be drawn toward either one of the side edges of the member and which cause the hookless fasteners to either become engaged or disengaged according to which way the slide is operating.

In order to more surely camouflage the character of the lining member as a secret pocket, I preferably attach a purse or other device 9 thereto on the side of said member which is exposed upon opening the bag. This purse or the like 9 not only provides an uneven and bulky device that will hide the fact that there are articles of value behind it, but also acts as a weight for holding the lining member in a smooth depending position and thereby obviates likelihood of said lining member working up in the bag to a position where its character would be indicated. Furthermore, in the drawings I have shown a tab 10 at the bottom of the lining member, which can be applied in manufacture if so desired to enable the user to more readily withdraw the lining member from the bag.

Obviously detail modifications and changes may be made in the construction and use of my invention, and I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself to the exact construction shown except as set forth in the following claims when construed in the light of the prior art.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:—

1. A hand bag having a body portion providing side walls, a lining for said body portion depending from the top of one of said side walls and free at its other edges so as to enable said lining to be partially withdrawn from the bag by the user, said lining member providing a double wall with a pocket therebetween, the wall of said lining member toward said side wall from the top of which the lining member depends having a hidden opening for access to said pocket.

2. A hand bag having a body portion providing side walls, a lining for said body portion depending from the top of one of said side walls and free at its other edges so as to enable said lining to be partially withdrawn from the bag by the user, said lining member providing a double wall with a pocket therebetween, the wall of said lining member toward said side wall from the top of which the lining member depends having a hidden opening for access to said pocket, and an equally hidden closure for said opening.

3. A hand bag comprising a body portion and frame members, a lining member secured at the junction of said body member and frame member and free at its other edges so as to be withdrawn partially from the bag, and an opening adjacent the edge of said lining member furthest from the attached edge.

4. A hand bag comprising a body portion and frame members, a lining member secured at the junction of said body member and frame member and free at its other edges so as to be withdrawn partially from the bag, an opening on the side of said lining member normally hidden from view when the bag is open and adjacent the edge of said lining member furthest from the attached edge.

5. A hand bag comprising a body portion and frame members, a lining member secured at the junction of said body member and frame member and free at its other edges so as to be withdrawn partially from the bag, an opening on the side of said lining member normally hidden from view when the bag is open and adjacent the edge of said lining member furthest from the attached edge, and hookless fasteners for entirely closing said opening, said hookless fasteners and opening both being hidden by the lining member in normal position.

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