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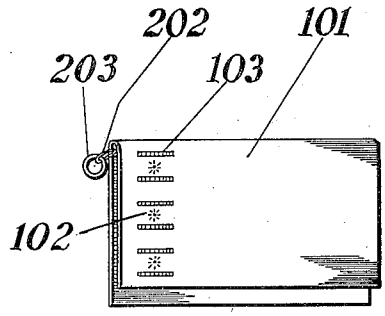


Fig. 1

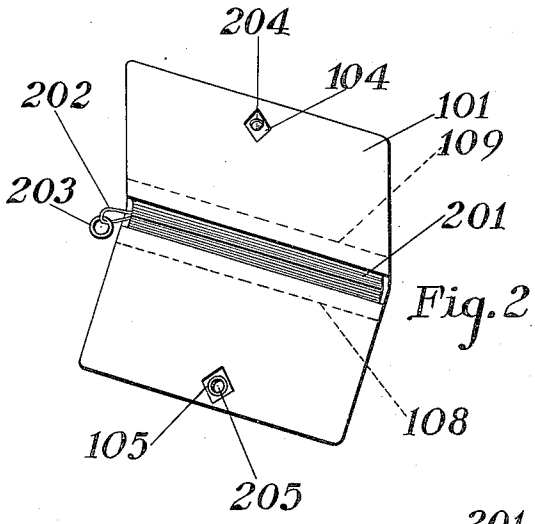


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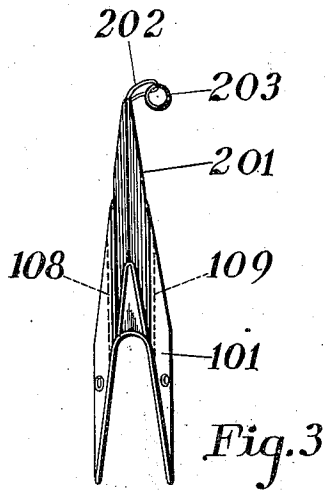


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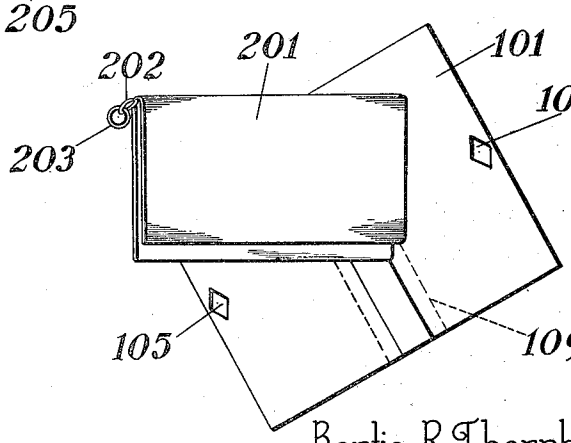


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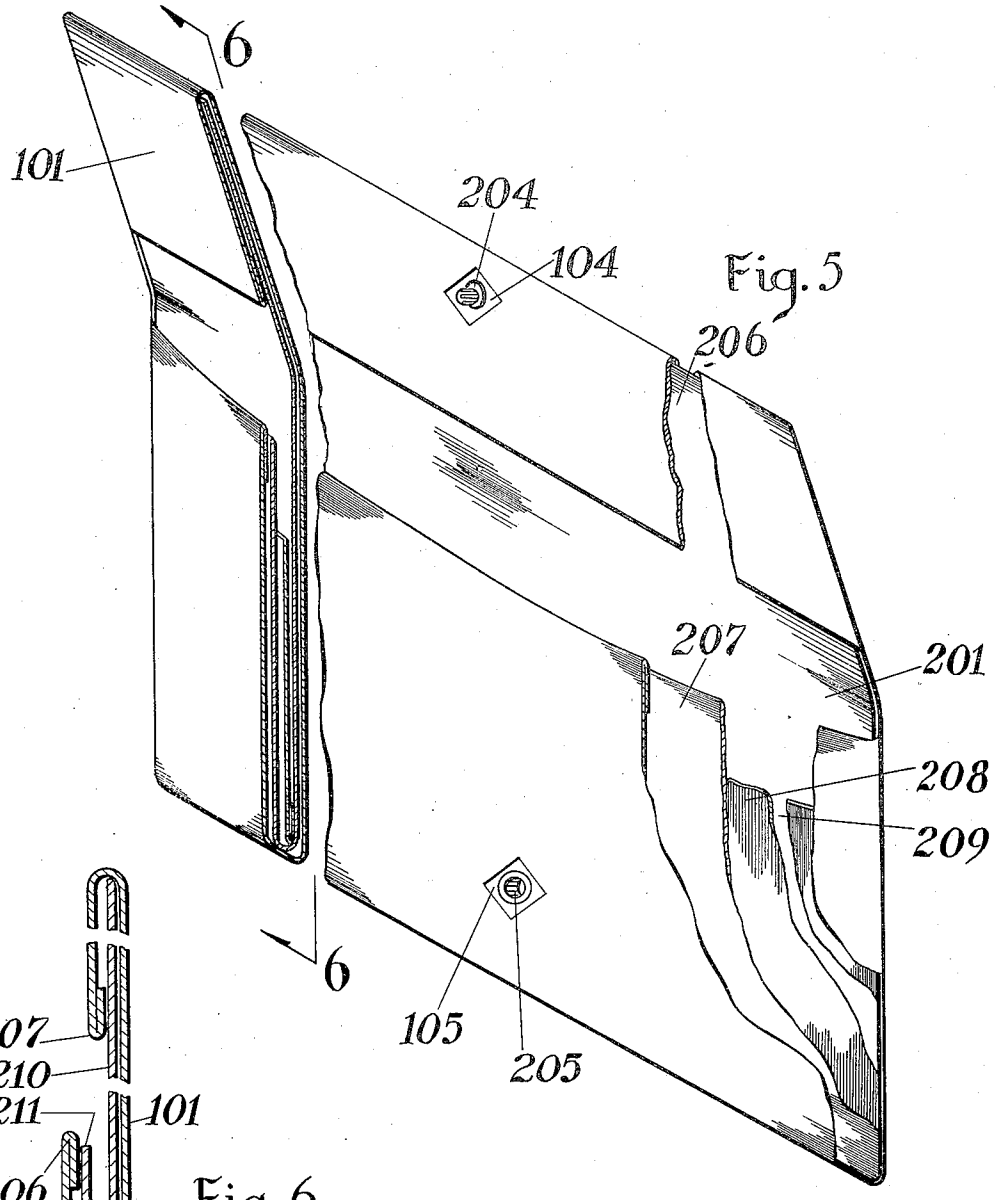


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This invention relates to receptacles and more particularly to handbags. It especially contemplates ladies' handbags having an inner foundation bag and a separable outside or outer cover therefor.

As is well known ladies' handbags are as a general rule discarded long before their usefulness has been terminated by wear. This discarding is necessitated because the handbags have become soiled by constant handling and present an untidy or disagreeable appearance. So far in the art there has appeared no way of obviating this difficulty. Furthermore, as a matter of style and appearance, it is frequently desirable for a lady to have available a series of different handbags so that one matching the color, pattern or appearance of the gown to be worn while carrying the bag can be selected.

In addition it would be an advantage to be able to replace a handbag whose exterior was damaged without the necessity of having to purchase an entirely new handbag. This is obvious to those skilled in the art because the interior of the bag, in a great number of cases, constitutes the main portion of the handbag, may be relatively substantial in construction and may have fitted thereto rather expensive fittings as for example, small ornamental change purses, mirrors and the like. For these reasons a large proportion of the cost of the handbag may be due to its interior.

This invention has for objects the avoidance of the aforementioned difficulties and the securement of the aforesaid advantages. Other objects are the preparation of handbags comprising a foundation bag and an outside cover therefor, which may be slipped on or off, the preparation of handbags having foundation bags and outer covers therefor which may be separated and laundered (thereby avoiding injury to the foundation bag), the preparation of foundation bags adapted to be used with one of a series of covers to constitute a complete handbag (thereby securing the equivalent of two or more handbags at a little more than the cost of one) and in general an advancement of the art. Other objects will appear hereinafter.

These objects are accomplished by preparing a foundation bag comprising a pocket adapted to hold various articles and by preparing an outside cover portion adapted to substantially enclose the aforesaid foundation bag.

The invention will be readily understood from the accompanying drawings in which similar numerals refer to similar parts throughout the several views and the description thereof.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a handbag embodying the invention herein described.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the handbag with the closure flap raised.

Fig. 3 shows the handbag with the foundation bag partially removed from the outside cover.

Fig. 4 shows the foundation bag removed from the cover and partially superimposed thereon.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the handbag (similar to Fig. 2) with certain parts broken away to more clearly set out the relation of the foundation bag and cover.

Fig. 6 is a sectional view of the handbag with the cover flap raised and corresponds to the section 6—6 illustrated in one of the broken away portions of Fig. 5.

As will be clear from the preceding portion of the specification, this invention involves a handbag consisting of two parts, to wit; an inner or foundation bag and an outside or outer cover therefor.

Referring to Fig. 1 of the drawings, 101 indicates the cover having certain ornamentation, indicated at 102, thereon. Slits illustrated at 103 are provided in the cover for the insertion of a ribbon, handkerchief or other ornamental material. A finger ring 203 attached by a flexible loop 202 to the foundation bag is also illustrated in this figure. In Fig. 2 where the closure flap is shown as raised, the relation of the parts is more clearly illustrated. The foundation bag is shown at 201. In this Figure openings 104 and 105 in the cover permit the ex-

posure of the mating parts 204 and 205 of a snap fastener of the usual type. The snap fastener parts are attached to the foundation bag. Stitching 108 and 109, referred to more fully in Fig. 6, is also illustrated in this figure. When removing the foundation bag from the cover it is desirable to bend the closure flap back upon the body of the bag so that the whole assumes a U-shape as illustrated in Fig. 3. When in this position the foundation bag may be readily slipped out of the cover. The foundation bag 201 is shown as partially removed from the cover in Fig. 3. Fig. 4 illustrates the foundation bag 201 completely separated from the cover 101.

In Fig. 5 the cover 101 is broken away exposing a portion of the foundation bag closure flap at 206. The cover is also broken away exposing the front side of the foundation bag at 207 and the front side of the foundation bag is broken away exposing a portion of an inner pocket 208 located within the foundation bag. The front of this inner pocket is broken away exposing a portion of the backside of the foundation bag at 209. In Fig. 5 the handbag is sectioned at 6—6 and this section is shown on an enlarged scale in Fig. 6. In this last mentioned figure the cover 101 is hemmed as shown at 106 and at 107 and stitched as indicated at 108 and 109 in Figs. 2, 3 and 4. The foundation bag is illustrated at 210 and 211 and has the inner pocket formed by sewing a piece of material 212 to the backside 213 of the foundation bag. This inner pocket has previously been referred to by the numeral 208 in connection with Fig. 5.

The foundation bag may be made in one or a plurality of sections, two being a preferred number. The foundation bag may be padded or stiffened in one or more sections to provide body when desired.

The cover may be made of a rectangular strip of material, folded on width lines and stitched to form two pockets at each end, said pockets formed to receive the foundation bag parts by slipping the same thereinto. In the preferred embodiment the cover substantially covers the foundation bag. In such a construction only a narrow horizontal or breadth strip on the inside of the foundation bag is visible when the cover is in place.

As will be clear from the preceding portion of the specification, the invention is not limited to any particular closure means.

While there has been shown and described certain specific embodiments of the invention it is obvious that many apparently widely different embodiments, modifications and variations of this invention may be made without departing from the spirit and scope thereof. It is to be understood, therefore, that we do not limit ourselves to the specific embodiments and all the precise details of construction herein set forth by way of illustration. The appended claims (and the invention as defined therein) are, therefore, to be construed as broadly as possible.

We claim:

1. A handbag comprising a foundation bag and a cover therefor, said foundation bag having front and backsides so joined that an open pocket is formed therebetween and an extension on one of said sides forming a closure flap for the said pocket opening, said cover having front and backside-portions so joined that an open pocket formed to substantially enclose the foundation bag pocket is formed therebetween and an extension on one side-portion of the cover having front and backside portions so joined that an open pocket formed to substantially enclose the foundation bag closure flap is formed.

2. An article of the class described in claim 1 in which the foundation bag is provided with means for maintaining its closure flap in closed position.

3. An article of the class described in claim 1 in which the foundation bag closure flap is provided with means for fastening it to the foundation bag pocket portion when in the position for closing the foundation bag pocket.

4. A removable cover for a handbag comprising a pair of pockets formed by an outer side and a pair of inner sides, one of said pockets being adapted to receive the pocket of the handbag and the other pocket being adapted to receive a closure of the handbag, and said pair of pockets substantially covering the entire handbag.

5. A removable cover for a handbag comprising a pair of pockets each having an outer side and an inner side and being joined together by the outer sides, said inner sides approaching each other to provide a space between the edges of the pockets, one of said pockets being adapted to receive the pocket of the handbag and the other pocket being adapted to receive a closure of the handbag inserted through the space between the edges of the pockets, and said pair of pockets substantially covering the entire handbag.

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