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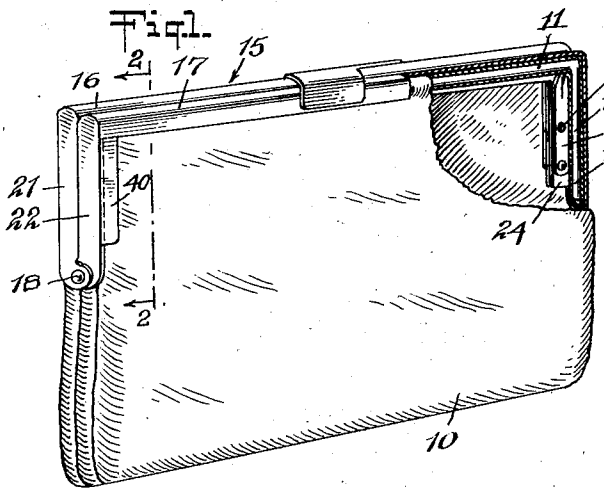


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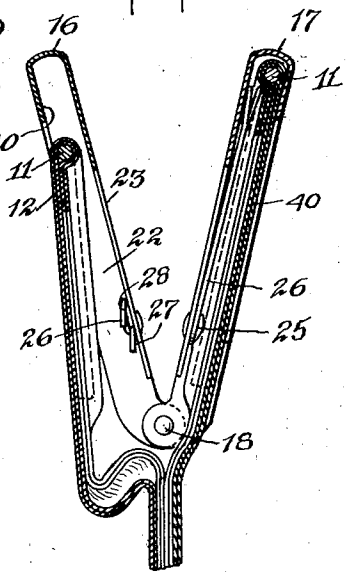


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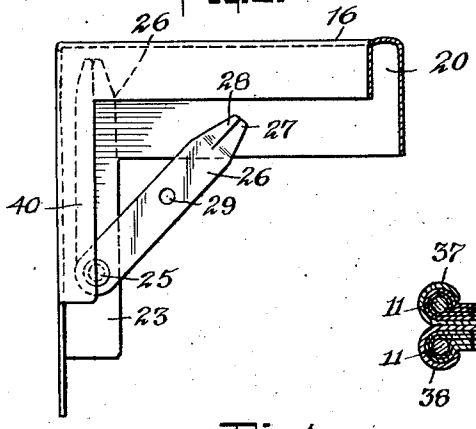


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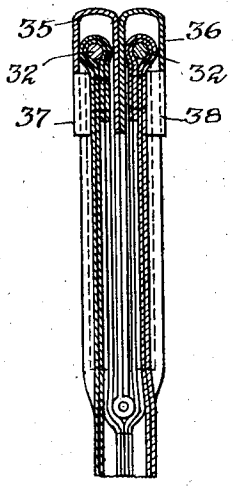


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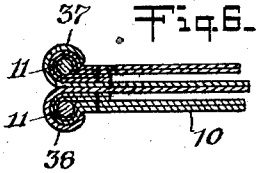
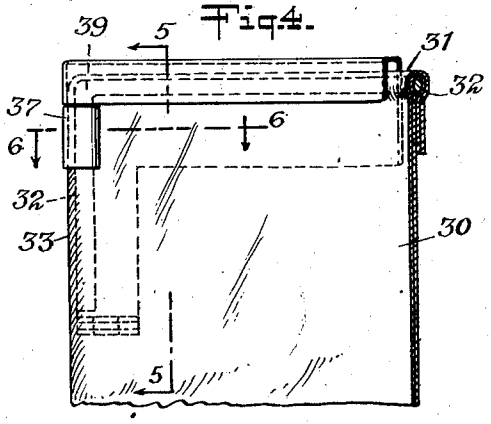


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This invention relates to handbags and handbag frames.

Under present practice handbags are permanently fastened to the frames and the frames are usually discarded with the bag. If the frames are made of precious metal great waste is involved and the cost of the bags materially increased.

With my new invention it is possible to replace the fabric or bag portion on the frame without the necessity of returning it to the manufacturer. It will thus be possible for a woman to have a very fine frame and a selection of different bags to be used on the same frame. It will also be possible to have bags made to match ensembles and to change the frame from time to time to suit the particular ensemble.

Other objects and advantages of my invention will appear from the following description and drawings.

In the drawings—

Figure 1 is a perspective view partly in section of a bag embodying the preferred form of my invention;

Fig. 2 is an enlarged cross sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1 with the frame open;

Fig. 3 is a detailed view of a corner of the frame;

Fig. 4 is a modification of my invention;

Fig. 5 is an enlarged cross sectional view taken on the line 5—5 of Fig. 4;

Fig. 6 is a cross sectional view taken on the line 6—6 of Fig. 4.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, the bag portion 10 may be made of fabric, leather, or any desired material and may be made in any desired shape, it being understood that the shapes and types shown are merely for the purposes of illustrating my invention and may be varied at will without changing the principle involved.

The top of the bag 10 and the side portions are provided with a wire member 11 secured to the bag portion by means of stitching 12. In the form shown, the wire or stiffening member 11 is substantially U-shaped having a portion 14 extending at right angles to the top of the bag. The shape of the member 11 of course will be dictated by the shape of the frame member 15. For purposes of illustration I have shown a conventional shaped frame member having two portions 16 and 17 hinged at 18 and 19. The top of the members 16 and 17 are provided with a U-shaped recess 20 while the sides thereof 21 and 22 are provided with inwardly extending

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flanges 23 and 24. All four corners of the frame of the members 16 and 17 are constructed as shown in detail in Figure 3. There is pivoted at 25 on the flange 23 arm 26 split at its end to form oppositely directed tabs 27 and 28. An opening 29 is provided for manipulation of the arm 26.

In assembling the bag the upper end of the member 10 carrying the stiffening member 11 is inserted within the channel 20. The arm 26 is then pushed upwardly so that the ends 27 and 28 engage against the stiffened portion of the bag, thus firmly holding it within the channel. This is done in each corner of the bag so that the bag portion is firmly and securely held within the frame. When it is desired to change the bag it is only necessary to insert a pointed instrument within the opening 29 to pull the arm downwardly out of engagement with the stiffened top of the bag portion and to slide the bag portion out of the frame. In order to more firmly grip the stiffening member 11 an inwardly extending flange 40 may be added to the sides 21 and 22 of the frame member 15.

In the modification shown in Figures 4, 5 and 6 the bag portion 30 is substantially identical with that heretofore described and in its upper end 31 it has a stiffening member 32 which extends down through the side 33. Mounted on each of the frame members 35 and 36 are compressible clip members 37 and 38. Frame members 35 and 36 are formed similar to those heretofore described with the channel for the reception of the top 31 of the bag. In assembly when the bag member is inserted within the frame, clip members 37 and 38 are bent inwardly around the stiffening member 32 below the angular portion 39 thereof. When it is desired to change the bag it is only necessary to pry open the clip members 37 and 38 to remove the bag portion.

It will be appreciated that either of my modifications may be used separately or both may be combined, if desired, to form a firmer construction.

I claim:

A handbag having a frame and a bag removably attached to said frame, said frame being provided with channel members, the edges of said bag along the opening thereof being reinforced by means of wire stiffening members, said channels being adapted to receive said reinforced edges of the bag, said frame being provided with pivoted arms having bifurcated free ends which engage the reinforced edges of the bag when said arms are swung in the direction of said rein-

forced edges, said pivoted arms being adapted to hold said reinforced edges of the bag in the channels of the frame.

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