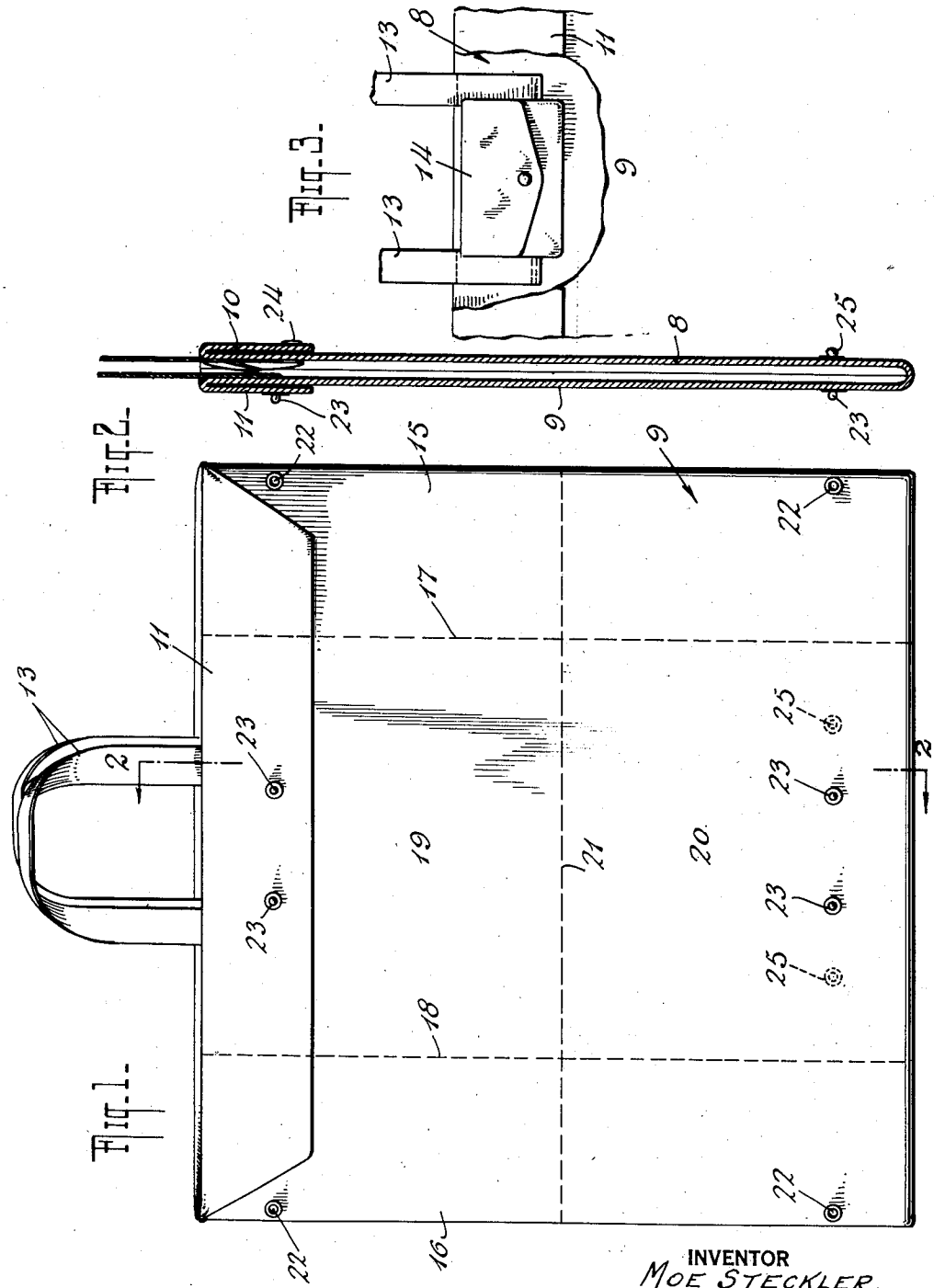
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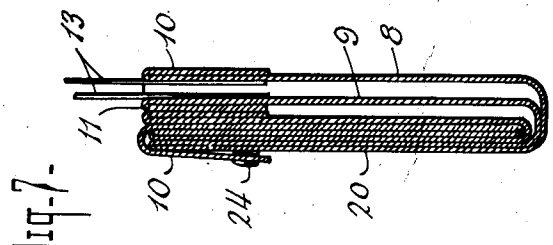


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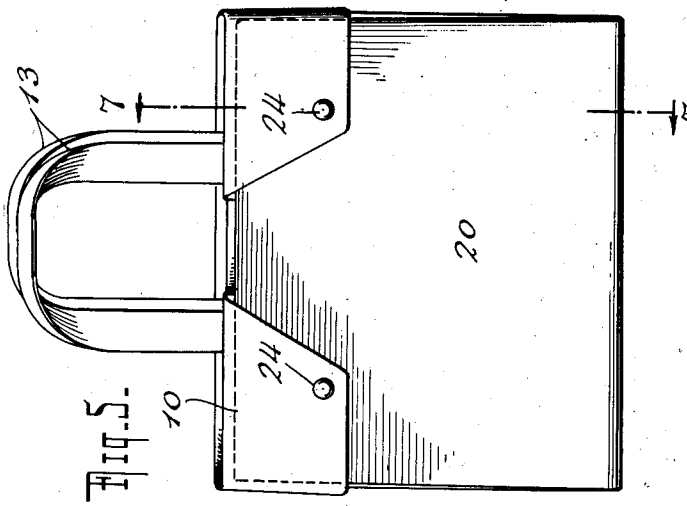


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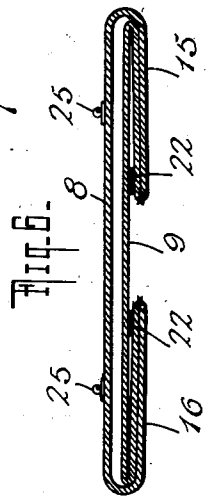


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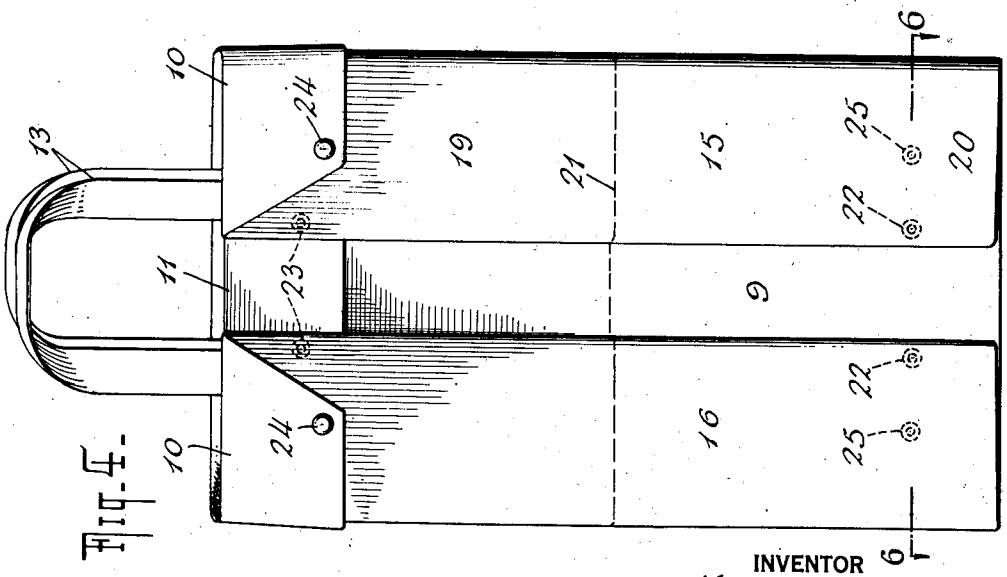


Fig. 4.

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This invention relates to improvements in receptacles, and has particular reference to a foldable bag.

An object of the invention is to provide an improved bag of simple, inexpensive and practical construction, portions of which are capable of being secured in different adjusted positions to alter the size and carrying capacity of the bag.

Another object is to provide a bag of flexible material which may be readily folded and to arrange suitable fastening means at various places on the bag in such manner that different sections of the bag may be folded and secured in position to vary both the depth and width thereof.

The above and other objects will appear more clearly from the following detail description, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, which illustrate a preferred embodiment of the inventive idea.

In the drawings—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the bag constructed in accordance with the invention, showing it in its completely unfolded condition;

Figure 2 is a section on the line 2—2 of Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a fragmentary view, partly broken away, illustrating a coin purse which may be secured in the bag;

Figure 4 is a view similar to Figure 1, showing the bag in partly folded position with the width thereof decreased;

Figure 5 is a similar view of the bag completely folded;

Figure 6 is a section on the line 6—6 of Figure 4; and

Figure 7 is a section on the line 7—7 of Figure 5.

The bag of the present invention is made of any suitable flexible material which can be easily folded and which will resist any tendency to crack or break along the folding lines. The bag is one which is more especially adapted for shopping purposes, as when marketing, and can be made in various sizes.

The body of the bag is preferably made from a single length of material which is folded upon itself along a transverse line to constitute the two walls 8 and 9 the vertical edges of which are stitched or otherwise secured together while said transverse line forms the bottom edge of the body. At the top or open end of the body the walls thereof are provided, respectively, with the exterior flaps 10 and 11, while secured to the interior of the walls medially of the vertical edges of the body are the handles 13. A coin purse 14 may also be secured to one of the walls adjacent the open end of the body, as shown in Figure 3.

In accordance with the present invention it is proposed to provide means whereby sections of the bag may be folded and secured in such positions as to vary the size thereof. Said means are preferably in the form of snap fasteners of the stud and socket type, although it will be understood that other fastening means may be employed, if desired, without departing from the spirit or scope of the invention.

For purposes of folding, the body of the bag is divided into end sections 15 and 16 defined by the vertical folding lines 17 and 18, respectively, and into top and bottom sections 19 and 20 defined by the medial horizontal folding line 21. When it is desired to decrease the size of the bag as to width but retain the same depth, the end sections 15 and 16 are folded on the lines 17 and 18 to the position shown in Figure 4 and a pair of socket members 22 carried by the wall 9 in each of the end sections is engaged with associated pairs of stud members 23 certain of which are secured to the wall 9 adjacent the bottom thereof while the others are fastened to the flap 11.

Should it be desired to further decrease the size of the bag the bottom section 20 thereof, including the lower portions of the end sections 15 and 16, is folded over upon the line 21 from the position shown in Figure 4 to that shown in Figure 5, the corners of the bottom section being tucked under the ends of the flap 10 which carry the socket members 24. The wall 8 carries a pair of stud members 25 with which the socket members 24 are engaged to secure the corners of the bottom section under the ends of the flap 10. The bag is now reduced to its smallest size and may be unfolded to its larger sizes by reversing the operation just described.

What is claimed is:

A foldable bag comprising a body having opposed walls and an open end, flaps extending along the exterior of said walls at said open end, said body further including

end sections foldable upon vertical lines upon one of said walls, cooperating fasteners carried by one of said walls and its associated flap for securing said end sections in folded position, said bag further including a bottom section foldable on a horizontal line with the corners of said section insertable beneath the other of said flaps, and cooperating fasteners carried by the latter flap and its associated wall for securing said bottom section in folded position.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature.

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