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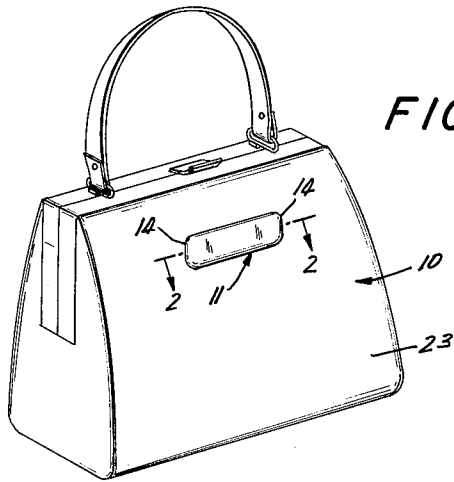


FIG. 1

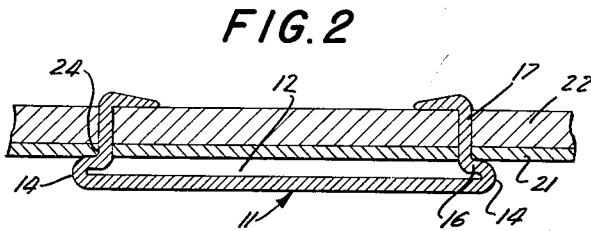


FIG. 2

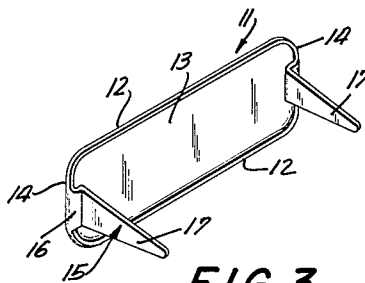


FIG. 3

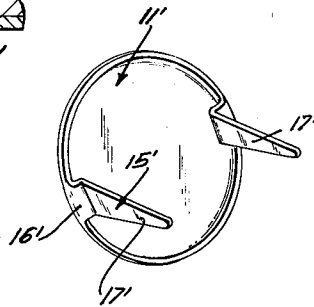


FIG. 4

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As conducive to an understanding of the invention it is noted that where the prongs of an ornamental plate extend directly from the edge of the plate through the wall portion of a handbag, for example, and then are bent to secure the plate to the handbag, the holes made by the prongs through such wall portion are visible, thereby disfiguring the handbag.

It is accordingly among the objects of the invention to provide a pronged type ornamental plate which may readily be fabricated at low cost and which may readily be secured to a handbag, for example, in conventional manner yet with complete concealment of the openings caused by the passage of the prongs through the wall portion of the handbag.

According to the invention these objects are accomplished by the arrangement and combination of elements hereinafter described and particularly recited in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings in which are shown one or more of the various possible embodiments of the several features of the invention,

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a handbag having an ornamental plate secured thereto,

FIG. 2 is a sectional view on a greatly enlarged scale taken along line 2-2 of FIG. 1, and

FIGS. 3 and 4 are perspective views of different types of ornamental plates.

Referring now to the drawing, in FIG. 1 is shown a conventional lady's handbag 10 which has an ornamental plate 11 secured thereto, said plate preferably being stamped from suitable sheet metal.

As shown in FIGS. 1 and 3, the plate 11 is illustratively rectangular, of greater length than width and has an outstanding rim 12 around its periphery.

Formed integral with the base 13 of plate 11 at each end 14 thereof is a prong 15 which at its root end has an inwardly bent portion 16 that extends substantially parallel to the plane of the plate 11, the body portion 17 of the prong extending outwardly from the inner end of portion 16 at substantially right angles to the plate 11.

The embodiment of the plate shown in FIG. 4 is identical to that shown in FIG. 3, except that it is circular rather than rectangular and corresponding elements have the same reference numerals primed.

To mount the plate 11 shown in FIG. 3 to the handbag, it is merely necessary to force the body portions 17 of the prongs 15 through the outer covering 21 and back-

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ing 22 of the wall portion 23 of the handbag and then bend the ends of the prongs toward each other as shown in FIG. 2 which will force the rim 12 of the plate 11 snugly against the outer covering 21.

As the openings 24 formed by the prongs 15, as they are forced through the outer covering 21, will be inwardly of the ends 14 of the ornamental plate, such openings will be concealed by the plate so that the decorative effect will not be impaired.

As the ornamental plate according to the invention may be stamped from sheet metal and the prongs readily conformed to the desired configuration, the plate may be fabricated at relatively low cost, yet when secured to the handbag the holes formed by the prongs will be concealed from view.

As many changes could be made in the above constructions and many apparently widely different embodiments of this invention could be made without departing from the scope of the claim, it is intended that all matter contained in the above description, or shown in the accompanying drawings shall be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:

A handbag comprising a fabric wall portion, a backing layer, a relatively flat ornamental plate having a peripheral rim extending at substantially right angles to the plate, with its free edge substantially parallel to said plate, a pair of opposed mounting prongs formed integral with the free edge of the plate, each of said prongs having a portion at its root and extending inwardly from the periphery of said plate and lying in a plane extending substantially parallel to the undersurface of said plate and each of said prongs having a body portion extending outwardly from the inner end of said inwardly extending portion at substantially right angles to the undersurface of said plate and extending through the wall portion and backing layer of the handbag, the portion of said body portion extending through said backing layer being bent inwardly to extend substantially parallel to the inner surface of the backing layer securely to the clamp the plate to the handbag, whereby the openings in the wall portion formed by the prongs will be inwardly of the periphery of the plate and concealed from view.

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