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Fig. 1.

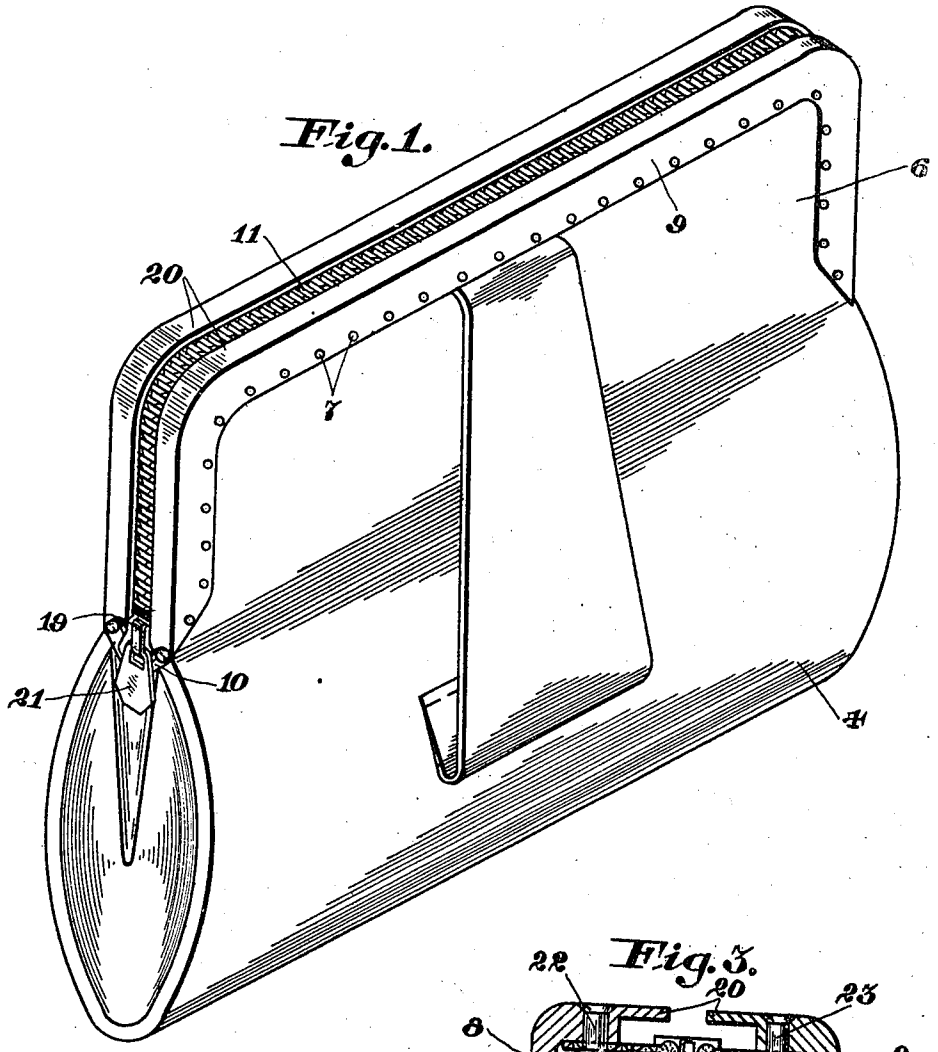


Fig. 3.

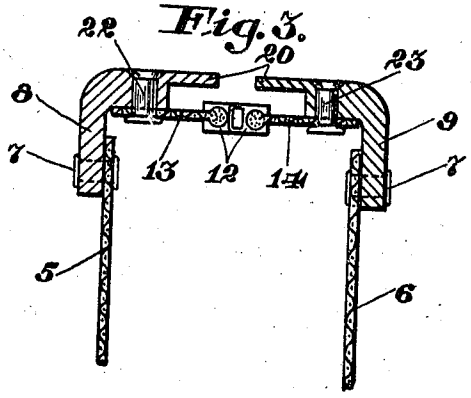
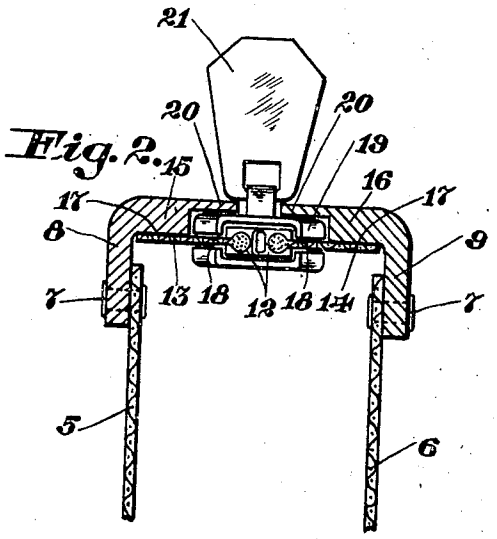


Fig. 2.



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This invention relates to hand bags of the kind provided with rigid frames.

Slide fasteners have become very popular on hand bags but where the hand bag is of the type having a rigid frame, other means such as clasps and latches are ordinarily used to hold the frame sections together. Thus the security, convenience and other advantages of the slide fastener are lost.

This invention aims to provide a construction wherein the slide fastener can be applied to join rigid frame sections directly together. The problem of attaching the flexible stringers to the rigid frame sections so that the slider can move freely and yet not have too much of the flexible stringers exposed, is solved by the present invention. In the accompanying drawing:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a hand bag made in accordance with this invention;

Fig. 2 is a cross-section; and

Fig. 3 is a cross-section showing the modified form.

Referring to Fig. 1, the numeral 4 designates the pouch portion of the bag which has upwardly extending sides 5, 6. The material of the bag may be leather, fabric, or any combination of these, or other suitable materials.

The bag has an opening extending entirely across the top and attached to the edges of the opening by any suitable means, such as rivets 7, are frame sections 8, 9. These sections are preferably made of non-metallic material having the desired color, and examples of such material are celluloid and pyroxylin. The frame sections extend across the top and part way down the sides of the bag and are hinged together by suitable hinge mechanism shown at 10. A slide fastener 11 of any conventional type is arranged between the frame sections along their entire length for joining the frame sections together. The fastener comprises rows of interlocking elements 12 mounted on the free edges of a pair of tapes 13, 14 which are in turn attached directly to the rigid frame sections. For this purpose, the frame sections have inwardly extending portions 15, 16, and in the case of non-metallic materials the fabric tapes are attached by sticking directly to the surfaces 17. If the material is celluloid the sticking may be accomplished by wetting the tape with a suitable solvent and pressing the tape directly against the surfaces of the celluloid member. If the material is insoluble the tapes may nevertheless be cemented in position by using any suitable cement.

It is necessary to have free flexible portions 18 for carrying the interlocking elements so that the slider 19 may have freedom of action in guiding the fastener elements into and out of engagement. The extensions 20 on the frame sections are spaced from the tapes 13, 14 and almost completely conceal the slide fastener. If the interlocking elements themselves are made of a non-metallic material they may be made to match the color and the material of the frame sections. The slider is manipulated by a suitable pull device 21.

In the modified construction shown in Fig. 3, rivets 22, 23 are provided for attaching the stringers 13, 14 to the frame sections but otherwise the construction and operation are the same.

As a result of my invention a neat appearing, compact bag structure is provided which affords all the security and convenience of slide fastened bags and at the same time, is easy to manufacture.

While I have in this application specifically described one embodiment and a modification which my invention may assume in practice, it will be understood that this embodiment and modification are merely for the purposes of illustration and description and that various other forms may be devised within the scope of my invention as defined in the appended claims.

What I claim as my invention is:

1. A bag of the class described having an opening, a rigid frame having parallel sections extending across the top of the opening and a slide fastener for joining said sections together comprising flexible stringers attached to the under sides of said frame sections so as to be partially concealed thereby, said stringers having free portions extending from the attached portions toward each other, and interlocking elements carried by the edges of said free portions, said frame sections also having flanges extending partly over said free sections but spaced therefrom to permit movement of a slider over said interlocking elements.

2. A bag of the class described having an opening, a rigid frame comprising parallel sections made of rigid material, a slide fastener for joining said sections comprising flexible stringers having portions attached directly to said frame sections and free flexible portions of substantial width and projecting away from said frame sections, rows of interlocking elements secured to the edges of said free flexible portions, and means carried by said frame sections and overlying said free flexible portions in spaced relation thereto for concealing the same.

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