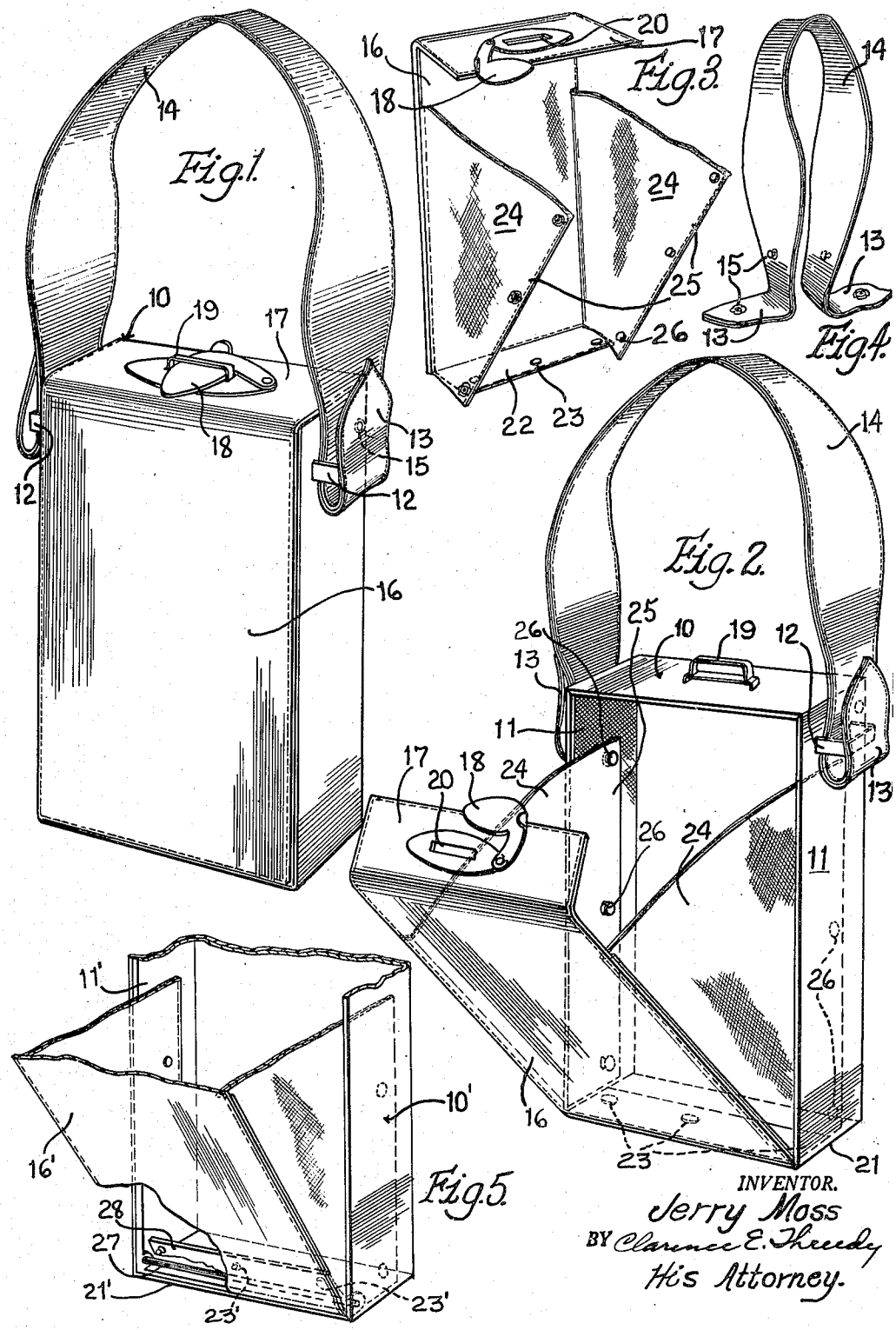
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This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in handbags especially adapted for use as ladies' handbags, and has for its principal object the provision of an improved construction of this character which will be highly efficient in use and economical in manufacture.

Among the several objects of the invention is to provide a handbag having provision for removing the cover wall or plate thereof so that a wall of like construction but of different color or color design may be substituted therefor to match or contrast with the color of the wearing apparel of the user, such as a coat, dress, hat, or the like.

Other objects will appear hereinafter.

The invention consists in the novel combination and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter described and claimed.

The invention will be best understood by reference to the accompanying drawings showing the application of my invention, and in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a ladies' handbag embodying my invention;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same showing the cover wall or plate in open position;

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the cover plate detached from the receptacle of the handbag;

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a carrying strap;

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary perspective view similar to Fig. 2, but showing a modified form of construction.

Referring more particularly to Figs. 1 to 4 inclusive, wherein I have illustrated the preferred form of construction of my invention, the handbag embodying my invention includes a receptacle 10. While this receptacle is illustrated as being in rectangular box-like form, it is obvious that any desired shape may be employed without departing from the spirit of the invention. This receptacle may be formed of such material as will best serve the purpose and the outer surfaces thereof may be of ornamental design or of plain configuration, as desired.

This receptacle 10 provides on opposite side walls 11 thereof, integral loops 12 through which the end portions 13 of a carrying strap 14 are projected and folded upon themselves and connected together by suitable snap buttons 15. The shape and material of this carrying strap may vary and the manner of attaching the same to the receptacle may be of any approved construction which will serve the purpose.

The handbag further includes a cover wall or plate 16. This cover wall 16 is preferably formed of leather with a suitable stiffener therein and

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provides at one end a latching flap 17 carrying a suitable latch 18 adapted to cooperate with a loop 19 for connecting the cover wall 16 to the receptacle when the loop 19 is projected through an opening 20 formed in the latching flap 17.

The opposite end portion of the cover wall 16 is hingedly and detachably connected to the bottom wall 21 of the receptacle 10. In the preferred form of construction this is accomplished by providing an attaching flap 22 and attaching this flap 22 to the bottom wall 21 by suitable snap buttons 23 of a well-known and conventional construction.

Foldably connected to the opposite corresponding side edges of the cover wall 16 are side walls or wings 24 which are formed of flexible leather and may be creased so as to fold in accordian manner within the receptacle when the cover plate is in closed position. The free edges 25 of these side walls or wings are detachably connected to the adjacent side walls 11 of the receptacle 10 by suitable snap buttons 26 similar to the snap buttons 23.

By removing the cover wall and the side wings from the receptacle, a cover wall of like construction but of a different color may be substituted therefor to match or contrast with the color of the wearing apparel, such as the coat, dress, hat, or the like, of the user.

By reason of the simplicity of the means employed for attaching the cover plate to the receptacle, this interchangeability may be brought about with the minimum degree of effort on the part of the user.

In Fig. 5, I have illustrated a modified form of construction for hingedly and detachably connecting the cover plate 16' to the bottom wall 21' of the receptacle 10'. In this connection there is provided between the side walls 11', a rod 27. The end of the cover plate 16' provides an attaching flap 28 which is insertable between the rod 27 and the bottom wall 21' of the receptacle and then turned back upon itself and attached to the cover plate by means of suitable snap fasteners 23'.

In marketing the handbag embodying this invention, it is intended that there be sold with each receptacle a number of cover walls or plates of different colors whereby to accomplish the hereinbefore stated object of this invention, namely, that of substituting a cover plate of a color to match or contrast with the color of the wearing apparel of the user.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred form of construction for carrying my

invention into effect, this is capable of variation and modification without departing from the spirit of the invention. I, therefore, do not wish to be limited to the precise details of construction set forth, but desire to avail myself of such variations and modifications as come within the scope of the appended claim.

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

A handbag comprising a receptacle having an open front, a cover for said open front comprising a cover plate, flexible and foldable side walls integral with the plate along corresponding long edges thereof, said side walls extending into the receptacle in confronting relation with the inner surfaces of the side walls of the receptacle, means for detachably connecting the foldable side walls to the side walls of the receptacle, a flap integral with the plate along its lower edge portion and extending over the outer surface of the bottom wall of the receptacle, means for detachably connecting the flap to said bottom wall, a latching flap integral with the cover plate along the top edge thereof and adapted to cover the top wall of said receptacle, and means for latching the latching flap to the top wall of the receptacle.

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