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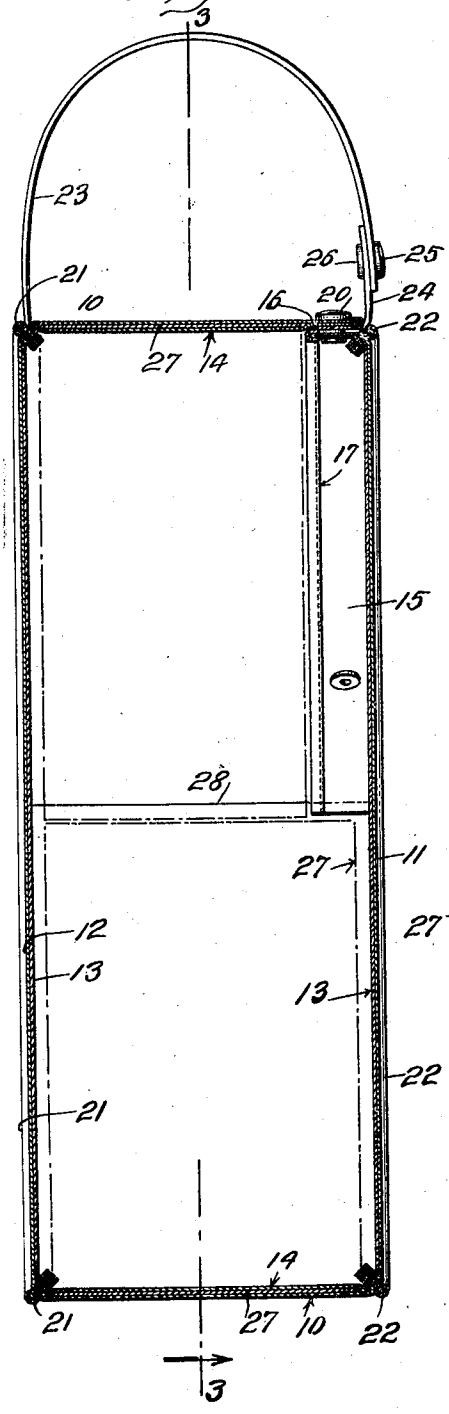


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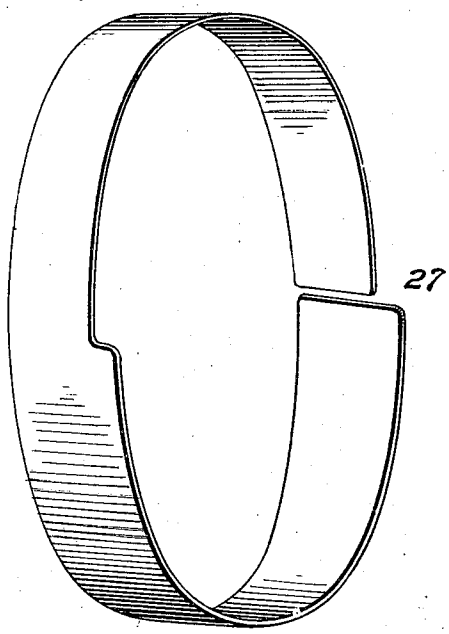
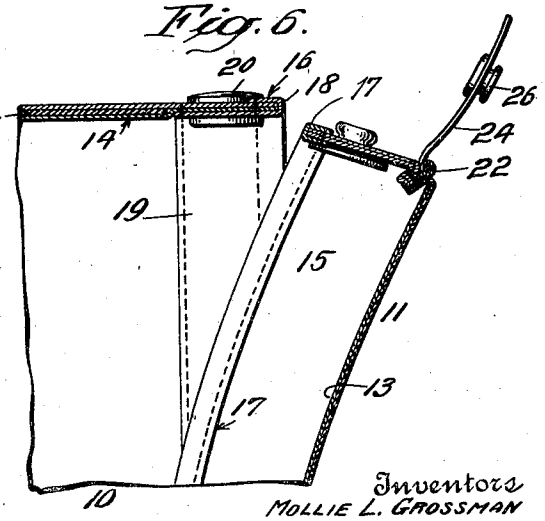


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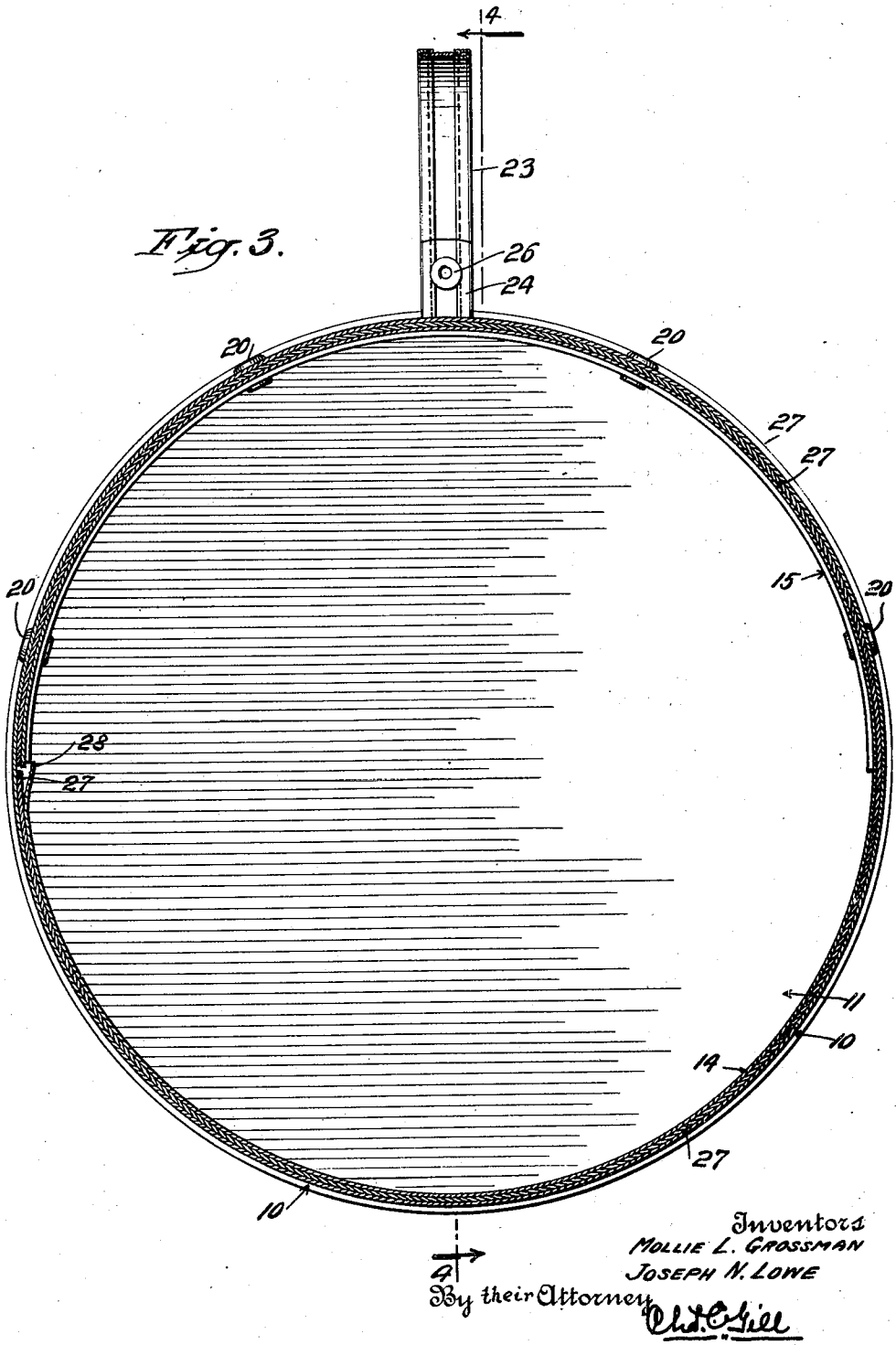
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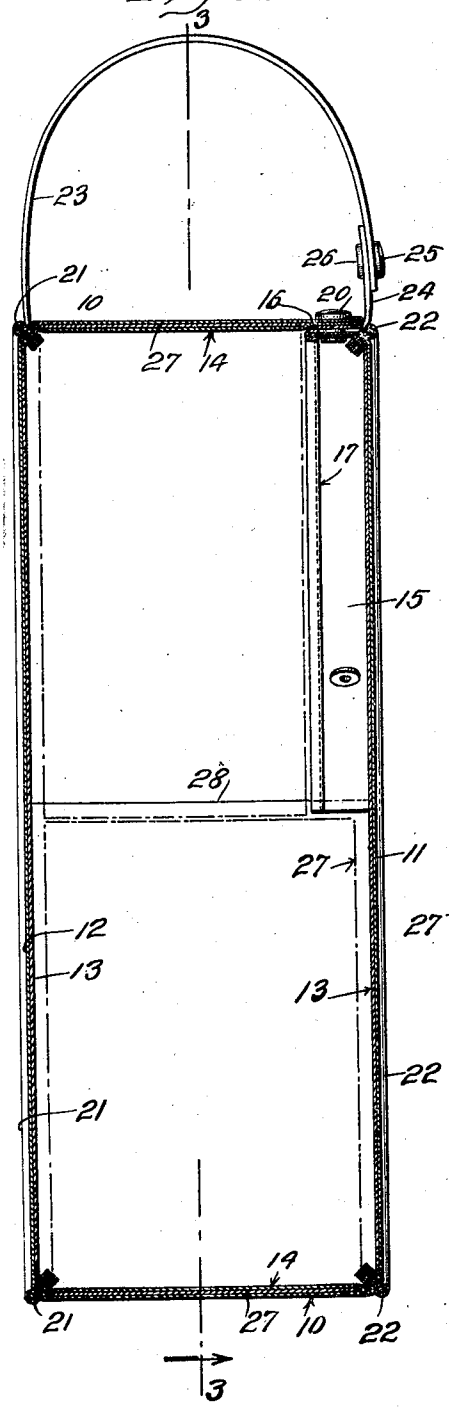


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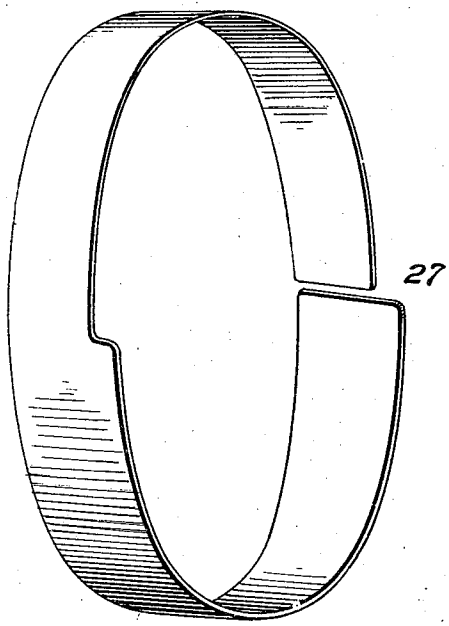
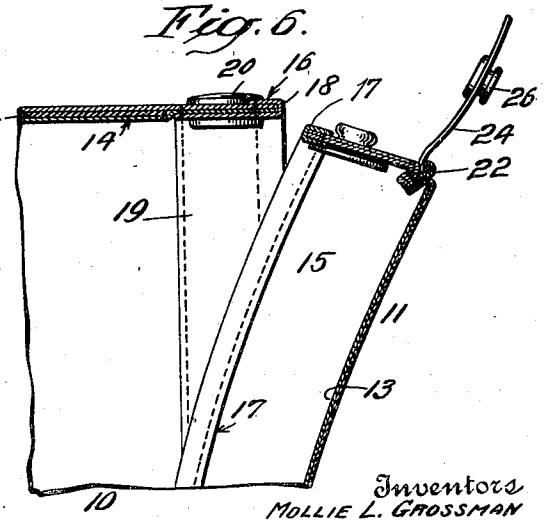


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The invention relates to a hand bag intended primarily to receive a lady's hat and also to hold such additional light weight articles as a woman might desire to carry with her on an automobile trip or the like. The bag is designed to hold a hat without in any manner crushing it, and it is provided with a handle by which the bag may be suspended by the hand or hung about the wrist or supported by a hook or the like, in an automobile or on a railway car. The bag is also of such character that its appearance is in no manner objectionable whether being carried by hand or suspended in a limousine. The exterior fabric of the bag will preferably be of a fine grade of black oilcloth or waterproof fabric, and the interior of the bag will preferably be lined with a colored or figured woven fabric of attractive character. The bag is in the general form of a shallow drum, comprising a peripheral band of suitable width and disks secured at their edges to the edges of said band. At the upper side of the bag the peripheral band thereof throughout nearly one-half its length is of special construction and composed of two overlapping segmental members adapted to be fastened together along one edge of the bag by snap fasteners or the like, for securing the bag in closed position, said construction and relation of the said overlapping members permitting one side of the bag, when unsecured by said snap fasteners, to be folded or turned outwardly for the purpose of opening the bag to admit or permit the withdrawal of a hat or other article, as hereinafter more fully explained.

Since the bags are of flexible material and frequently placed flatwise one upon another on a store counter or the like for display purposes, we preferably insert within the bags a strip of pasteboard or fibre-board or the like extending around the inner side of the peripheral band and conforming in outline thereto, as means for stiffening the peripheral portions of the bags and preventing the collapse of the bags when on display or held in stock. We may insert the stiffening or reinforcing strip between the outer layer and the lining of the peripheral band of the bag, or insert the same within the bag to lie against said lining, having used both methods of reinforcement with success, and in accordance with either method the reinforcing or stiffening strips may be removed from the bags when it is desired to have a light, soft flexible bag for use.

This application is directed to further developments of our invention made the subject of our pending application for Letters Patent No. 583,035, filed August 19, 1922.

The invention will be fully understood from the detailed description hereinafter presented, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the bag of our invention shown in open condition;

Fig. 2 is a like view of the same shown in closed condition;

Fig. 3 is a central vertical longitudinal section through the same taken on the dotted line 3—3 of Fig 4;

Fig. 4 is a vertical transverse section through the same taken on the dotted line 4—4 of Fig. 3;

Fig. 5 is a detached perspective view of a stiffening strip which we apply within the peripheral band portion of the bag and which may be removed therefrom when a soft flexible bag is desired, the bag permitting said strip to be applied and withdrawn at will, and

Fig. 6 is a vertical section, on an enlarged scale, through a portion of one side of the bag at the upper end thereof and illustrates one method of folding one side portion of the bag outwardly from the peripheral band for the purpose of opening the bag.

In the drawings 10 designates the peripheral or band portion of the bag as a whole, and 11, 12 indicate the two opposite sides of the bag which are in the form of flexible disks and lined with a suitable fabric 13, also in the form of disks. The body portion of the band 10 has a suitable fabric lining 14.

The band 10 comprises a main body-portion, which is continuous around the bag, and an auxiliary section 15 which describes substantially a semicircle and when the bag is closed is overlapped by said main body-portion, as indicated in Figs. 2 and 4. The main body of the band 10 has adjacent to the side 11 of the bag, a free edge portion 16 defining substantially a semicircle, and it is this portion of the band which overlaps the auxiliary section 15 of said peripheral band, said section 15 being of reasonably narrow width, while the body of the band adjacent thereto extends substantially across the full

width of the bag. The free edges of the section 15 and portion 16 are finished and protected by suitable bindings 17, 18, respectively, as shown more clearly in Fig. 6, the binding 17 being a narrow strip folded over the free edge of the section 15 and sewed thereto and the binding 18 being extended inwardly at the inner side of said portion 16 and forming thereat an inner ply or layer 19 which is sewed to the outer layer of said portion 16 and adds strength, durability and finish to that part of the peripheral band.

The free edge portion 16 and auxiliary section 15 composing the peripheral band 10, define the mouth of the bag, and these parts of the bag may be secured together to close the said mouth and consequently the bag by means of snap-fasteners or the like 20, the heads of which are secured to said portion 16 and the shank portions of which are secured to the section 15, as will be understood on reference to Fig. 6. When the parts of the snap-fasteners 20 are freed from each other, the flexible side 11 of the bag carrying the auxiliary band section 15 may be turned or folded upwardly, as shown in Fig. 1, or outwardly, as shown in Fig. 6, to open the mouth of the bag to receive a hat or other article or permit the removal from the bag of a hat or other article, and thereafter the mouth of the bag may be closed by restoring the side 11 and section 15 to their normal condition and securing the section 15 to the portion 16 of the band by means of the snap-fasteners 20.

The circumferential edge of the flexible disk side 12 is secured to the adjacent edge of the band 10 by sewing and in the manner shown in Fig. 4, in which it may be seen that said edge of the band with its lining 14, and the edge of the disk side 12, with its lining 13, are folded or flanged inwardly at the corner edge of the bag and secured together by sewing. We preferably interpose a folded strip 21, enclosing a cord, in the seam between the facing in-turned edges of the disk 12 and band 10 as a finish to the bag.

The circumferential edge of the flexible disk side 11 is secured to the adjacent edge of the body of the band 10 below the mouth of the bag and to the adjacent edge of the auxiliary section 15 of said band, by sewing and in the manner shown in Figs. 4 and 6, in which it may be seen that said edge of the disk side 11, with its lining 13, and said adjacent edges of the body of said band and said section 15, with their linings, are folded or flanged inwardly at their corner edge of the bag and secured together by sewing. We preferably interpose a folded strip 22, enclosing a cord, in the seam between the facing in-turned adjacent edges of the disk side 11 and the peripheral band 10 as a desirable finish to that portion of the bag.

In the back seam at the top of the bag, joining the disk side 12 and band 10 together, we interpose and secure one end of a flat handle-strip 23, and in the corresponding front seam at the top of the bag, joining the disk side 11 and band section 15 together, we interpose and secure one end of a tab or short handle-strip 24, and on the free ends of said strip 23 and tab 24 we provide means for detachably securing them together so as to create a handle by which the bag may be carried or suspended, said securing means being of any suitable nature but preferably a snap-fastener whose head 25 is secured to the strip 23 and whose shank 26 is secured to the tab 24.

The bag may be held in closed condition by securing the upper edge portion 16 of the band 10 to the auxiliary section 15 of the band by means of the snap-fasteners 20, whereby the mouth of the bag becomes securely closed, and also by fastening the handle-strip 23 to the tab 24, the bag then presenting the appearance illustrated in Fig. 2.

When it is desired to open the bag, the handle-strip 23 will be freed from the tab 24, and the portion 16 of the band 10 will be freed from the auxiliary section 15, and thereupon the disk side 11, carrying said section 15, may be turned upwardly (Fig. 1) or folded outwardly (Fig. 6) to such extent as may be desired, the flexibility of said side 11 and other parts of the bag permitting the bag at its mouth to be conveniently opened and closed as frequently as may be desired. A desirable feature of the construction presented herein resides in the fact that the mouth of the bag is closely adjacent to one side edge thereof and that the main body-portion of the band 10 may be in one piece or strip and present a substantially smooth unbroken surface, these features adding to the appearance of the bag and decreasing the cost of manufacture.

The construction as thus far described presents a complete, novel, convenient, commodious, durable and attractive hat-bag, but as hereinbefore mentioned we preferably apply thereto means for reinforcing or stiffening the peripheral band 10 across its width, so that when the bags are placed flatwise one upon another while on display in a store or held in stock, the bags may not collapse under the weight thus imposed upon them. We therefore preferably apply along the inner surface of the peripheral band 10, a strip or strips of pasteboard or the like of about the same width as said band and of sufficient stiffness to prevent the collapse of the bags when placed flatwise on a counter or shelf, and by preference the band-reinforcement will consist of the single strip 27, shown sep-

arately in Fig. 5, removably applied between the outer fabric of the band 10 and the lining 14 thereof, said lining 14 being transversely slit or left open at adjoining end portions, as at 28, to permit the progressive endwise insertion of the strip 27 back of said lining. The strip 27 is made narrower in its upper portion to adapt that portion to the narrower space allowed in the upper part of the band 10 due to said part having the free edge, binding 18 and snap fastener members, as will be understood on reference to Fig. 6. In applying the strip 27 back of the lining 14, the narrower free end of the strip will first be inserted downwardly through the opening 28 and the strip will then be pushed along until the narrower portion of the strip has traveled to and taken its position within the upper part of the band and at this time the wider section of the strip will be within the lower portion of said band. When the strip 27 is to be withdrawn, its wider free end will be taken hold of at the opening 28 and the strip will be pulled out through said opening. The strip 27 may also be loosely applied within the bag against the face of the lining 14. The strip 27 need not extend entirely around the inner surface of the band 10 but preferably it should be about coextensive with the band.

We have shown and described the preferred embodiment of the invention but do not wish to be limited to all of the details referred to, since these details admit of modification within the spirit and scope of our invention as defined in the appended claims.

What we claim as our invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. A hand-bag of the character described comprising a peripheral band of flexible fabric, disk sides of flexible fabric applied to opposite edges of said band, one of said disk sides being secured along its entire edge to one entire edge of said band and the other disk side being secured at a portion of the edge thereof to a portion of the other edge of said band and at its other edge portion being provided with fastening means for detachable connection with the other portion of said other edge of the band, which portion is provided with fastening means to coact with the said fastening means carried by the disk side, a handle by means of which the bag may be carried by hand, a lining of fabric extending entirely around the inner surface of said band and secured at its opposite edges, and a stiffening strip of pasteboard or the like of about the width of said band and extending along the inner surface of the band and being concealed behind the lining thereof, the purpose of said stiffening strip being to prevent the collapse of said band while the bag is being carried and when the bags are piled upon one another and to thereby protect the contents and preserve the apeparance of the bag.

2. A hand-bag of the character described comprising a peripheral band having a lining, disk sides secured at their edges to the edges of said band, a handle and a stiffening strip of pasteboard or the like of about the width of said band and extending along the inner periphery of the band and concealed behind the lining thereof, said band comprising a main body portion extending entirely around the bag and an auxiliary section carried by one of said disk sides, said main body portion having a free edge along said auxiliary section, and said free edge portion and said section, which constitute the mouth-portion of the bag, being adapted to overlap and having fastening means for securing them together to thus close the mouth of the bag.

3. A hand-bag of the character described comprising a peripheral band having a lining containing a transverse opening, disk sides secured at their edges to the edges of said band, a handle and a removable stiffening strip of about the width of said band and insertable through said opening to extend along said band at the back of said lining, said band comprising a main body portion extending entirely around the bag and an auxiliary section carried by one of said disk sides, said main body portion having a free edge along said auxiliary section, and said free edge portion and said section, which constitute the mouth portion of the bag, being adapted to overlap and having fastening means for securing them together to thus close the mouth of the bag.

Signed at New York city, in the county of New York and State of New York, this 20th day of December, A. D. 1922.

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