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CROCHET HANDBAG

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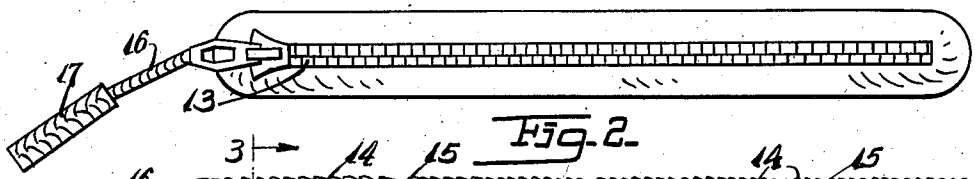


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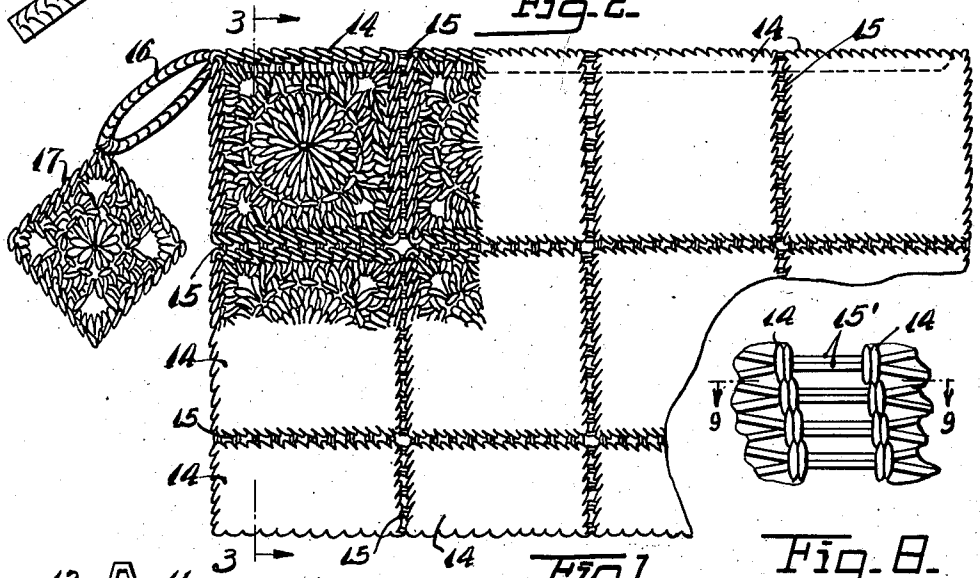


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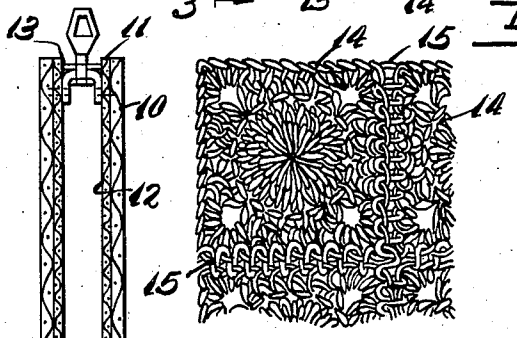


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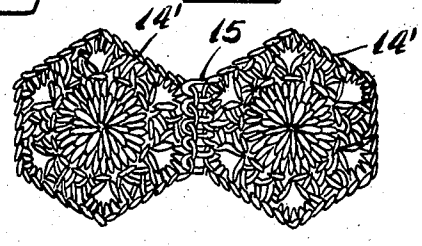


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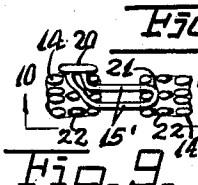


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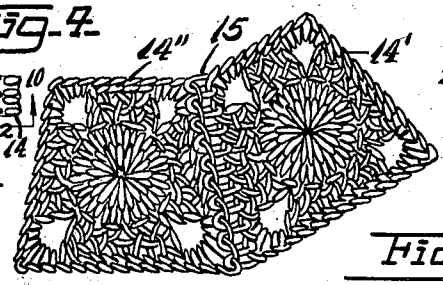


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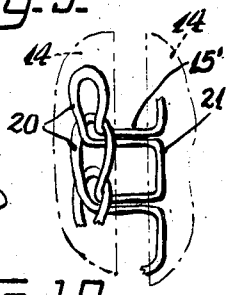


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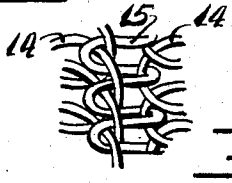


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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in a crocheted handbag.

More particularly, the invention proposes the construction of a handbag as mentioned which is characterized by a bag-like outer layer having an open top, and said outer layer comprising a plurality of small crocheted pieces stitched together along adjacent edges.

The invention also contemplates providing the new crocheted handbag with a lining within said bag-like outer layer. A fastener is also proposed for closing said open top.

The invention proposes numerous modified forms embodying the broad concepts thereof. It is proposed that some of these forms distinguish from each other in the shape of the small crocheted pieces used for constructing the outer layer. It is proposed that the small pieces be square, hexagonal, trapezoidal, or other shapes.

The invention also contemplates several ways for yieldingly connecting the crocheted pieces together, which will permit the individual small crocheted pieces to retain their shapes without distorting their original forms.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawing, and to the appended claims in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawing forming a material part of this disclosure—

Fig. 1 is a side elevational view of a crocheted handbag constructed in accordance with this invention.

Fig. 2 is a plan view of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary rear elevational view of a portion of the outer layer of the handbag.

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary view similar to Fig. 4 but disclosing a modified construction.

Fig. 6 is a fragmentary view similar to Fig. 4 but disclosing another modified construction.

Fig. 7 is a fragmentary enlarged detailed view to show the way adjacent edge portions of the crocheted pieces are stitched together.

Fig. 8 is a fragmentary view similar to Fig. 7 but disclosing the use of crochet stitches for securing adjacent edges of the crocheted pieces together.

Fig. 9 is a horizontal sectional view taken on the line 9—9 of Fig. 8.

Fig. 10 is a schematic front elevational view looking in the direction of the line 10—10 of Fig. 9 and showing the crochet stitches for securing adjacent crocheted pieces in full lines, and schematically showing the adjacent crocheted pieces in dot and dash lines.

The crocheted handbag, in accordance with the form of the invention disclosed in Figs. 1 to 4, includes a bag-like outer layer 10 having an open top 11. A lining 12 is disposed within said outer layer 10. A fastener 13 is provided for closing the open top 11. The said outer layer 10 is formed from a plurality of small crocheted pieces 14 stitched together along adjacent edges.

Said crochet pieces are preferably made of a single gimpe started at the center of the design and completed without removing the crochet hook and by pulling the starting and finishing ends of the gimpe into the crocheted loops. These crocheted pieces 14 keep their actual original forms and will not be distorted even after considerable wear.

The crocheted pieces 14 are square. They are secured together along adjacent edges by a thread 15 passing back and forth between points on the adjacent edges. The details of the crocheting have been illustrated merely in the upper left hand corner of the bag, but it should be clear that the crocheting appears throughout the entire compass of the outer layer. By omitting the crocheting it is possible to readily comprehend the fact that the outer layer is formed from adjacent square pieces 14 which are secured together by the stitches 15.

The fastener 13 is in the nature of a slide fastener. A loop 16 is attached to the upper left hand corner of the bag. This loop consists of a crocheted square piece 17 which acts in the nature of a handle for the bag.

In Fig. 5 a modified form of the invention has been disclosed which distinguishes from the prior form in that it indicates that the outer layer of the bag may be formed from hexagonally shaped pieces 14'. These pieces are secured together along adjacent edges by the thread 15.

In Fig. 6 another modified form of the invention is disclosed in which trapezoidal pieces 14'' are illustrated secured together along adjacent edges by the stitches 15.

In Figs. 8–10 another embodiment of the invention has been disclosed in which a pair of adjacent pieces 14 are shown secured together in a novel way with crocheted stitches 15'. In forming the securing stitches, the needle is inserted in the last formed loop 20 and through one of the adjacent edge loops of element 14 on which loop 20 is superposed, and then through

an edge loop of the adjacent piece 14. The needle is then engaged with the thread 15 and is drawn through the three aforesaid loops to form a new loop 20. As is seen in Figs. 8 to 10, inclusive, the thread 15 becomes a securing line of stitches and includes a line of inter-locking loops 20 located along the back edge of one of the pieces 14 and transverse loops 21 extended between said pieces 14. The transverse loops 21 are extended inwards of the front faces 22 of the crocheted pieces 14. With this construction only the parallel arms of the transverse loops 21 are visible from the front faces of the pieces 14. A feature of this construction is the fact that when the pieces 14 are stretched relative to each other, the stresses will be taken by the parallel sides of the loops 21, and when the pieces are released the parallel sides of the loops 21 will draw the adjacent crocheted pieces 14 together. With this construction the tendency of the crocheted pieces 14 to become distorted due to stresses on the pieces forming the handbag, is materially reduced.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiments of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise constructions herein disclosed and the right is reserved to all changes and modifications coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent is:

1. In a crocheted handbag having a bag-like outer layer formed of a plurality of small crocheted pieces, stitches securing together the adjacent edges of said pieces, said stitches being crocheted with inter-engaged loops extending along the back side of one of the pieces and transverse loops extending between adjacent pieces.

2. In a crocheted handbag having a bag-like outer layer formed of a plurality of small crocheted pieces, stitches securing together the adjacent edges of said pieces, said stitches being crocheted with inter-engaged loops extending along the back side of one of the pieces and transverse loops extending between adjacent pieces, said transverse loops having parallel sides which are visible when the pieces are pulled away from each other.

3. In a crocheted handbag having a bag-like outer layer formed of a plurality of small crocheted pieces, stitches securing together the adjacent edges of said pieces, said stitches being crocheted with inter-engaged loops extending along the back side of one of the pieces and transverse loops extending between adjacent pieces, said transverse loops being located inwards of the front faces of the crocheted pieces.

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