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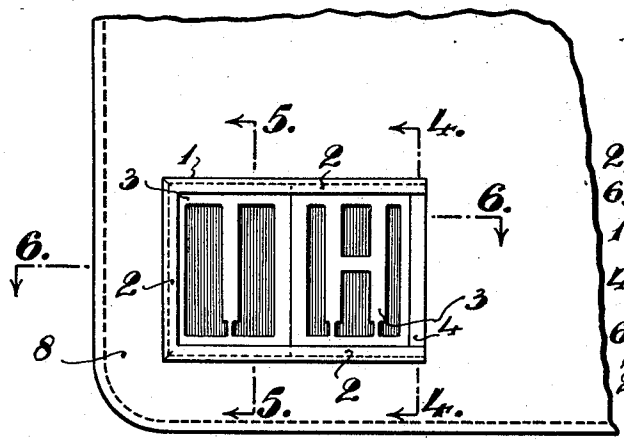


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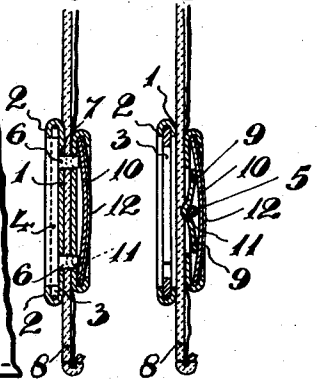


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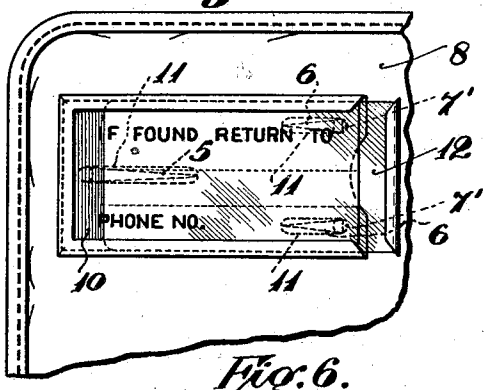


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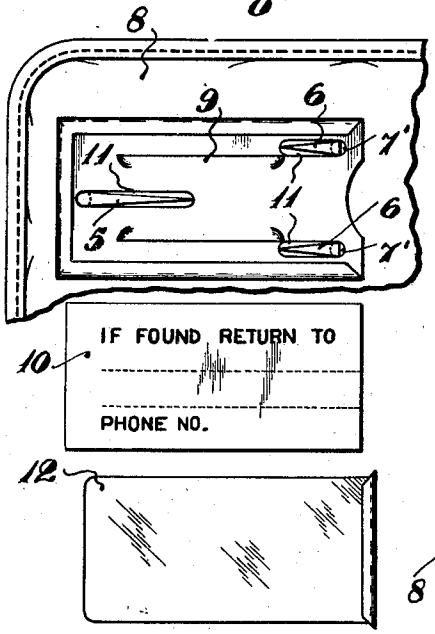
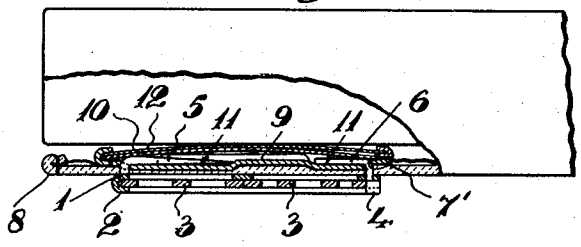


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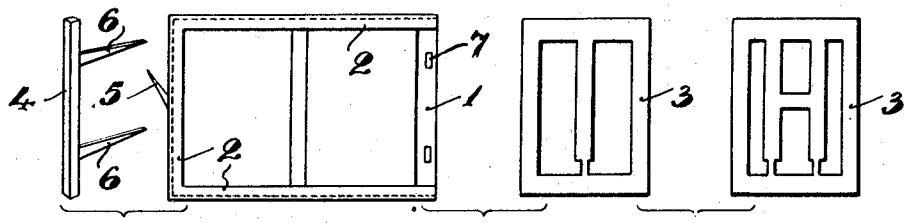


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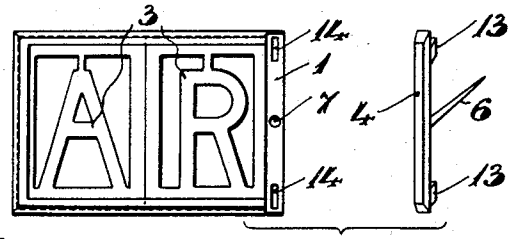


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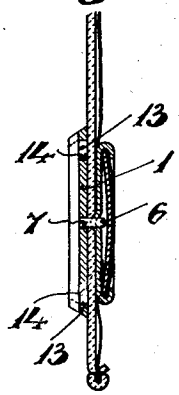


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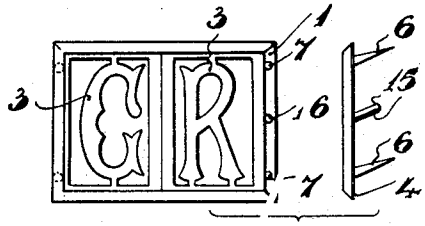
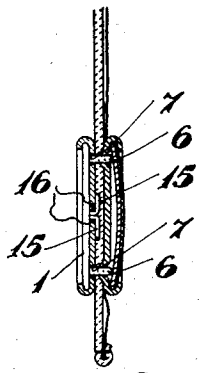


Fig. 11.



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INITIAL IDENTIFICATION DEVICE

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This invention relates to identification devices, comprising initial or other letters, for attachment to hand-bags, purses, pouches, attaché-cases and other articles.

The object of the present invention is to enable an identification device to be readily made up with a combination of any two or more letters, which may correspond to the initials of the owner of the hand-bag or other article

According to the invention, the identification device comprises a frame or holder having flanged edges or guides beneath or with which separate letters units may be slid from an open end or side of the said frame or holder, the said open end or side being adapted to be closed, after the letter units have been introduced, by means of a separate bar or other member. The frame may be secured to the hand-bag or the like by means of pins, prongs or similar means carried by the said frame, the same being passed through the material of the article and bent or clinched over at the back. Preferably the separate end bar or closure member is applied to the face of the frame or holder and carries one or more of the said pins or the like, which thus serve to secure the bar in place as well as to attach the frame to the bag or the like. To prevent lateral tilting or canting of the closure bar when the prongs or the like thereon are being bent over, projections may be provided on the said bar adapted to engage apertures in or suitable parts on the frame or holder. The prongs for attaching the identification device may, after being passed through the material of the hand-bag or other article, be engaged through holes in a metal back plate which may carry a card for bearing the name and address of the owner.

Figure 1 of the accompanying drawings is a front view of an identification device constructed in accordance with this invention and shown fitted to the flap of a hand bag.

Figure 2 is a view of the rear or inside face of the flap, showing the back plate (with the name and address card) through which the prongs on the identification device are passed.

Figure 3 is a view of the back plate with the name and address card and the celluloid covering removed, to show the bent-over prongs of the identification device.

Figure 4 represents a cross-section on the line 4—4, Figure 1.

Figure 5 is a cross-section on the line 5—5, Figure 1.

Figure 6 represents a longitudinal section on the line 6—6, Figure 1.

Figure 7 shows the frame of the identification device before it has been attached, and before the end bar of the initial letters (shown separately) have been fitted in place.

Figure 8 illustrates a modified arrangement in which the end bar is provided with projections adapted to engage slots in the frame or holder.

Figure 9 is a cross-section through the said modified arrangement after the device has been attached, illustrating the manner in which the projections on the end bar fit into the slots in the frame.

Figure 10 is a view of a further modified arrangement in which special prongs are provided on the end bar for securing it to the frame.

Figure 11 is a sectional view of the arrangement illustrated in the preceding figure, showing the prongs for the attachment of the end bar bent over against the back of the frame.

Referring to Figures 1 to 7 of the drawings, the identification device consists of a rectangular metal carrier frame 1 of skeleton form having upon its front face overhanging flanges 2 extending along the top and bottom edges and along one end, leaving the opposite end open. The said frame is adapted to receive two or more separate letter units 3, each of which consists of a rectangular metal border enclosing any desired letter joined to the border, each unit comprising the border and letter being preferably stamped or cut out integrally from a blank. The said letter units are adapted to be slid into the carrier frame 1 from the open end so as to engage beneath the flanges 2 and lie

closely side by side. Two or more units may be thus inserted, and thus any desired combination of initials may be readily obtained. The carrier frame may be strengthened by one or more vertical cross-pieces which are positioned to lie behind the adjacent border parts of the letter units, so that the letters themselves are situated in front of the openings of the carrier frame.

After the letter units 3 have been inserted in the frame 1, the open end of the latter is closed by a separate metal bar 4 which seats itself upon the frame at the said open end so as to engage between the ends of the side flanges 2, as illustrated in Figure 1. The frame is secured to the bag or the like by three prongs, namely by a prong 5 carried by the back of the closed end portion of the frame and by a pair of prongs 6 carried by the back of the closure bar 4. These prongs 6 are flat or of a rectangular section and are adapted to be passed through slots 7 (see Figure 7) in the frame, after which all three prongs are passed through the material of the bag 8, and are engaged with holes 7′ in a back plate 9. The latter serves as a holder for an address card 10, as described in Letters Patent of the United States, No. 1,618,073 granted to me February 15, 1927, the three prongs being bent down into grooves 11 in the back plate as shown in Figure 3. The card 10 is slid beneath flanges on the back plate 9 and is protected by a celluloid covering 12. The prongs on the closure bar not only assist in securing the frame to the bag, but also hold the bar in place upon the frame.

If desired the closure bar 4 may carry a single pin 6 adapted to engage a hole 7 in the frame 1, as illustrated in Figures 8 and 9, whilst in order to prevent the bar from tilting or canting laterally when the pin 6 is being bent over, the said bar may be provided upon its underside, with rearwardly-projecting lugs 13 which engage and fit closely within slots or apertures 14 in the frame 1.

If desired, means may be provided for attaching the closure bar to the frame independently of the prongs which secure the device to the material, as shown in Figures 10 and 11. Thus, the closure bar 4 is provided in addition to the attachment prongs 6 with a pair of prongs 15 adapted to be passed through a hole 16 in the frame 1 and bent back against the rear face of the latter, as shown in Figure 11, the prongs 6 being passed through the holes 7 in the frame. In this manner the frame may be closed and the initial letters 3 prevented from being detached before the device is fixed to the material.

Four prongs or pins may be provided for securing the device, two on the closure bar and two on the frame; or any other suitable number of prongs or pins may be employed.

Having fully described my invention, what I desire to claim and secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. An identification device comprising a holder, an attachment prong on the holder, guides on the holder, letter units adapted to be slid into the guides from the one end of the holder, a bar for closing the said end of the holder so as to hold the letter units in place, and a prong on the bar adapted to be passed through the holder and through the article to which the device is to be attached.

2. An identification device comprising a frame, flanges at the sides of the frame, letter units adapted to be slid beneath the flanges from the one end of the frame, a bar for closing the said end of the frame, a prong on the bar for passing through the frame and through the material to which the device is to be attached, and a projection on the bar adapted to engage an opening in the frame.

3. An identification device for attachment to hand bags and the like comprising a frame having bendable prongs suitable for engaging the hand bag material and having angular inturned flanges along three sides and a hole at its open end, letter units slidably aranged with their top and bottom margins underneath the adjacent flanges, and a closure bar which has a prong arranged to extend through the hole in the frame and engage the hand bag material.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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