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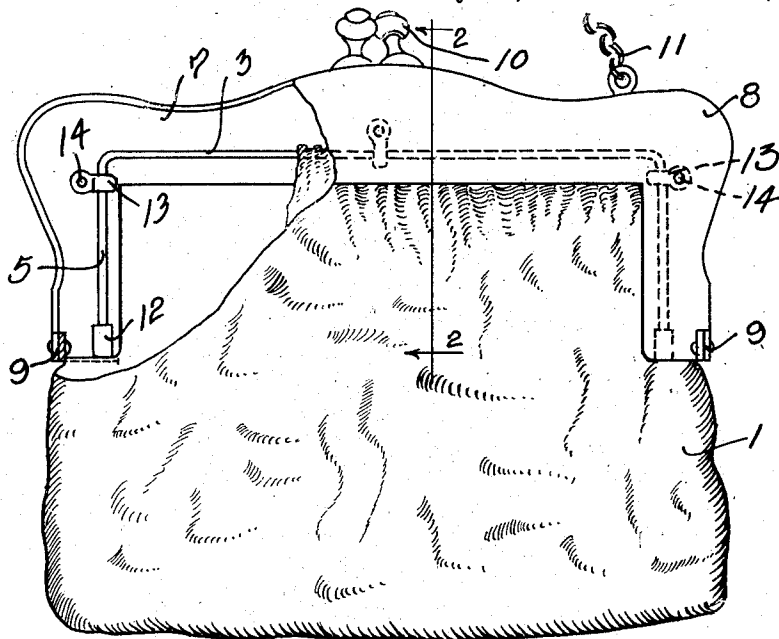


Fig. 1

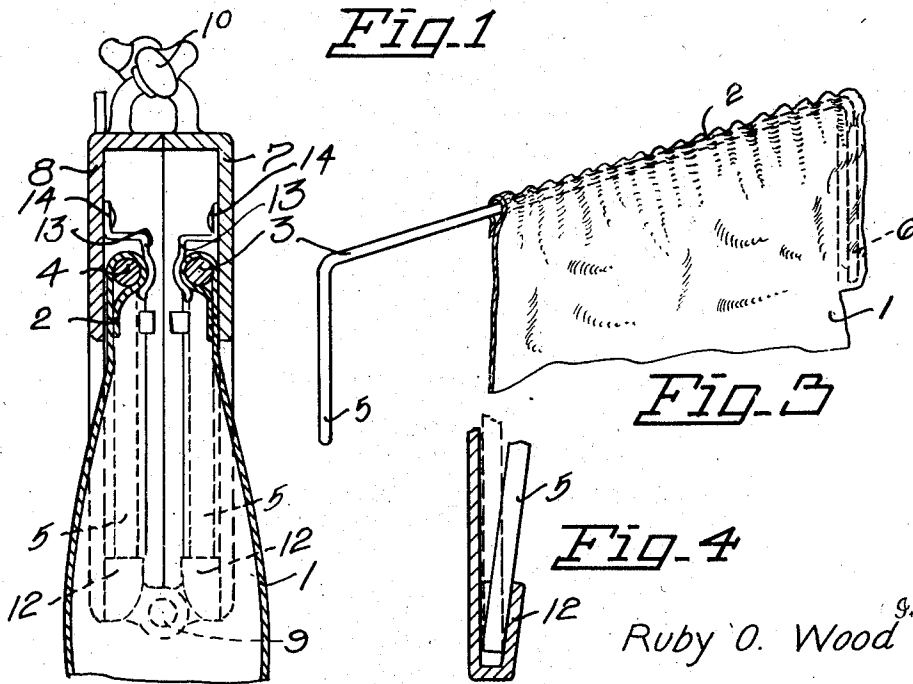


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RUBY O. WOOD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Spokane, in Spokane County and State of Washington, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hand Bags, of which the following is a specification.

My present invention relates to improvements in hand bags known as portemonnaies or pocket books, and especially adapted for such receptacles as used by ladies and carried in the hand or on the wrist. The primary object of the invention is the provision of a novel form of U-frame to which a selected bag may be attached and secured for use, and which may with equal facility be detached from the frame when desired. Thus a number of receptacles of various materials and colors and adapted to match complementary dresses or other outer garments may be interchangeably used; a selected receptacle or bag may be attached to the frame and secured or fastened thereon, and with equal convenience the receptacle or bag may be detached and another substituted to match a different dress.

The invention consists in certain novel combinations and arrangements of parts involving a U-shaped frame and receptacle or bag with means for suspending the bag and with means for securing the suspended bag on the frame as will hereinafter be more fully set forth and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings I have illustrated one complete example of the physical embodiment of my invention wherein the parts are combined and arranged in accord with the best mode I have thus far devised for the practical application of the principles of my invention.

Figure 1 is a view in side elevation of a hand bag embodying my invention, parts being broken away for convenience of illustration.

Figure 2 is an enlarged, vertical, transverse sectional view at the upper portion of the bag, as at line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a detail perspective view of one of the U-shaped frame bars, showing the relation thereto of the hemmed hand bag.

Figure 4 is an enlarged detail sectional view of a portion of one of the U-shaped closure plates, with an end of one of the U-bars seated in a pocket therein.

The bag or receptacle 1 is of the usual form and made up of suitable material and color, and the bag illustrated may be one of a series of similar bags or receptacles adapted for interchangeable use when desired.

The bag is provided with the usual gussets and other necessary parts to provide a neat and attractive appearance and at its upper edges is fashioned with a hem 2 extending horizontally along the upper edges and downwardly from said edges along the plackets at the two ends of the bag. The bag is made up as a separate and detachable article and is adapted to be suspended for use on a pair of U-bars 3 and 4. These bars are of duplicate construction and size, preferably made up of wire possessing the rigidity for the purpose, and each bar has an end as 5 and 6 bent at right angles thereto.

The bars are provided with a smooth finish in order that they may readily be slipped through the hemmed upper edges or casings 2 extending along these edges and the edges of the plackets. A bar may be entered into the casing by first inserting one of the angular ends 5 or 6 in the open end of a casing at the bottom of the placket; after which the casing of the bag may be slipped along over the bar and down the opposite bent end as indicated in Figure 3. When both of the U-bars have been thus entered and are encased within the casings 2 the bag is ready for suspension and fastening to its support.

A duplicate pair of U-shaped frame plates 7 and 8 of usual form are adapted to enclose the upper end of the bag and the U-bars. These frame plates are hinged at 9 in well known manner and are provided with fastening knobs 10 for frictional, snap engagement, but it will be understood that other closures may be used if desired. A carrying chain 11 is illustrated in Fig. 1 and other accessories may be used if required or desired.

These frame plates are adapted to enclose the upper edges of the bag and the two U-bars, and for supporting the bars each frame plate, at its inner side is fashioned with a socket member or pocket 12 located at the lower end of each leg of the frame plates, near the hinges. The bag is first placed in proper position between the opened, hinged, frame plates and the four

ends of the two U-bars are slipped into their complementary pockets or socket members. In this position the encased U-bars extend along the inner edges of the U-frame plates and are held in place by means of a series of detents 13. The detents are angular in shape and may be made somewhat resilient to frictionally engage over the encased U-bars. They are spaced at suitable intervals along the U-bars, three for each frame being used as indicated in Figure 1, and the detents are hinged or pivoted as at 14 on the inner faces of the frame plates. With the pivoted detents turned to inoperative position the ends of the U-bars may be slipped into their sockets and the U-bars adjusted to correct position, after which the pivoted detents are turned on their pivots with their free ends frictionally engaging over the encased U-bars as indicated in Figure 2. In this position the U-bars are rigidly held against displacement in any direction, and the weight of the suspended bag is imposed on the socket members 12. The U-bars also serve the purpose of preserving the shape of the bag and prevent it from sagging, while at the same time holding it in extended position.

If it is desired to change one bag for an-

other this may be accomplished by first releasing the detents, removing the U-bars from their socket members, and withdrawing the separate U-bars from their casings. Another bag may then be utilized as has been described.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

1. The combination with a pair of hinged U-shaped frame plates, of a pair of U-bars adapted to suspend a bag, supporting sockets on said plates to receive the ends of said bars, and releasable means on the plates for retaining said bars.

2. The combination with a pair of hinged U-shaped frame plates, of a pair of U-bars adapted to suspend a bag, means on the plates for supporting said bars, and pivoted detents on the plates for engaging said bars.

3. The combination with a pair of hinged U-shaped frame plates, of a pair of U-bars adapted to suspend a bag, sockets on said plates for supporting the ends of said bars, and pivoted detents on the plates for retaining said bars.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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