

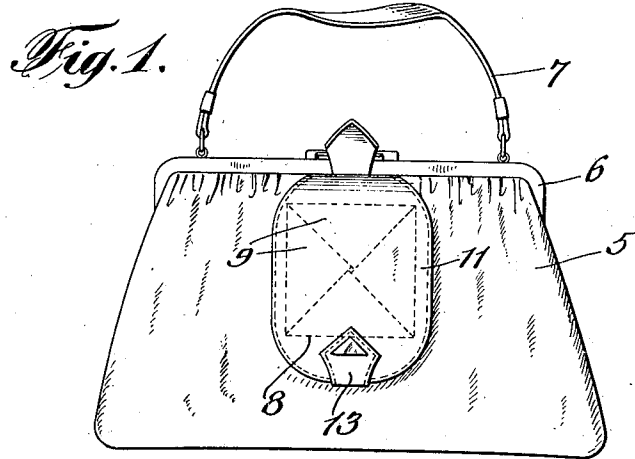
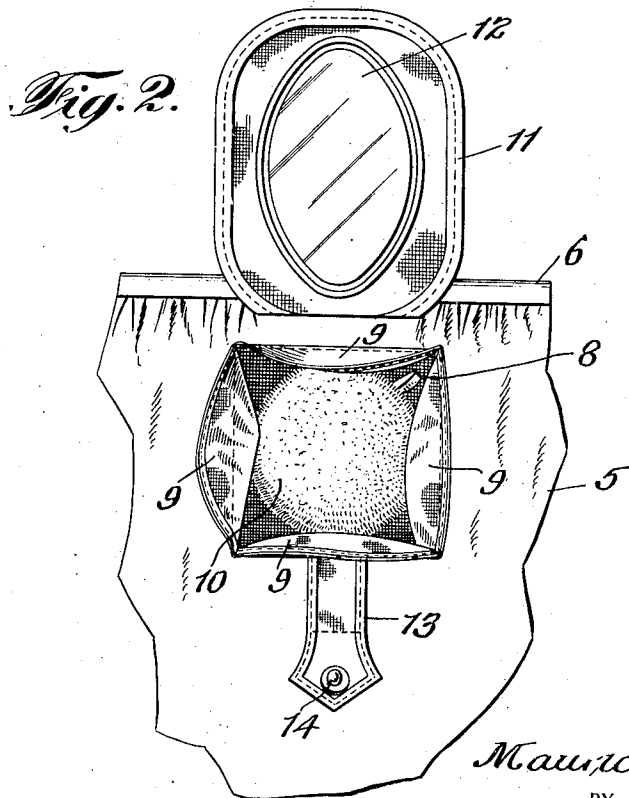
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This invention relates to ladies' handbags, and has for its primary object to provide simple and convenient means on the exterior of the bag for holding the powder puff, stamps, coins or other small articles so that in order to obtain the same it will not be necessary to open the bag.

It is another object of my invention to provide a device for the above purpose, which will not add materially to the manufacturing cost of the bag, and in addition to being convenient and serviceable, increases the attractive or ornamental appearance of the article.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention consists in the improved handbag, and in the form, construction and relative arrangement of its several parts, as will be hereinafter more fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawing, and subsequently incorporated in the subjoined claim.

In the drawing, wherein I have illustrated one simple and practical embodiment of the invention, and in which similar reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several views,—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a lady's handbag provided with my present improvements, and

Fig. 2 is a detail fragmentary side elevation showing the exterior article receiving pocket open.

Referring in detail to the drawing, for illustrative purposes, I have shown a well known conventional form of lady's handbag which may be of any preferred outline configuration and of various sizes. The bag includes the usual flexible body having opposite side walls 5 connected with the hinged parts of the customary frame 6 to which a suitable handle 7 is attached.

On the exterior of one of the side walls 5 of the bag, preferably midway between its ends and adjacent to the frame 6 a pocket or holder 8 is suitably attached. Preferably, this pocket has its base wall stitched or sewed to the side wall 5 of the bag and is provided with relatively foldable side walls 9 which, when collapsed, assume substantially the relative positions indicated by the dotted lines in Fig. 1 of the drawings. This pocket or holder is of sufficient capacity to receive a powder puff as indicated at 10, or other small articles.

A flap 11 is flexibly attached at one of its ends to the side wall of the bag by means of its frame 6 and, when the holder or pocket 8 is closed, is adapted to extend over and conceal said pocket as shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings. The inner side of this flap 11 may be provided with a suitable mirror indicated at 12. Below the pocket 8 a leather tab 13 is stitched or otherwise secured to the side wall of the bag and has a free end portion of ornamental form provided with a fastener element indicated at 14 which is adapted to engage a complementary fastener element on the free end of the flap 11 whereby the latter is detachably held in position over the closed pocket 8.

From the foregoing description considered in connection with the accompanying drawing, the construction of the device and its several advantages in practical use will be readily understood. When it is desired to use the powder puff, it is only necessary to detach the end of the tab 13 from the flap 11, and then lift the latter and expand the foldable side walls of the pocket 8 to open position as shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings. After the article has been used, it is returned to the pocket and the latter closed and the flap 11 then again secured in its normal position by the fastener tab 13. In the latter position of said flap, it will be noted that the flatly folded side walls of the holder 8 are completely covered and concealed. This flap may be of various ornamental forms as desired, so that the device will add to the attractive or ornamental appearance of the bag as a whole.

While I have herein disclosed one simple and practical embodiment of my improvement, it is nevertheless, to be understood that the essential features thereof might also be incorporated in various other alternative forms, and I therefore, reserve the privilege of resorting to all such legitimate changes therein as may be fairly embodied within the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

I claim:

In combination with a handbag a pocket adapted to receive an article and having a base wall secured to the outer side of one of the side walls of the bag adjacent the bag frame, and relatively foldable collapsible side walls adapted when folded to extend over and confine the article in said pocket,

a flap flexibly attached at one of its ends to the side wall of the bag at one side of the pocket and adapted to extend over and conceal the collapsed walls of said pocket, and
5 a fastener tab secured to the side wall of the bag at the opposite side of the pocket to cooperate with complementary fastening means on the free end of said flap and releasably secure the latter against movement relative to the bag wall. 10

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention, I have signed my name hereto.

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