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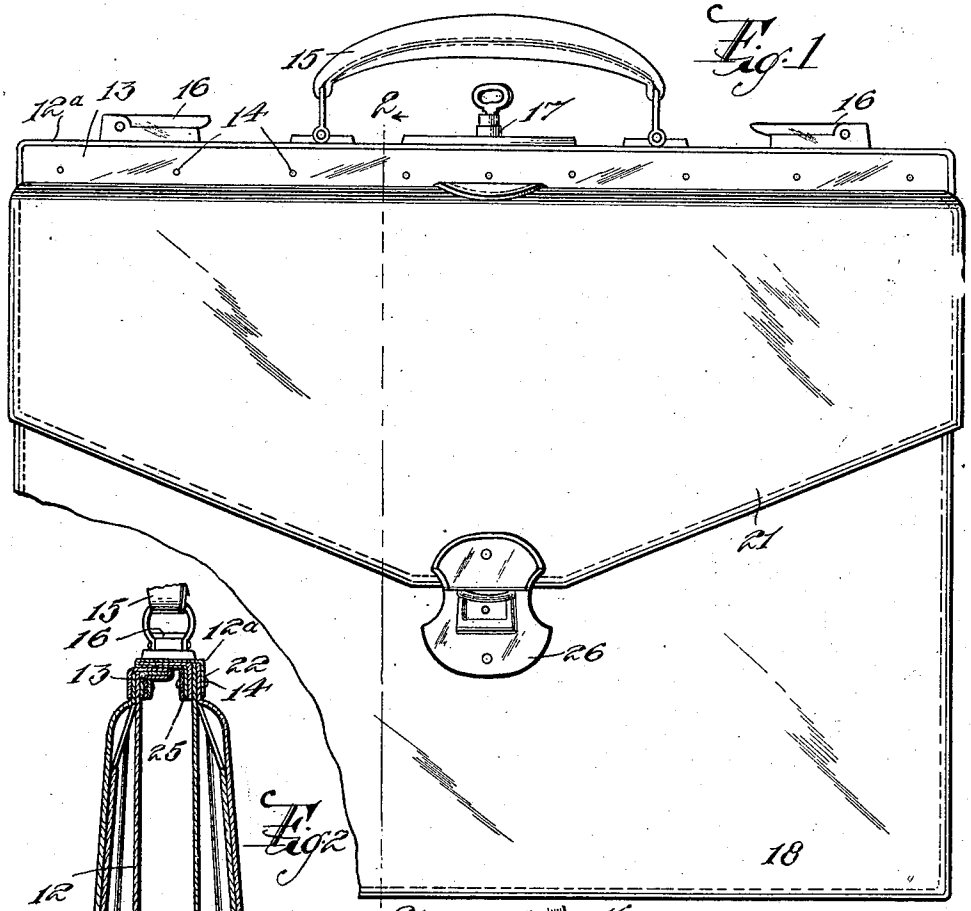


Fig. 1

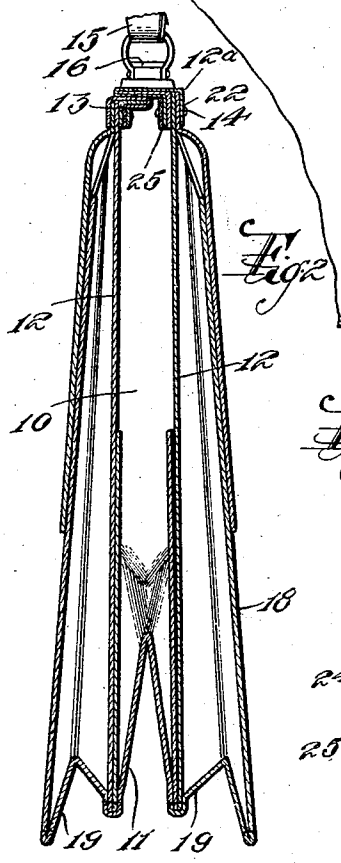


Fig. 2

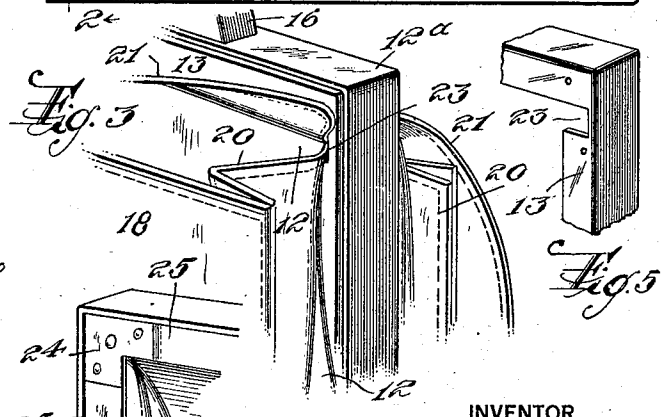


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Fig. 5

Fig. 4

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This invention relates to an improved article of hand bag. It is designed to provide a combined hand bag and brief case so that personal belongings for a short trip can be carried in the main bag portion, and papers and similar articles usually carried in brief cases can be also carried.

The invention also relates to certain details of construction which provide for a brief case that is accessible, that is, open from end to end for substantially its full length which is approximately the full length between the ends of the pivoted members that form the frame of the main or hand bag portion.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which Figure 1 is a face view of the bag made according to my invention, one corner of it being broken away. Figure 2 is a section on line 2—2 of Figure 1. Figure 3 is a perspective view on an enlarged scale of the corner of the bag with the brief case flap partly open. Figure 4 is a perspective view of the inside of the frame at the corner where the parts are attached thereto, and Figure 5 is a perspective view of a corner of the frame alone. The main or central bag portion is shown at 10 having the folding portion 11 at the bottom and having the side walls 12 to form a hand bag or satchel, secured at the top and at its ends at the upper part to the members 12^a and 13 of the bag frame, side walls 12 being secured to the frame by pins 14 or similar fastening means. The frame also acts for the attachment of the usual handle 15 and the catches 16 and the lock 17 and any of the usual fixtures of a bag of this kind.

In order to make a balanced bag I prefer to arrange a brief case on each side, but it will be readily understood that one can be arranged only on one side of the main or central bag. The wall 12 of the central bag 10 forms the inner wall of the brief case, the outer wall 18 being connected at the bottom and at the sides to the main bag, the bottom 19 being usually of a folded type so that the bag will be flat when empty. The side walls 20 of the brief case are also foldable and is practically a continuation of the wall 12 of the main bag.

The brief case has a cover flap 21, the top edge of it, as at 22, passing underneath the flange of a member of the pivoted bag frame. In order to permit the brief case to extend to the ends of the bag, and to prevent constriction at its ends I provide the frame member with a notch 23 which extends from the inner edge near the top toward the outer edge of the frame as will be evident from Figure 5. This notch 23 permits both the wall 12 of the bag, and the flap 21 to be extended to the outer edge of the frame.

After wall 12 and the flap 21 have been passed from the outside of the frame to the inside thereof through the slot 23 and preparatory to their being pinned to the frame, I prefer to use a small corner plate 24 shown in Figure 4 which is placed in the corner of the bag and secures these parts and also acts to strengthen at that corner of the frame which might be weakened by the cutting of the slot 23. The usual fastening plates 25 are arranged on the inside of the bag as elements against which the pins 14 are headed on the inside. Any usual form of lock or latch 26 is used for fastening the flap 21 down.

I claim:

1. A bag comprising a main bag including a frame of hinged members, and an outside case on the main bag and having a covering flap, the ends of the case and the top of the flap being secured to one of the members of the frame so as to extend to substantially the outside edge thereof.

2. A bag comprising a main bag for personal baggage and bag including a frame with pivoted members, a wall on the outside of the main bag and co-operating therewith to form a brief case, a flap on the brief case, the case, the flap thereof and the wall of the main bag being secured to one of said members, the member having a notch at each end to permit the brief case and its flap to extend to substantially the full length of the main bag.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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