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Fig. 1

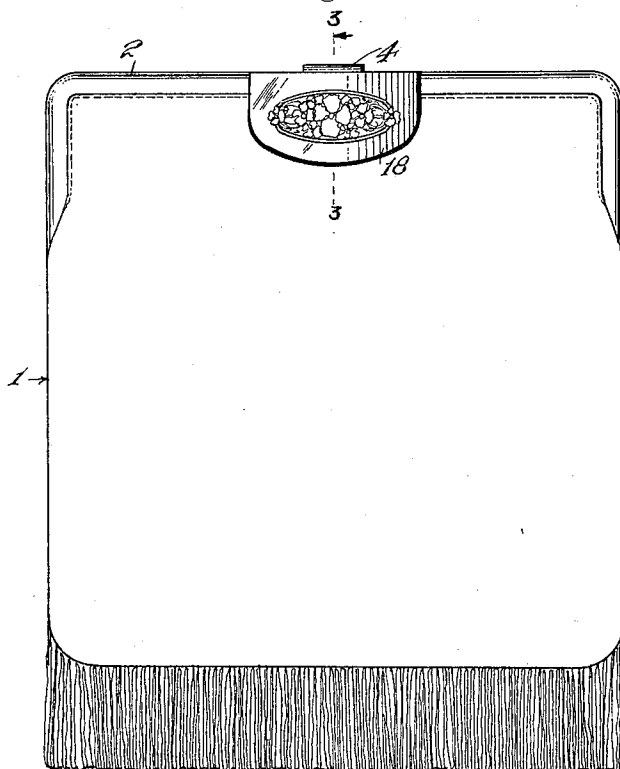
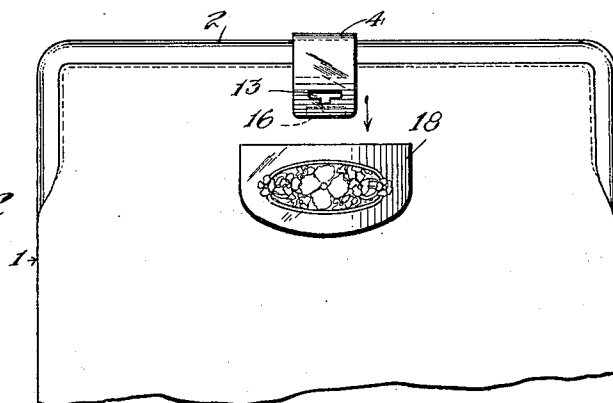


Fig. 2



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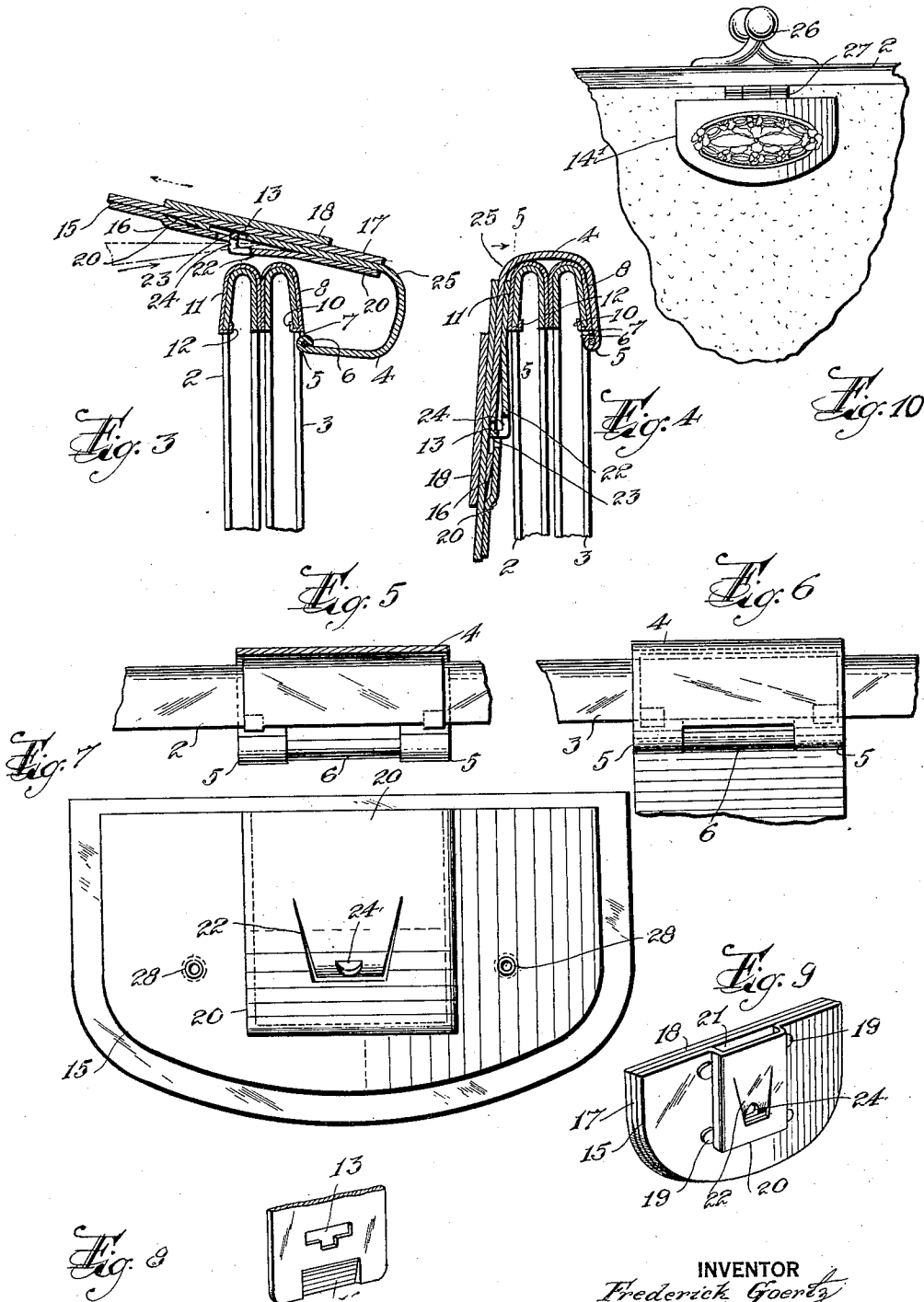
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This invention relates to hand-bags, purses and similar articles, and the invention has reference, more particularly to a novel interchangeable ornament or the like and mounting means for such articles.

The invention has for its principal object to provide a novel construction of interchangeable ornament or article of utility and mounting therefor of the above character, which serves not only to beautify the article to which it is applied, but also provides a means whereby the article may be opened or closed.

The invention has for a further object to provide, in connection with hand-bags and similar articles, ornaments or articles of utility that may be easily and quickly interchanged so as to satisfy varying tastes.

Other objects of the present invention, not at this time more particularly enumerated, will be clearly understood from the following detailed description of the same.

With the various objects of the present invention in view, the same consists, primarily, in the novel interchangeable ornament or the like and its mounting, and the like, herein-after set forth; and the invention consists, furthermore, in the various arrangements and combinations of the several devices and parts, as well as in the details of the construction of the same, all of which will be more fully described in the following specification, and then finally embodied in the claims which are appended thereto.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Fig. 1 is a view in side elevation of a bag having a catch equipped with the novel interchangeable ornament and its mounting, made according to and embodying the principles of this invention;

Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1 with parts broken away and illustrates the interchangeable ornament removed from its mounting;

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary sectional view taken substantially along line 3—3 of Fig. 1 and illustrates the catch in released position and the manner of removing an ornament from its mounting.

Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 3 with the catch in its operative position;

Fig. 5 is a view taken along line 5—5 of Fig. 4 with parts broken away;

Fig. 6 is a fragmentary rear view of the device of Fig. 4;

Fig. 7 is a rear view of an interchangeable ornament;

Fig. 8 is a fragmentary rear perspective view of a portion of the interchangeable ornament mounting;

Fig. 9 is a perspective view of a slightly modified form of interchangeable ornament; and

Fig. 10 is a fragmentary side view of the interchangeable ornament and mounting applied to a bag having a common form of catch.

Similar characters of references are employed in all of the hereinabove described views, to indicate corresponding parts.

Referring now to Figs. 1 to 9 of the drawings, the reference numeral 1 designates a hand-bag or similar article having U-shaped frames 2 and 3 that are hinged together at their ends. A hinged catch 4 is provided on the bag 1 and is adapted to extend around the frames 2 and 3 when in its operative position to thereby retain there frames in abutting relation and the bag 1 in closed condition. Catch 4 is formed at one end with knuckles 5 which are pivotally mounted on a hinge pin 6 that is carried by a tongue 7 formed on a bracket 8, or otherwise forming a part of the bag frame. Bracket 8 extends around frame 3 and has integral clinching lugs or tongues 10 that are bent upon the frame 3 thereby securing said bracket 8 to this frame. A bracket 11 that is similar to bracket 8 is secured upon the frame 2 by lugs 12 and is positioned in opposed relation to the bracket 8. Catch 4 may be swung about the hinge pin 6 from its inoperative position as illustrated in Fig. 3 to its operative position illustrated in Fig. 4, or vice versa.

The catch 4 is provided near its free end with a transversely extending slot 13. Beyond the slot 13, the free end portion of the catch 4 is beveled, as at 16, so as to produce a knife-like edge extending the greater part

of the width of the end of the catch 4. The free end portion of the catch 4 serves as a mounting for an interchangeable ornament designated as a whole by the reference numeral 14. The ornament 14 is illustrated as comprising a back plate 15 preferably of metal and a front plate 17 which may be of metal, celluloid or other suitable ornamental material. These plates are secured together as by rivets 28, shown in Fig. 7, or by lugs 19 formed on the front plate 17, which lugs extend through apertures in the back plate and are bent over as illustrated in Fig. 9. A plaque 18 or other suitable ornamental device or article of utility (such as a vanity case or box) is secured to the outer face of the front plate 17 as by soldering to the ends of rivets 28 or in any other convenient way. The back plate 15 is formed with a rearwardly offset portion 20. The interior of offset portion 20 together with a portion of the rear wall of the front plate 17 forms a recess or socket 21 into which the free end portion of the catch 4 extends when the ornament 14 is mounted upon the catch 4. If desired the offset portion 20 may be made separable from the back plate and secured to this plate as by bent over lugs or tongues. The offset portion 20 is provided with a resilient tongue 22 that is preferably cut out of the body of the offset portion. The free end portion of the tongue 22 is bent inwardly substantially at right angles to form a releasable catch-projection 23. The inner end of said projection 23 normally abuts against the back wall of the front plate 17. Projection 23 is adapted to spring into the slot 13 of catch 4 to retain the ornament 14 on this catch, as will be later described. The tongue 22 is provided with an aperture 24 at the juncture of the projection 23 with the main body of the tongue 22.

Assuming that the ornament 14 is disconnected from the catch 4, then to secure this ornament to the latter it is merely necessary to pass same onto the free end portion of catch 4 so that the walls of recess 21 slide over this free end portion of catch 4. Continued movement of the ornament 14 causes the bevel 16 to engage and lift the projection 23 against the tension of the resilient tongue 22. Projection 23 rides up upon the bevel 16 and finally snaps into the slot 13, thereby locking said ornament 14 upon the free end portion of catch 4. At the same time that projection 23 engages within the slot 13 the upper end of the offset portion 20 engages the curved portion 25 of the catch 4, so that the ornament 14 is firmly held between two points.

With the ornament 14 secured to its mounting on the catch 4, should it be desired to remove the ornament from its mounting, as for the purpose of attaching a different ornament, it is merely necessary to insert a suitable tool into the opening 24, as indicated in

dotted lines in Fig. 3, and to pry the resilient tongue 22 outwardly so that the projection 23 is withdrawn from the recess 13. The ornament 14 may then be removed from the catch 4 by merely sliding the ornament off of the catch as indicated by the dotted arrow in Fig. 3.

Thus it will be seen that the ornament 14 is readily interchangeable with similar ornaments. This is desirable as it enables a customer to have any one of a plurality of ornaments attached to any given bag purchased. Likewise a plurality of ornaments 14 may be purchased and the purchaser may obtain a variety of effects by changing the ornaments 14 on a bag from time to time.

With the style of catch 26 illustrated in Fig. 10, the ornament 14' is attached to a mounting 27 that is separate from the catch itself. Mounting 27 is similar to the free end portion of catch 4 and is illustrated as hinged to the frame 2. By releasing the catch 26 and pulling upon the ornament 14' the bag may be easily opened.

It is obvious that a plurality of styles and sizes of interchangeable ornaments 14 may be utilized in carrying out the invention. In Fig. 9 for example, the plaque 18 is shown as having the same dimensions as the back plate 15 whereas in the remaining figures this plaque has a different shape and is of smaller dimensions.

It will thus be seen that a novel form of desirable and easily interchangeable ornament is provided by this invention for handbags and similar articles. These ornaments in addition to their beautifying qualities also serve the important function of providing a finger-piece which may be gripped to effect the opening and closing of the article.

As many changes could be made in the above construction and many apparently widely different embodiments of this invention could be made without departing from the scope thereof, 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.

What is claimed is:—

1. The combination of a mounting provided with an aperture, and an ornament removably carried by said mounting, said ornament substantially surrounding said mounting and having a releasable resilient member extending through said aperture in abutting relation to a portion of said ornament and serving to lock said ornament upon said mounting.

2. The combination of a mounting having a curved portion and provided with an aperture spaced from said curved portion, and a removable ornament substantially surrounding said mounting, said ornament being provided with a resilient tongue having a por-

tion thereof extending into said aperture when another portion of said ornament engages the curved portion of said mounting for securing said ornament to said mounting.

5 3. The combination of a catch, said catch having a free end portion provided with a receiving space, said free end portion having a bevel at its end, and an interchangeable ornament, said ornament having a recess for
10 receiving the free end portion of said catch, and a resilient member provided on said ornament and extending into said recess, said resilient member riding over said bevel and entering said receiving space of said catch
15 during the operation of securing said ornament to said catch.

4. The combination of an interchangeable ornament, said ornament having a back plate providing sidewalls and a front plate co-
20 operative with said back plate to provide a recess, and a resilient tongue formed on said back plate and extending into said recess; and a supporting member conforming to said recess for insertion into said recess, said
25 member having an aperture into which said resilient tongue extends so as to secure said ornament to said member.

5. The combination of an interchangeable ornament, said ornament having a back plate
30 and a front plate providing a recess and a resilient tongue formed on said back plate and having a projection extending into said recess; and a supporting member conforming to said recess and received within said recess,
35 said supporting member having a beveled end to facilitate its passing said projection during the assembly of said ornament upon said supporting member and said supporting member also having a recess into which said
40 projection snaps, thereby locking said ornament upon said member.

6. The combination of an apertured supporting member, said supporting member having a bevel at its end; and an interchangeable
45 ornament having a back plate and a front plate providing a recess conforming to said supporting member, a resilient tongue provided on said back plate, said tongue having an opening and an integral projection
50 normally extending into said recess and abutting against said front plate, said projection riding over said bevel and entering the aperture in said supporting member during the operation of securing said ornament to said
55 supporting member, and said opening in said resilient tongue admitting the insertion of a tool to pry said resilient tongue so that said projection may be withdrawn from said recess, thereby enabling said ornament to be
60 slipped off said supporting member.

In testimony, that I claim the invention set forth above I have hereunto set my hand this 10th day of July 1928.

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