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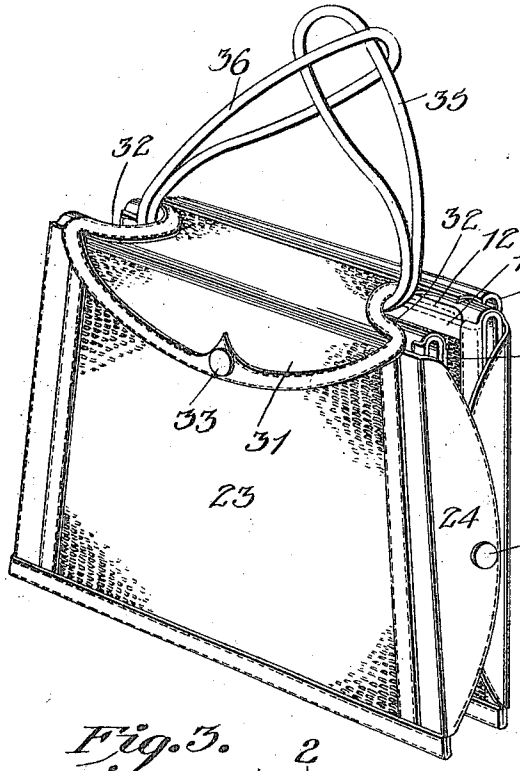


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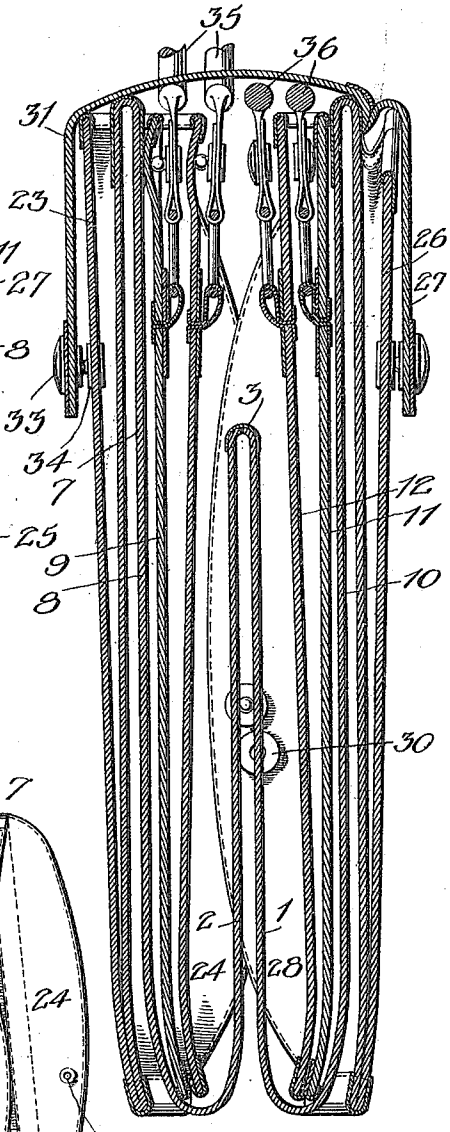
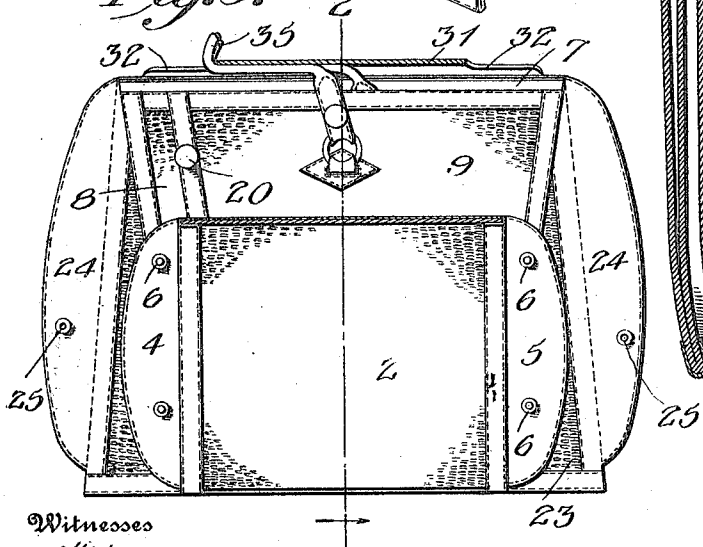


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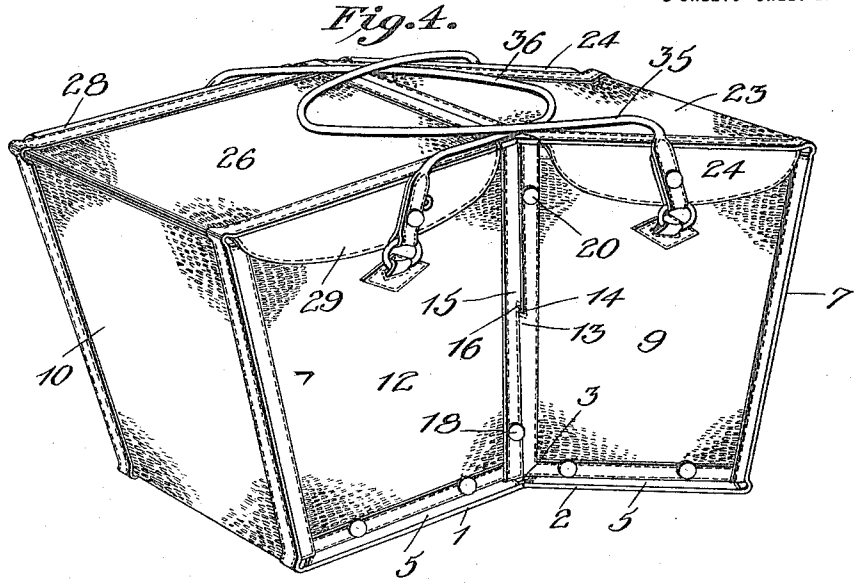


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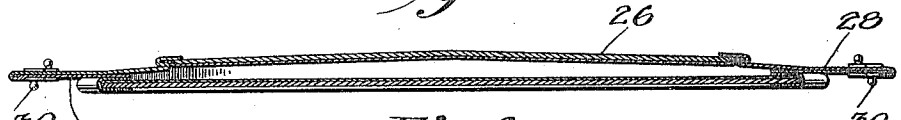
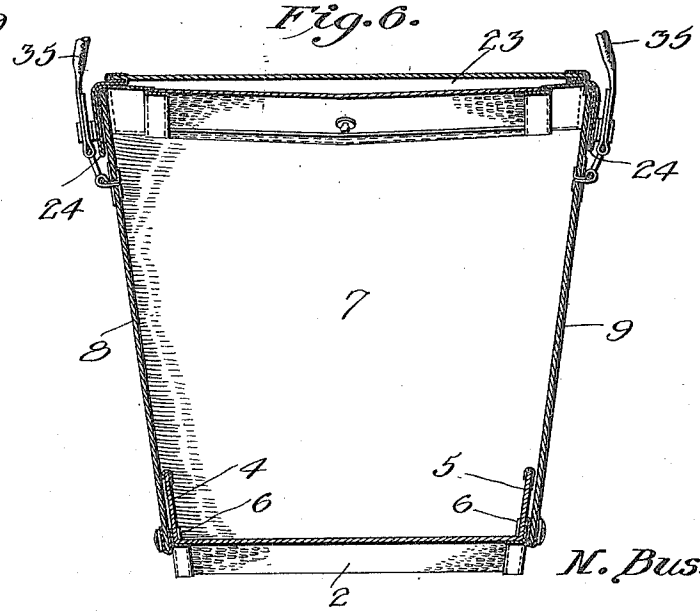


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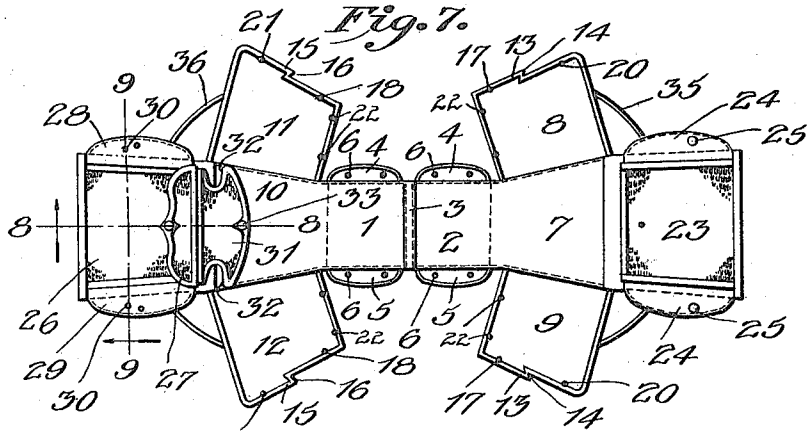


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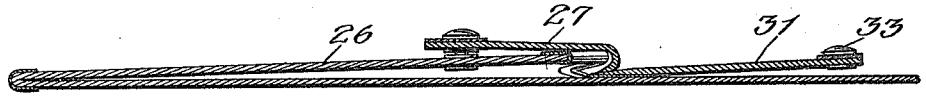
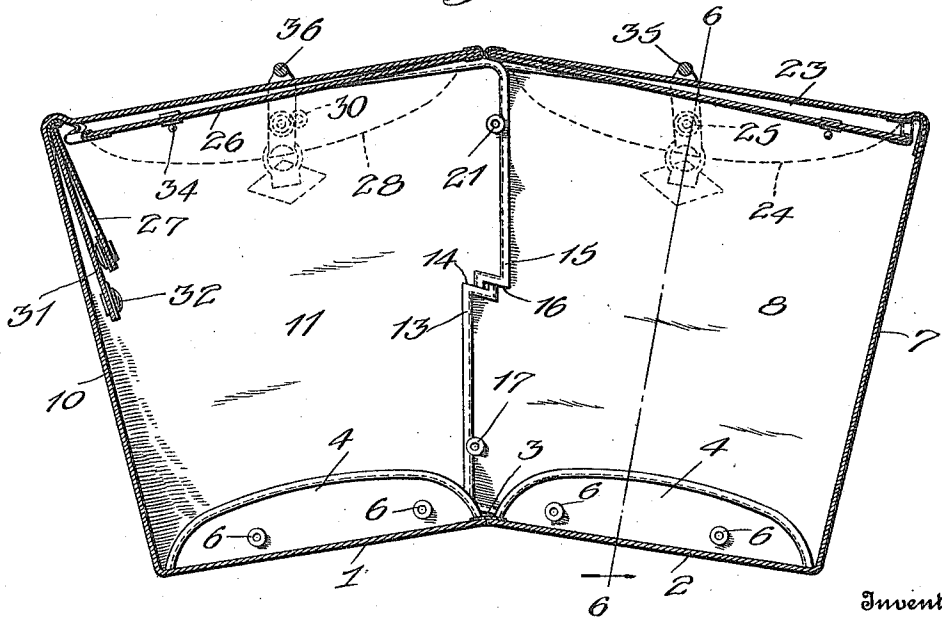


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NATHAN BUSHWICK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Maspeth, in the county of Queens and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Folding Hand-Bags; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to improvements in hand bags or satchels of a class which may be converted into different sizes by folding and fastening its parts.

The object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which may be folded to present the appearance of a comparatively small hand bag provided with flap closed pockets on opposite sides and which may be extended when desired to form a comparatively large basket, such as is used for marketing and the like.

In the accompanying drawing: Figure 1 represents a perspective view of this improved satchel in collapsed or folded position in the form of a hand bag; Fig. 2 is a transverse vertical section thereof taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 3; Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section thereof; Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the device extended and set up for use as a basket; Fig. 5 is a longitudinal section of the device set up as a basket; Fig. 6 is a transverse section on line 6—6 of Fig. 5 of the device in partly folded position; Fig. 7 is a plan view of the blank; Fig. 8 is a longitudinal section on the line 8—8 of Fig. 7. Fig. 9 is a transverse section on the line 9—9 of Fig. 7.

In the embodiment illustrated, a receptacle is shown constructed to be folded to present the appearance of a handbag and to be extended to form a basket. This receptacle is composed of, as is shown clearly in Fig. 7, two flexibly connected central sections 1 and 2 adapted, when the device is extended, to form the bottom of a basket. These section 1 and 2 are formed exactly alike, being of the same shape and size, and are connected together by a strip of leather 3, or other suitable material. Each of these sections 1 and 2 is provided at its opposite side edges with flaps 4 and 5, here shown with rounded corners and equipped with fastening elements 6 on their outer faces for cooperation with other fastening elements to be hereinafter described.

Flexibly connected to the free end of the section 2 is an end member 7 which flares outwardly toward its free end and has secured to its opposite sides wings 8 and 9 which are flexibly connected with said member 7 and are for a purpose to be described.

Flexibly secured to the free end of section 1 is an end member 10 corresponding in shape and size to the member 7 and having wings 11 and 12 flexibly connected with its opposite side edges, said wings being of the same shape and size as the wings 8 and 9 of the member 7. The wings 8 and 9 have their free side edges cut away for a portion of their length, about one half more or less, forming on the other half of the edges tongues 13 which extend from the bottom or lower end of the wings to a point midway the height thereof, the outer ends of said tongues being inclined downwardly and inwardly as shown at 14.

The wings 11 and 12 have their free side edges cut away on the lower half thereof forming tongues 15 at the upper half which terminate at their lower ends in upwardly and inwardly inclined faces 16, which are adapted to interlock with the inclined faces formed on the tongues of the wings 8 and 9 when the device is set up to form a basket. The inclined ends of the tongues 13 on the wings 8 and 9 are adapted to extend under the correspondingly shaped ends of the tongues 15 on the wings 11 and 12, as is shown clearly in Figs. 5 and 7. The tongues 13 on the wings 8 and 9 are here shown provided on their outer faces near their outer ends with fastening elements 17 which are adapted to coöperate with complementary fastening elements 18 on the cutaway edges of the wings 11 and 12 near their lower ends, whereby the tongues 13 of the wings 8 and 9 are adapted to extend under the cutaway edges of the wings 11 and 12 and the tongues 15 of said wings 11 and 12 extend under the cutaway edges of the wings 8 and 9, and said edges are provided near their upper faces with coöperating complementary fastening elements 20 and 21 respectively, whereby rigid side members for the basket are formed when the device is converted into a basket, as is shown clearly in Fig. 4. The lower ends of the wings 8, 9, 11 and 12 near their bottom edges are pro-

vided with fastening elements 22 which are adapted to coöperate with the elements 6 on the flaps 5 of the bottom sections 1 and 2 for securely fastening said wings to said bottom sections.

Flexibly connected to the outer end of the member 7 is a pocket 23 which conforms in shape to the member 7 and is adapted to be folded downwardly on the outer face thereof, and may be used to retain small articles when the device is used as a basket or similarly used when it is folded to form a handbag. The opposite sides of this pocket 23 are provided with flaps 24 which are provided with fastening elements 25 for a purpose to be described.

Flexibly connected with the outer free end of the member 10 is a pocket 26 also shaped to correspond with the member 10 and adapted to be folded down on the outer face thereof with its opening formed at the upper ends and adapted to be closed by a flap 27. This pocket 26 is also provided at its opposite side edges with flaps 28 and 29 which are equipped with fastening elements 30 adapted for coöperation with the fastening elements 25 on the flaps 24 of the pocket 23 when the device is folded to form a handbag. An inturned flap 31 is also secured to the free outer end of the member 10 and has recesses or notches 32 formed in its opposite ends to receive handles to be described, when the device is not used as a handbag. This flap 31 is also equipped with a fastening element 33 which is adapted to coöperate with a complementary fastening element 34 on the outer face of the pocket 23 near its upper end for securing the parts in folded position to form a device having the appearance of a handbag. A handle 35 is secured at its opposite ends to the outer faces of the wings 8 and 9 near their outer ends, and a similar handle 36 is connected at its opposite ends to the outer faces of the wings 11 and 12 near their outer or upper ends, said handles being adapted for use for lifting and carrying the device when it is set up as a basket, as is shown clearly in Fig. 4. They are also designed as a carrying means or supports for the device when it is folded as a hand bag, said handles when so used, extending through the notches or recesses 32 at the opposite ends of the closure or flap 31, as is shown clearly in Fig. 1.

When the parts of the device are in open position, as shown in Fig. 7 and it is desired to convert it into a basket, the wings 8 and 11 are moved upwardly and inwardly in position at right angles to the bottom sections 1 and 2 with their cut away edges interlocked and secured together by the fastening elements carried by their respective tongues and the cutaway side edges as above described and the fastening elements on the lower edges of said wings are engaged with complementary fastening elements of the flaps 4 on one side of the bottom sections 1 and 2, thereby forming one side of the basket, the members 7 and 10 forming the ends thereof. The wings 9 and 12 are positioned similarly to the wings 8 and 11 and the free ends thereof are interlockingly engaged and secured by the coöperating fastening elements carried thereby, the lower edges of said wings being secured to the flaps 5 at the other side of the bottom sections 1 and 2. When the parts are in this position, the pockets 23 and 26 extend downwardly on the outer faces of the end members 7 and 10 of the basket, and may be used for carrying small articles. The handles 35 and 36 span the basket from opposite sides and may be used for carrying it.

When it is desired to convert the basket into the form of a handbag as shown in Fig. 1, the free edges of the wings 8 and 11 and 9 and 12 respectively are disconnected and their lower edges are disconnected from the flaps on the bottom sections 1 and 2. The wings 8 and 9 and 11 and 12 are then folded inwardly toward each other, and the handles are extended outwardly. The sections 1 and 2 are then folded inwardly which brings the pocket members together and the handles are passed outwardly at opposite ends and the flap 31 is secured to the pocket 23 by the coöperating fastening elements thereon and the fastening elements on the flaps 24 are engaged with the complementary fastening elements on the flaps 28 and 29 on the pocket 26, thereby forming a device having the appearance of a handbag and the pockets 23 and 26 are arranged on the outer faces of the hand bag and may be used for retaining such articles as will fit in them.

From the above description, it will be obvious that the device when folded presents a neat compact appearance and occupies very little space and may be readily carried by a housewife or other person, and afterward converted into a basket for conveying home marketing and other purchases.

This receptacle may be constructed of any suitable material, either leather, canvas, straw, or any material which may be suitable or desirable.

I claim as my invention:—

1. A convertible hand bag and basket comprising flexibly connected bottom sections, end members flexibly connected with the free ends of said bottom sections, wings foldably connected to the side edges of each end member, and interlocking means carried by said wings for fastening said wings together.

2. A convertible hand bag and basket comprising flexibly connected bottom sections, end members flexibly connected with the free ends of said bottom sections, wings foldably connected to the side edges of each

end member, the wings on the respective end members having interlocking elements and coöperating fastening elements for securing the wings of one end member to those of the other end member, and means for connecting said wings with said bottom sections.

3. A convertible hand bag and basket comprising flexibly connected bottom sections, end members flexibly connected with the free ends of said bottom sections, wings foldably connected to the side edges of each end member, the wings on the respective end members having interlocking tongues and coöperating fastening elements for securing the wings of one end member to those of the other end member, and means for detachably connecting said wings with said bottom sections.

4. A convertible hand bag and basket comprising flexibly connected bottom sections, end members flexibly connected with the free ends of said bottom sections, wings foldably connected to the side edges of each end member, the wings on one end member having the upper portion of their free end edges cut away and the wings on the other end member having the lower portion of their free end edges cut away to form interlocking means for connecting said wings together, fastening elements for locking said wings in connected position, and means for detachably connecting said wings and bottom sections.

5. A convertible hand bag and basket comprising flexibly connected bottom sections, end members flexibly connected with the free ends of said bottom sections, wings foldably connected to the side edges of each end member, the wings on one end member having the upper portion of their free end edges cut away and the wings on the other end member having the lower portion of their free end edges cut away to form interlocking tongues, said tongues having their inner ends inclined downwardly and inwardly and adapted for interlocking engagement to hold said wings in connected relation, means for locking said wings in connected position, and means for detachably connecting said wings and bottom sections.

6. A convertible hand bag and basket comprising flexibly connected bottom sections, end members flexibly connected with the free ends of said bottom sections, wings foldably connected to the side edges of each end member, the wings on the respective end members having interlocking elements and coöperating fastening elements for securing the wings of one end member to those of the other end member, said bottom sections having flaps flexibly connected with their side edges and coöperating fastening elements on said flaps and wings for securing them detachably together.

7. A convertible hand bag and basket comprising flexibly connected bottom sections, end members flexibly connected with the free ends of said bottom sections, wings foldably connected to the side edges of each end member, the wings on the respective end members having interlocking elements and coöperating fastening elements for securing the wings of one end member to those of the other end member, and means for connecting said wings with said bottom sections, and handles secured at their opposite ends to the outer faces of said wings.

8. A convertible hand bag and basket comprising flexibly connected substantially rectangular bottom sections, end members flexibly connected with the free ends of said bottom sections and flaring toward their outer ends, wings foldably connected to the side edges of each end member and shaped to correspond therewith, means carried by said wings for fastening them together, and means for detachably connecting the bottom edges of said wings with the side edges of said bottom sections.

9. A convertible handbag and basket comprising flexibly connected bottom sections, end members flexibly connected with the free ends of said bottom sections, wings foldably connected to the side edges of each end member, means carried by said wings for fastening them together, and pockets flexibly connected at their upper ends with the upper ends of said end members.

10. A convertible hand bag and basket comprising flexibly connected bottom sections, end members flexibly connected with the free ends of said bottom sections, wings foldably connected to the side edges of each end member, means carried by said wings for fastening them together, pockets flexibly connected at their upper ends with the upper ends of said end members, said pockets being provided on their side edges with flaps, and complementary fastening members on the flaps of the respective pockets for securing the pocket to the pocket at the other end when the device is in collapsed position to form a hand bag.

11. A convertible hand bag and basket comprising flexibly connected bottom sections, end members flexibly connected with the free ends of said bottom sections, wings foldably connected to the side edges of each end member, and means carried by said wings for fastening them together, pockets flexibly connected at their upper ends with the upper ends of said end members, said pockets being provided on their side edges with flaps, complementary fastening members on the flaps of the respective pockets at one end for securing the pocket to the pocket at the other end when the device is in collapsed position to form a hand bag, and a flap secured to the upper end of one end member, said flap and the pocket on the

other end member having complementary fastening elements for holding the device in folded position.

12. A convertible hand bag and basket comprising flexibly connected bottom sections, end members flexibly connected with the free ends of said bottom sections, wings foldably connected to the side edges of each end member, and means carried by said wings for fastening said wings together, pockets flexibly connected at their upper ends with the upper ends of said end members, said pockets being provided on their side edges with flaps, complementary fastening members on the flaps of the respective pockets for securing the pocket at one end to the pocket at the other end when the device is in collapsed position to form a hand bag, a flap secured to the upper end of one end member, said flap and the pocket on the other end member having complementary fastening elements for holding the device in folded position, said flap having its opposite ends recessed, and handles secured at opposite ends to the opposed wings of the device, and adapted to enter recesses in said flap when the device is in folded position to form a hand bag.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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