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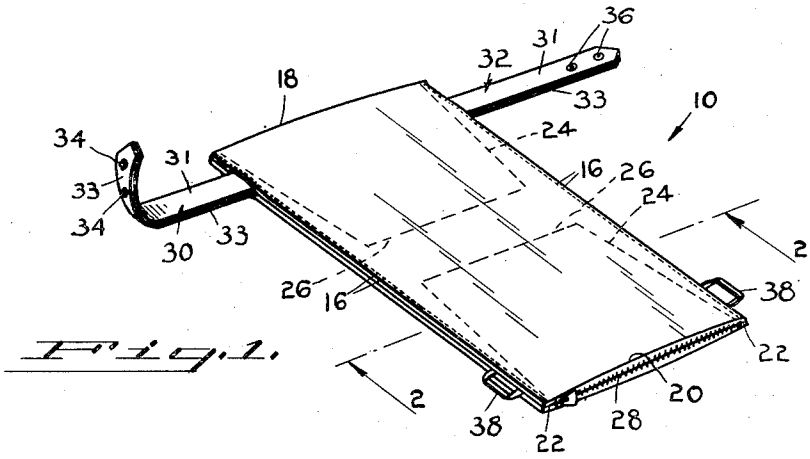



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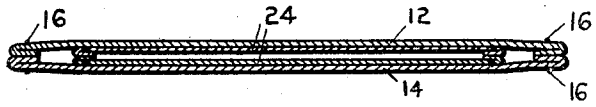



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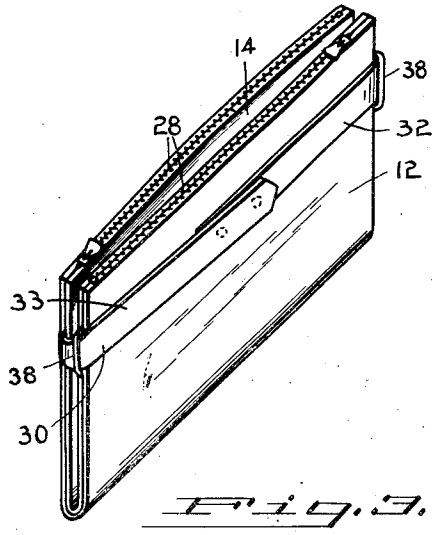



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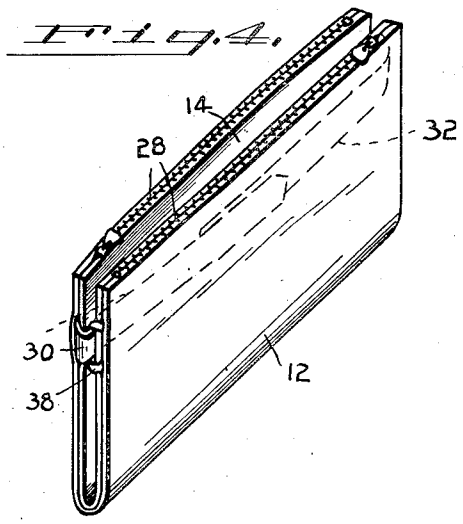



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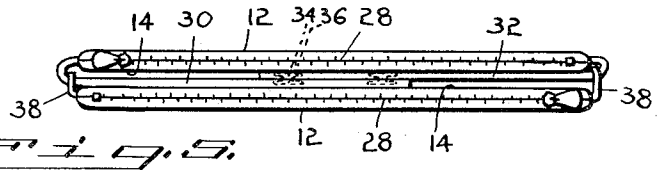



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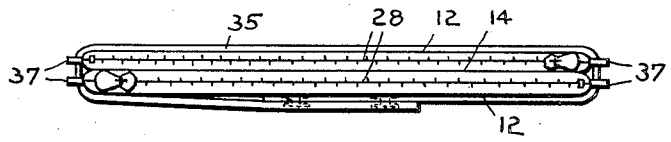



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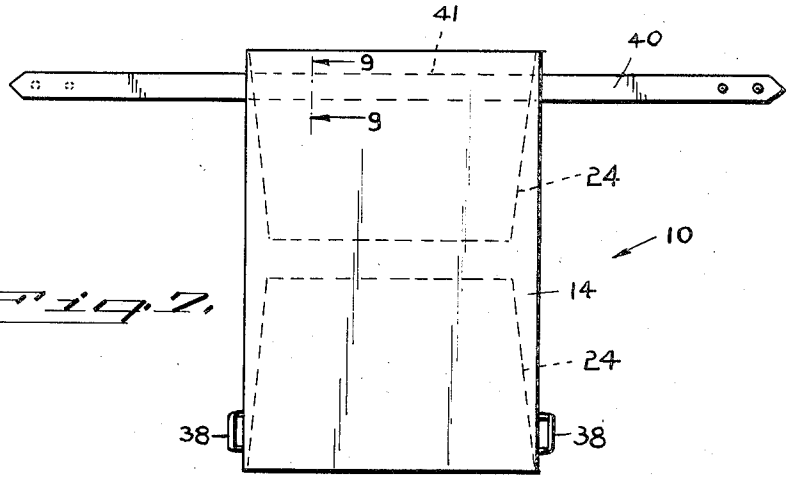



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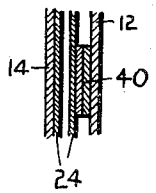



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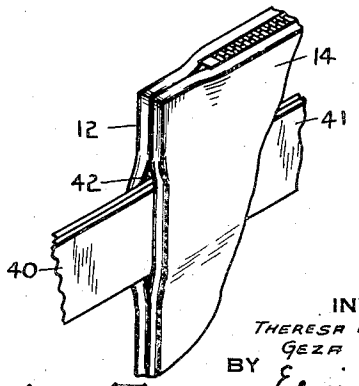



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The present invention relates to ladies' handbags and is concerned more particularly with handbags which are reversible.

One of the objects of the present invention is to simplify the construction of reversible handbags.

Another object of the invention is to provide a reversible handbag which is of pleasing appearance.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a reversible handbag with releasable securing means which may be disposed in any one of a plurality of positions for obtaining variations in the appearance of the bag.

A further object of the invention is to provide a handbag which is reversible for obtaining a bag of variable appearance with respect to color or material together with reversible securing means which is also reversible as to color or material whereby said securing means may match the color or material of the exposed surface of the bag or which, alternatively, may contrast with the color or material of the outermost surface of the bag.

A further object of the invention is to provide a reversible handbag with releasable securing means which optionally may be substantially concealed from view.

A yet further object of the invention is generally to improve the construction and appearance of reversible handbags.

The above objects of the invention and other objects which might hereinafter appear will best be understood from the following description, reference being had to the accompanying illustrated drawings forming a part of the present specification.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the handbag in unfolded condition;

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

Figs. 3 and 4 are perspective views of the handbag in folded condition, showing the bag-securing means in different positions;

Fig. 5 is a top plan view of the bag shown in Fig. 4;

Fig. 6 is a view similar to Fig. 5, showing a modification;

Fig. 7 is a plan view of another form of the bag in unfolded condition;

Fig. 8 is a fragmentary side perspective view of the bag shown in Fig. 7;

Fig. 9 is a sectional view, on an enlarged scale, on the line 9—9 of Fig. 7.

Referring to the drawings in detail and first to Figs. 1 to 5, inclusive, the bag 10 embodying the present invention comprises two substantially coextensive layers of material 12 and 14 each of which, as here shown, is rectangular, but which may be of other configurations. Said layers 12 and 14 are, in accordance with the present invention, preferably of different colors and of different materials, although they may differ only with respect to color or with respect to material. Thus, for example, the layer 12 may be composed of leather of one color, say green, and the layer 14 may be composed of linen or other fabric of a different color, say white. Said layers are united at their side edges, and as here shown, said side edges are secured together by lines of stitching 16, the stitching being constituted by threads of different colors to match the colors of the layers 12 and 14, respectively. The ends 18 and 20 of the layers 12 and 14 are separable, preferably for substantially the full width thereof being stitched together only at marginal end portions 22, adjacent the side edges thereof. Pockets 24 are set into the bag between the layers 12 and 14 and are arranged with their closed ends 26 in spaced relation terminating in symmetrical relation at a short distance from a transverse line midway between the ends 18 and 20. The open ends of the pockets preferably terminate at the ends of said layers and are provided with closure means constituted by slide fasteners 28.

The bag as thus constructed may be folded about a median transverse line in either of two directions into the form illustrated in Figs. 3 and 4 whereby either of the layers 12 and 14 may be disposed on the outside of the bag and the other layer on the inside of the bag, respectively. As illustrated in Figs. 3 and 4, the bag is shown folded so that the layer 12 is on the outside of the bag, while the layer 14 is disposed inwardly of the bag. As will be readily understood, however, the bag may be folded so that the layer 14 will constitute the outside of the bag while the layer 12 will be disposed on the inside of the bag. Means are provided for releasably securing the bag with the layers thereof in either of said folded relations. As here shown, said means comprises straps 30 and 32, each strap being stitched at one end thereof between the layers 12 and 14 at the side edges thereof and preferably adjacent one end of said layers. Each of said straps preferably comprises two layers of material 31 and 33 stitched together at their edges, the respective layers preferably being composed of the same material as the lay-

ers 12 and 14 so as to match the same, or if desired, said layers may be of different materials, but preferably matching the color of the layers 12 and 14, respectively. The free end portions of said straps are provided with companion separable fastener elements 34 and 36, respectively, preferably male and female snap fastener elements. Adjacent the other end 20 of the layers 12 and 14, loops 38 are secured between said layers at the side edges thereof. Said loops may be composed of leather or fabric which may match the color or material, or both color and material, of either of the layers 12 and 14.

The straps may be positioned externally of the bag or may be positioned internally thereof between the folded portions. Thus, for example, as illustrated in Fig. 3, the straps 30 and 32 are threaded through the loops 38 and are folded over the layer 12 at one side of the bag so that the outwardly exposed strap layers 33 match the exposed bag layer 12. As illustrated in Figs. 4 and 5, however, the straps 30 and 32 are threaded through the loops 38, but are positioned between the folded bag portions and are substantially concealed by the latter. It will be observed that the companion snap fastener elements 34 and 36 are on opposite sides of the straps 30 and 32, respectively, so that said fastener elements are concealed from view regardless of the direction in which said straps are folded for matching or contrasting said straps with the exposed bag layer.

In the form of the invention illustrated in Fig. 6 the construction of the bag is substantially the same as that illustrated in Figs. 1 to 5, with the exception that in lieu of separate straps there is provided a single strap 35 which is not permanently attached to the bag, but is held in proper relation thereto by loops 37 secured between the layers 12 and 14 at the side edges thereof in the same manner as the loops 38 and in substantially the same position, but near both ends of said layers. The strap 35 extends through said loops and the end portions thereof are releasably fastened together by separable snap fastener elements which may be secured thereto and disposed in the same way as the companion fastener elements 34 and 36 in the construction illustrated in Fig. 1. The strap 35 may be in other respects constructed in the same manner as either of the straps 30 and 32, and like the latter may comprise two layers of material which may match the color or texture, or both color and texture, of the layers 12 and 14.

In the form of the invention illustrated in Figs. 7 to 9, the bag is of substantially the same construction as that shown in Fig. 1, differing from the latter only in the respect that the strap 40 is disposed with the intermediate portion 41 thereof inwardly of the bag between one of the layers, here shown as the layer 12, and one of the pockets 24. For this purpose, portions of the side edges of the layers 12 and 14 are left free from each other, providing openings 42 through which the strap 40 is slidable. The strap 40, like the straps provided in the construction shown in Figs. 1 and 6 may be made of two layers of different materials to match the color or texture of the bag layers 12 and 14. It will be understood, however, that in each of the constructions illustrated in Figs. 6 to 9, the strap is readily removable and hence may be made of a single material, said straps being replaceable by a strap of another material which may match or contrast with the color or texture of the material of the bag layers 12 and 14.

Thus, it is seen that the constructions herein shown or described are well adapted to accomplish the several objects of the present invention. It will be understood, however, that the invention is capable of being embodied in other constructions. It will be understood also that each of the constructions herein shown or described may be varied. Therefore, I do not wish to be limited precisely to the present disclosure or to any part thereof, except as may be required by the appended claims considered with reference to the prior art.

Having described our invention, what we claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A handbag comprising two substantially coextensive layers of material united at their side edges and separable at their adjacent ends, pocket forming means between said layers, the opening of said pocket being disposed at said adjacent ends, said layers being foldable whereby either one may be disposed on the outside of the bag and the other on the inside of the bag, and separable means projecting from the side edges of said layers at opposite sides of a transverse median line engageable with each other for releasably securing said layers in folded relation, said separable means comprising, respectively, loops and straps stitched to the side edges of said layers, said layers being of different appearance and said straps having their opposite sides of different appearance whereby said straps may match the appearance of the layer on the outside of the bag.

2. A reversible handbag comprising two layers of material stitched together at their side edges and separable at their opposite ends, pocket forming members disposed between said layers and provided with openings at said layer ends, closure means for said pockets, said layers being foldable intermediate the ends thereof along a transverse line in either of two directions whereby either one of said layers may be disposed outermost, and means including straps secured to and projecting laterally from said side edges and provided with means for releasably securing said layers in folded relation.

3. A reversible handbag comprising two layers of material stitched together at their side edges and separable at their adjacent ends, pocket forming means disposed between said layers and provided with an opening at said adjacent ends, closure means for said pocket, said layers being foldable intermediate the ends thereof along a transverse line in either of two directions whereby either one of said layers may be disposed outermost, and straps carried by said layers and having separable end-portions provided with companion separable fastener members on opposite sides of said end-portions, respectively, for releasably fastening said ends together for releasably securing said layers in folded relation said fasteners being concealed in either of said folded positions of the strap end portions.

4. A reversible handbag comprising two layers of material stitched together at their side edges and separable at their opposite ends, pocket forming members disposed between said layers and provided with openings at said layer ends, closure means for said pockets, said layers being foldable intermediate the ends thereof along a transverse line in either of two directions whereby either one of said layers may be disposed outermost, and foldable means projecting laterally

from the sides of said layers for releasably securing said layers in folded relation with either of said layers on the outside of the bag and the other of said layers on the inside of the bag, said means being optionally foldable, over said outside layer or between opposite portions of said inside layer.

5. A reversible handbag comprising two layers of material united at their side edges and separable at adjacent ends for at least a portion of their widths, pocket forming means associated with said separable ends having an opening, a closure for said pocket opening, said layers being foldable whereby either one may be disposed on the outside of the bag and the other on the inside of the bag, and straps stitched between and projecting laterally from the side edges of said layers and reversibly foldable in either of two directions to overlie said outside layer on either side of the bag.

6. A reversible handbag comprising two layers of material of different appearance, respectively, said layers being united at their side edges and separable at adjacent ends for at least a portion of their widths, pocket forming means associated with said separable ends having an opening, a closure for said pocket opening, said layers being foldable whereby either one may be disposed on the outside of the bag and the other on the inside of the bag, and straps projecting from the side edges of said layers and reversibly foldable in either of two directions to overlie said outside layer on either side of the bag, said straps having their opposite sides of different appearance matching the appearance of said layers, respectively, whereby said straps may be disposed with the exposed surfaces thereof matching the outside of said bag when either of said layers is outwardly positioned.

7. A reversible handbag comprising two substantially coextensive layers of material of different colors, respectively, united at their side edges and separable at adjacent ends for at least a portion of the widths, pocket forming means associated with said separable ends having an opening, a closure for said pocket opening, said layers being foldable whereby either one may be disposed on the outside of the bag and the other on the inside of the bag, and straps projecting from the side edges of said layers and reversibly foldable in either of two directions to overlie said outside layer on either side of the bag and means on said straps concealed by the latter in either of said folded positions thereof for releasably securing said straps together.

8. A reversible handbag comprising two substantially coextensive layers of material of different appearance, respectively, united at their side edges and separable at adjacent ends for at least a portion of their widths, the side edges of said layers defining the side edges of the bag, pocket forming means associated with said separable ends having an opening, a closure for said pocket opening, said layers being foldable whereby either one may be disposed on the outside of the bag and the other on the inside of the bag, and straps projecting from the side edges of said layers and reversibly foldable in either of two directions to overlie said outside layer on either side of the bag, said straps having their opposite sides of different appearance matching the appearance of said layers, respectively, whereby said straps may be disposed with the exposed surfaces thereof matching the outside of said bag when either of said layers is outwardly positioned.

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