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Fig. 1.

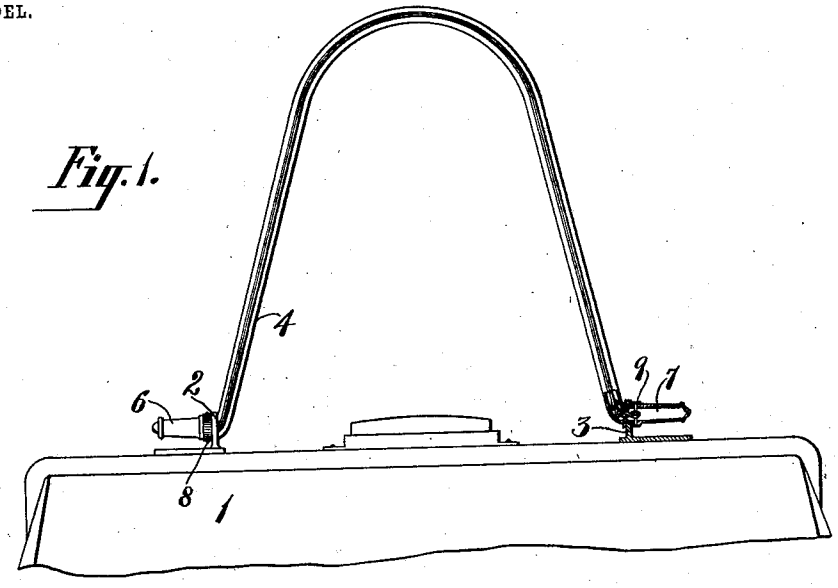


Fig. 2.

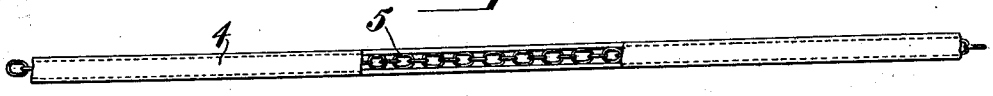


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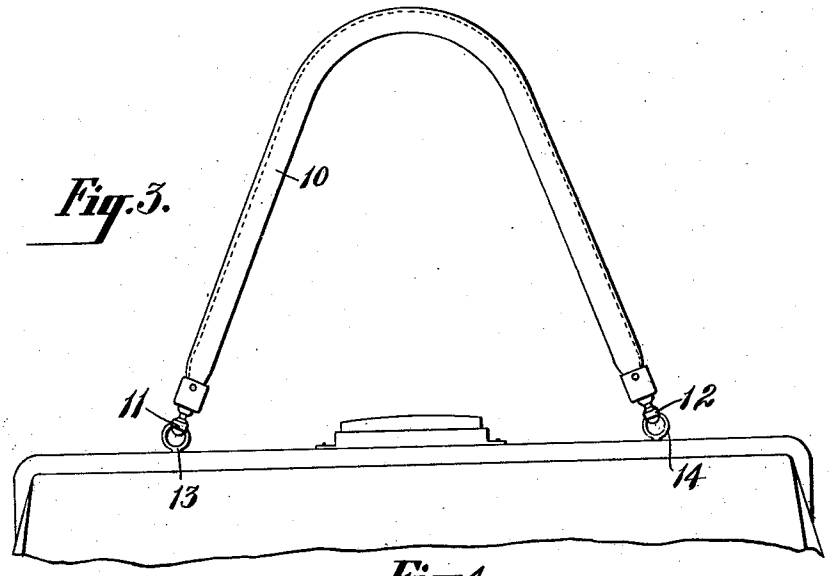
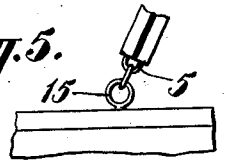


Fig. 4.



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Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN MEHL, Jr., a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Jersey City, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Handles for Bags, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in handles for bags, and has for its object to provide a handle which will be very strong and which at the same time may be readily bent into various positions without the danger of breaking the same, thus permitting the handle to be wrapped around the fingers of the person carrying the bag for securing a firm grip thereon.

A further object is to provide a bag-handle which is apparently of ordinary form and in which the presence of a carrying-chain is effectually concealed.

Practical embodiments of my invention are represented in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a portion of a bag with one form of my improved bag-handle attached thereto. Fig. 2 is a top plan view of a portion of the handle in its extended position, a part of the casing being broken away to clearly show the position of the carrying-chain therein. Fig. 3 is a view in side elevation of a portion of the bag with another form of handle attached thereto. Fig. 4 is a partial top plan view of the handle in its extended position, a part of the flexible casing being broken away to show the location of the chain therein; and Fig. 5 is a detail view showing another way of attaching the end of the chain to the bag.

The bag is denoted by 1, and it is provided in the form shown in Fig. 1 with two ears 2 and 3 uprising therefrom.

The tubular handle-casing is denoted by 4, and it is made of some flexible material—such, for instance, as leather. In this form the handle-casing is made by securing the edges of two strips of leather or other suitable flexible material together, as by lines of stitches.

The chain part of the handle is denoted by 5, which chain substantially fills the interior of the tubular casing 4.

The ends of the handle are provided with tips 6 and 7, which tips serve to secure the corresponding ends of the chain and casing together and also serve to secure the said ends to the bag. These tips 6 and 7 are located exterior to the ears 2 and 3, which project upwardly from the bag 1, and the casing 4 and chain 5 of the handle extend through the ears into the tips, and the chain is there secured by cross-pins 8 and 9.

In Fig. 3 I have shown the flexible casing as comprising a single strip 10 of leather or other suitable flexible material, having its edges bent over into engagement with each other and there secured by a line of stitches. In this latter form the tips 11 and 12 of the handle are secured at their outer ends to ears 13 and 14, which uprise from the bag.

In Fig. 5 I have shown a form in which the use of tips is obviated, the ends of the chain 5 in this form being directly attached to the bag through rings 15, one only of which is shown in the said figure.

A handle constructed as herein described may be made very flexible, so as to permit the handle to be wrapped around the fingers of the person carrying the bag to secure a rigid grip on the handle without danger of the handle becoming distorted or broken. Furthermore, by forming the core of the handle by the use of the chain I am enabled to permit the chain to carry the weight of the bag, the flexible casing for the chain serving to permit a smooth and comfortable engagement of the handle by the hand of the person carrying the bag. Furthermore, the appearance of the handle is such as to conceal the fact that a chain is used.

It is evident that other forms than those herein represented might be used to good advantage without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention. Hence I do not wish to limit myself strictly to the forms herein shown and described; but

What I claim is—

1. A handle for bags comprising a tubular casing of flexible material and a chain located therein for permitting the handle to be readily bent into various positions without breaking.

2. A handle for bags comprising a tubular casing of flexible material and a chain located

therein arranged to be secured to the bag for carrying the weight thereof, the said handle being free to be bent into various positions without breaking.

3. A handle for bags comprising a tubular flexible casing, a chain located therein and tips for securing the corresponding ends of the chain and casing together, and to the bag.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of two witnesses, this 24th day of November, 1903.

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