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Fig. 1

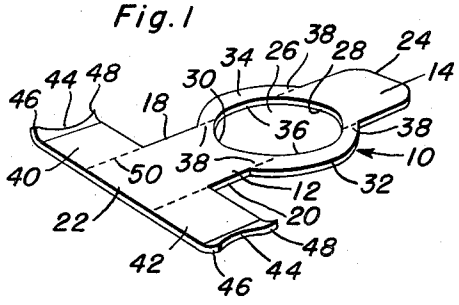



Fig. 2

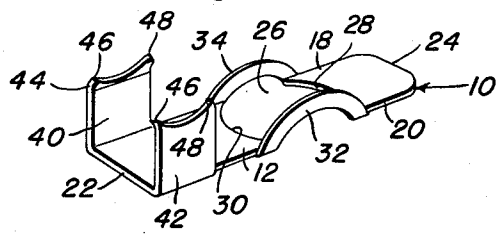



Fig. 3

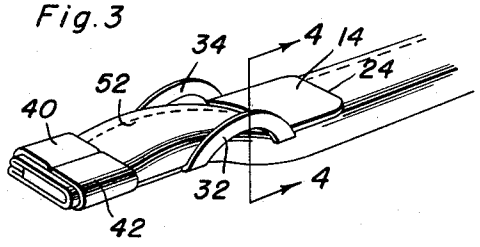



Fig. 4

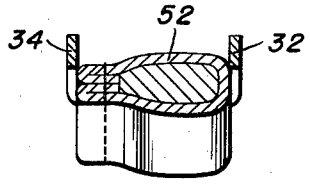



Fig. 6

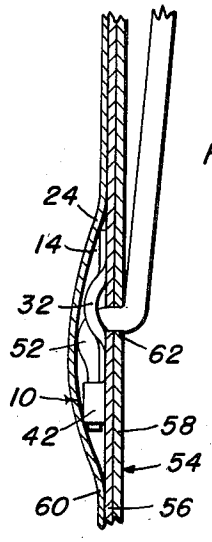
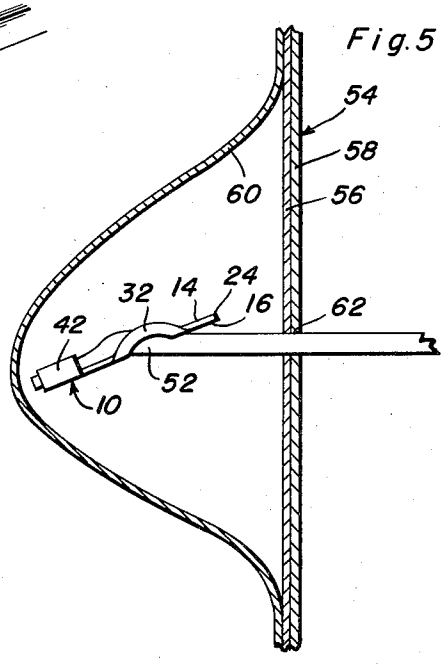



Fig. 5



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This invention relates to improvements in anchoring clamps or holders for attaching the strap ends of handles for pocketbooks to the walls of a pocketbook.

This application discloses subject matter related to subject matter disclosed in applicant's copending application S. N. 393,778 which matured into Patent No. 2,821,229 on January 28, 1958.

A main object of the present invention is to provide a specially constructed anchoring clamp or holder which can be attached to the strap end of a pocketbook handle and anchored to the wall of a pocketbook by anyone, without special skill or tools.

Another object of this invention is to provide an anchoring clamp or holder which is manufactured in a flat form and which can be easily mailed or otherwise distributed to the owner of a pocketbook, in which one or more of the handles has become detached from the wall or walls of the pocketbook, and which can be easily and simply attached to the strap end of the handle by the owner and reliably used to reanchor or attach the strap end to the wall of a pocketbook.

A further object of this invention is to provide an anchoring clamp or holder which includes a flat piece of sheet material of a rigid but bendable nature and that is formed to have a flat body portion, carrying coplanar laterally extending and complemental clamping arms which are formed to be rolled over onto a strap end of a handle, seated on one face of the body portion, and which is provided with an opening for the transverse passage therethrough of the strap end; the opening being defined by sides which can be upset to strengthen the body portion, guide and protect the strap end and clampingly engage the strap end.

The foregoing and ancillary objects, including the provision of a simple, inexpensive, and durable clamp or holder, are attained by this invention, the preferred form of which is set forth in the following description and illustrated in the attached drawing, wherein:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a pocketbook handle end anchoring clamp or holder, constructed in accordance with this invention, and showing the same in its blank form, as it is readied to be supplied to a pocketbook owner for self-repair of a detached handle;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the clamp or holder in its final manufactured form as it appears when supplied in the process of attachment thereof by a pocketbook owner to the end strap of a pocketbook handle for self-repair of a detached handle;

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the clamp or holder showing it in its final position of attachment to the end strap;

Fig. 4 is a cross-sectional view taken on line 4—4 of Fig. 3;

Fig. 5 is a cross-sectional view of a pocketbook wall which has an opening for receiving the strap end and showing how the strap end, with the clamp or holder attached thereto, is inserted by the pocketbook owner through the opening to effect a self-repair of the handle, and



Fig. 6 is a sectional view of the pocketbook wall, similar to Fig. 5, and showing the clamp or holder in its final handle anchoring position in engagement with the wall.

The blank shown in Figure 1, generally designated by the numeral **10**, includes a flat body portion **12**, which is substantially rectangular in shape and has opposing faces or surfaces, one of which is designated by the numeral **14** and the other by the numeral **16**. The body portion has opposing, parallel side edges **18** and **20** and terminates at its ends in transverse end edges **22** and **24**.

Intermediate its end edges, the body portion is formed with an opening **26**, which is circular and is defined by concave confronting bounding walls **28** and **30** formed transversely of the body portion. The walls **28** and **30** constitute what may be termed the end bounding walls of the opening. Extending laterally from the side edges **18** and **20** formed integral and disposed coplanar with the body portion are arcuate straps **32** and **34** which have inner peripheral edges **36** that are formed on the same radius as the bounding walls **28** and **30** and complement the bounding walls in defining the circular opening, the straps forming side portions of the opening. The ends of the straps, at the points of attachment to the side edges are formed with transverse score lines **38**, which define the position along which the straps are bent during manufacturing into positions, substantially perpendicular to the surface 14 of the body portion, as shown in Fig. 2, to strengthen this section of the body portion. The opening **26** is of a diameter to receive many types of strap or handle ends, which may differ in cross sectional size and shape.

The body portion is provided with integral, coplanar clamping arms **40** and **42**, which extend laterally from the side edges and are disposed intermediate the opening and the end edge **22**. Preferably, the outer sides of the arms are flush with the end edge, as shown in Fig. 1. The arms terminate in outer free ends **44** which are concaved to form prongs **46** and **48** on each end edge thereof. The free ends **44** are prebent upwardly at a slight obtuse angle to the arms. The inner attached ends of the arms are scored transversely at **50**, such transverse scoring **50** being in alignment with the score lines **38** and extending in alignment with the side edges of the body portion.

When, the arms **40** and **42** and the opening strap or sides **32** and **34** are bent upward as shown in Figures 2 and 3, they are disposed in perpendicular relation to the surface **14** of the body portion, about longitudinally aligned score lines at the side edges of the body portion. It is understood that the bending takes place at predesigned and designated position and, in the case of the arms, may be easily done by the pocketbook owner, with a pair of pliers or other common household tool.

The strap end **52** of the pocketbook handle is then passed through the opening **26** from the surface **16** to the surface **14** of the body portion and is laid on the face **14** in facial contact therewith. The strap end is axially disposed on the face and positioned between the upstanding, confronting arms **40** and **42**. The body portion may then be placed on a horizontal surface, such as a table, with the arms upstanding. A common household tool such as a hammer may then be employed to bend the arms and roll them down onto the strap end so that the ends **44** engage the strap end with the prongs penetrating the strap end. The arms are, thus, easily bent down into strap end embracing positions and clamp the strap end tightly on the surface **14** of the body portion.

The straps **32** and **34** have been upwardly prebent

into positions normal to the body portion so that the width of the body portion is constant throughout its axial extension. The body portion is insertable through the opening in the pocketbook wall, as will be explained, without enlarging or tearing the opening. The straps **32** and **34**, in their positions at right angles to the body portion, are pushed tightly against the opposite sides of the strap end to exert a lateral compressive force thereon and assist in retaining the strap end against lateral and axial movement relative to the clamp or holder. The arms also tightly bind the strap end to prevent it from being torn by the edges of the opening. The arms, in addition, serve to hold the strap end against lateral and axial movement, when the clamping arms are being bent over onto the strap end.

After the anchoring clamp or holder is attached to the strap end, it is in a position, as shown in Fig. 3. The strap end is then ready to be inserted into the opening in the side wall of the pocketbook. In this respect, the side wall **54** of a pocketbook is shown in section in Figs. 5 and 6 for exemplary purposes. As illustrated, the side wall **54** is composed of a substantially rigid section **56**, such as cardboard or the like, an outer facing sheet **58** and an inner lining **60**. The three sections, rigid section and the facing sheet are formed with aligned holes that provide the opening **62**.

In attaching the strap end **52** to the side wall, the anchored end of the strap end, with the clamp or holder **10** attached, is passed through the opening, as shown in Fig. 5. Due to the fact that the strap end passes axially under the surface **16**, after passing through the opening, the end edge **24** is canted away from the strap end, with the strap end disposed in a horizontal plane, through the opening **62**, the end edge **24** will be inclined upwardly and outwardly facing the lining section **60**.

Thus, when the strap end is pulled outwardly, the end edge **24** will strike the inside rigid section above the opening and cam upwardly on the inside section causing the clamp to turn or fulcrum about the strap end. Further axial withdrawal movement of the strap end will pull the body portion tightly against the inside section, with the surface **16** in facial engagement therewith. In such position, the anchor or holder will bridge the opening **62** and bear against the inside of the side wall above and below the opening and anchor the strap end tightly to the opening. Any further pull on the strap end will be transmitted by the anchor or holder throughout the side wall and the strap end will be effectively prevented from becoming dislodged from the attachment to the side wall. The lining will be pushed inwardly, as shown in Fig. 5 and, when the holder is in its final position of Fig. 6,



will return to its normal position and overlie and cover the holder and end of the strap portion. The holder will lie flat so as not to bulge out the lining.

The anchor or holder **10** can thus easily be shipped, as by mail, when in its final manufactured position of Fig. 1 and can be simply and quickly attached to the strap end of a handle, as shown in Fig. 3, by a woman owner of a pocketbook, without any special tools, skill and with a minimum of physical effort.

While the best known form of my invention has been shown and described, other forms may be realized, as come within the scope of the inventor, defined by the appended claims.

I claim:

1. An anchoring clamp for the end of a pocketbook handle strap, said clamp being of one-piece construction and comprising an elongated flat body portion of substantially rectangular shape and having opposing side edges and transverse end edges and upper and lower surfaces, said body portion being formed intermediate its end edges with an opening through which a strap end portion of a pocketbook handle may be passed from a position underlying the lower surface at one end of the body portion to a position overlying the upper surface at the other end of the body portion, arcuate straps disposed along the side edges of the body portion and forming the bounding side walls of the said opening, said straps upstanding from the body portion above the upper surface thereof and being disposed in confronting relation to receive the strap end portion of the pocketbook handle therebetween, and clamping arms at the other end of the body portion extending upwardly from the upper surface in confronting opposed relationship and adapted to be bent onto the strap end portion of the pocketbook handle to clamp it on the upper surface of the body portion.

2. An anchoring clamp as defined by claim 1, in which the said clamping arms are provided with prongs adapted to penetrate the material of the strap end portion of the pocketbook handle.

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