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SECRET FASTENER FOR HAND BAGS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MAURICE GOLDSMITH, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York city, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Secret Fasteners for Hand Bags, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to secret fasteners for hand bags and it is my object to provide concealed supplemental means for holding the bag in closed condition which will prevent opening the same in event the ordinary fastener is opened by accident or otherwise.

In the drawing Fig. 1 is a fragmentary view of a hand bag, partly in section, showing my secret fasteners; Fig. 2 a sectional view of the structure of Fig. 1 on the line 2—2 thereof; and Fig. 3 a detail view of the fastener flap or tongue on the inside of the bag.

The bag comprises the usual body having sides 1 and 2, with the lining 3 and 4. The mouth of the bag is secured to the hinged metal frames 5 and 6 in the usual manner and the ordinary locking device 7 is provided for securing the bag in closed condition.

My invention consists in providing concealed supplemental means for locking the bag and consists of a tongue 8, secured to the inside of the bag, preferably under the center of the frame 5. The opposite side of the bag is apertured at 9—9' in the side 2 and lining 4, each aperture having a grommet 10—10' secured thereto. I have found that the use of separate grommets on the side and lining is better than a single grommet secured to both as the two prevent wrinkling when the bag is in use.

The free end of the tongue 8 is intended to pass through the apertures 9—9' and be secured to the outside of the side 2 of the bag by a snap fastener 11—11', one member of which is on the end of the tongue and the other on the bag side.

A concealing flap 12 is secured to the out-

side of the bag and covers the apertures and flap tongue.

In use the bag is partly closed and the tongue 8 passed through the apertures 9—9', the members of the snap fasteners secured together and the main frame finally fully closed so that the lock 7 is engaged.

Any attempt to open the bag and abstract the contents by opening the catch 7 will be frustrated as the tongue lock will prevent the frames being separated sufficiently to get the hand into the bag. As the flap 12 covers the secret fastener the presence of the latter on the bag is not apparent to anyone seeking to surreptitiously abstract the contents.

I claim:—

1. A hand bag comprising a body apertured on one side near the top, a frame, a lock on the frame, a tongue secured to the inside of the non-apertured side and adapted to pass through the aperture in the opposite side and means for securing the free end of the tongue to the outside of the body.

2. A hand bag comprising a body apertured on one side near the top, a frame, a lock on the frame, a tongue secured to the inside of the non-apertured side and adapted to pass through the aperture on the opposite side, means for securing the free end of the tongue to the outside of the body and a concealing flap on the outside of the body over the aperture and tongue end.

3. A hand bag comprising a body and a lining, the body and lining having alined apertures on one side near the top, a tongue secured to the inside of the non-apertured side and adapted to pass through the apertures in the lining and side, separate grommets for the lining and side apertures, means for securing the free end of the tongue to the outside of the bag and a concealing flap on the outside of the body over the apertures and tongue end.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature.

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