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Fig. 1.

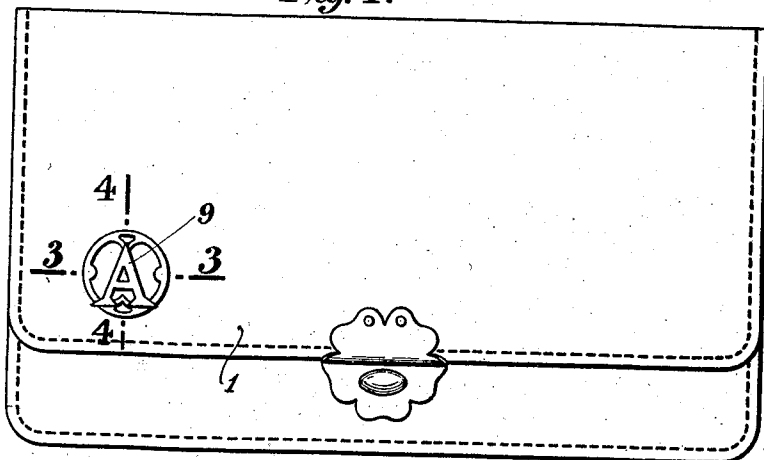
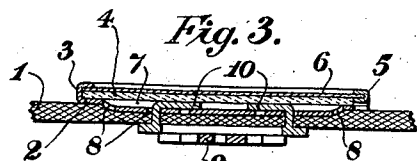


Fig. 2.

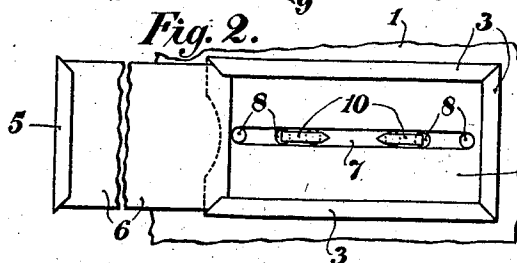


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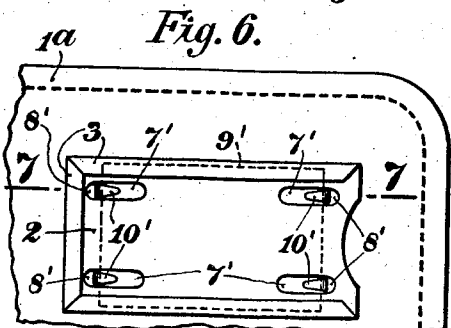
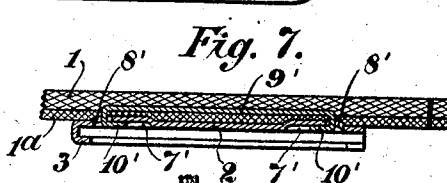


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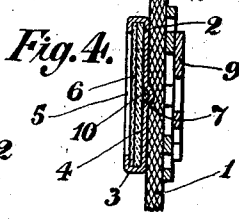
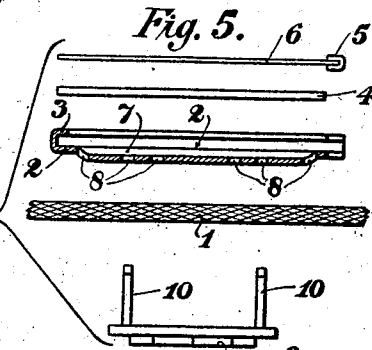


Fig. 5.



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IDENTIFICATION DEVICE FOR ATTACHÉ CASES, HAND BAGS, POUCHES, OR OTHER ARTICLES.

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This invention relates to identification devices for attaché cases, hand bags, pouches, or other articles, such devices being of that type comprising a card, tablet or the like contained within a suitable frame or holder and adapted to bear the name, or the name and address or other identification mark, of the owner. The object of the invention is to provide improved means for securing the identification device to the article in a neat and effective manner.

The invention consists essentially in attaching the identification device to the face of the attaché case, hand bag or other article through the medium of an ornament, initial letter or plate which is applied to the opposite face of the article, or of the material thereof, and which is secured to the identification device through the medium of prongs or other parts passing through the material. These prongs are preferably carried by the ornament, initial letter or attachment plate, and, after passing through the material of the article, they are preferably inserted through holes in the frame or holder carrying the card or tablet, being then bent over into grooves in the said part so as to lie clear of the card or tablet. The part carrying the card or tablet preferably comprises a flat plate having three of its edges bent up into flanges to receive the edges of the name card so as to form a frame for the latter, the open end of the frame being closed by a detachable metal strip or edging carrying a celluloid covering adapted to fit over the card or tablet.

Figure 1 of the accompanying drawings is an elevational view of a hand bag having an identification device attached thereto in accordance with this invention, showing the initial letter upon the outside of the flap of the bag, which initial letter serves to secure the identification device upon the inner face of the said flap.

Figure 2 shows, upon a larger scale, the frame or holder of the identification device upon the inside of the flap, the card or tablet for bearing the name and address being removed.

Figure 3 is a horizontal section on the line 3—3, Figure 1, upon a larger scale.

Figure 4 is a vertical section on the line 4—4, Figure 1, also upon a larger scale.

Figure 5 shows the initial letter and the parts of the identification device when separated, the flanged member and the fabric being shown in section.

Figure 6 illustrates an alternative method of attaching the frame or holder, in which a metal plate is employed instead of an initial letter.

Figure 7 is a section on the line 7—7, Figure 6.

Referring to Figures 1 to 5 of the drawings, the identification device is shown as being secured to the inner face of the closure flap 1 of a hand bag, and comprises a flat metal rectangular plate 2, the sides and one end of which are bent up and fashioned into inwardly-extending overhanging flanges 3, so as to form a frame open at one end. This frame is adapted to receive a card 4 intended to bear the name, or the name and address or other identification mark, of the owner, the said card being slid in through the open end of the frame so that its edges engage beneath the edges of the flanges 3. The card 4 may be held in position by a detachable end-member 5 formed by a strip of sheet-metal folded over along the middle, the folded-over portions being clenched onto the opposite faces of a celluloid covering 6 which is slid into the frame over the card. The main portion of the metal plate 2 is formed along the middle with a longitudinally-disposed groove 7 (see Figure 2), whilst formed in this groove at suitable distances apart are a series of separated holes or apertures 8. These holes are adapted to receive the prongs of an attachment member applied to the outer face of the flap of the hand bag so as to hold the identification device or frame member in place. This attachment member is, in the example shown, in the form of an initial letter 9, having upon its rear face a pair of prongs 10 adapted to be passed through the material of the flap 1 of the bag and through two of the holes 8 in the metal plate 2 of the identification device.

Thus, to attach the identification device, the metal name plate or frame member 2 of the latter is applied to the inner face of the flap 1 of the bag, and the initial letter 9 is applied to the opposite face of the flap, the prongs 10, with which the letter is provided, being passed through the material of the flap and through two of the holes 8 in the plate, a series of holes being provided in the latter for the purpose

of permitting of the ready attachment of initial letters of different sizes. After the prongs 10 have been passed through the holes 8 in the plate 2, as stated, their projecting extremities are bent down into the groove 7 in the said plate so that they thus lie clear of the name card 4, permitting the latter to be slid freely into place. In this manner the plate or frame member 2 may be firmly secured in position; the bent-over ends of the attachment prongs 10 being hidden from view by the name card 4, the latter, which is readily detachable, being protected, when in position, by the celluloid covering 6. This method of attachment gives a very neat and attractive appearance to the hand bag, which is greatly improved by the initial letter upon the outside of the flap. The identification device and initial letter may obviously be applied to any other suitable part of the bag.

Instead of employing an initial letter for securing the identification device in place, an ornament, in the form of an animal, bird or other figure, or of any suitable design, may be used for a similar purpose, the ornament being provided with prongs which are passed through the material of the bag, and through the holes in the metal plate or frame carrying the name card, and, the ends of the prongs being bent down into a groove, as in the previous example.

If desired, the identification device may be secured in place, as shown in Figures 6 and 7, by a plain metal plate 9', instead of being held in place by an initial letter or ornament. This plate 9', which may be of a rectangular shape, is preferably located behind the lining 1^a of the flap 1 of the bag (see Figure 7) so that it is hidden from view, whilst it may be provided, as shown, with four integral prongs 10', one near each corner, the said prongs after being passed through the material of the lining, extending through holes 8' formed at the respective corners of the plate or frame member 2 of the identification device. Each of these holes 8' is situated at the one end of a short groove 7', the grooves being preferably disposed parallel to the side edges of the plate or frame 2, as illustrated. After the prongs 10' have been engaged through the holes 8 they are bent down into the grooves 7', so that they thus lie clear of the name card.

It is obvious that in any of the above arrangements any suitable number of attachment prongs may be provided, with a corresponding number of holes in the plate

or frame carrying the name card, or particularly where an attachment plate is provided in lieu of an initial letter or ornament the name plate or frame may carry the prongs, the latter being passed through holes in the attachment plate and bent over; or other means may be provided for securing the identification device to the ornament, initial letter or attachment plate.

Although the invention has been specifically described as applied to a hand bag, it may also be applied to attaché cases, pouches, hats, and to various other articles.

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

1. An identification device for attaché cases, hand bags or similar articles, comprising a tablet-receiving pocket for application to one face of said article, said pocket being formed of a sheet of suitable material having three of its edges turned over toward its front face and forming three sides of a frame around a tablet inserted in said pocket, said sheet of material also having a depression in its outer face and having perforations through said depressed portion, a cover plate slidable in said pocket over the tablet contained in the latter, a strip secured to an edge of said cover plate and adapted, when said cover plate is inserted in said pocket, to complete the frame formed by the three turned over edges of said sheet of material, an attachment member for application to the opposite face of said article, and means carried by said attachment member and insertable through said material and the perforations of said pocket and adapted to be turned down in said depression.

2. An identification device for attaché cases, hand-bags or other articles comprising a carrier frame for an identification tablet disposed upon one face of the article said carrier frame having holes and grooves in its base, a cover plate adapted to slide into the carrier frame and retain the tablet in position therein, an attachment member in the form of an initial letter disposed upon the opposite face of the article, and prongs carried by the attachment member and adapted to pass through the material of the article and the holes in the base of the carrier frame and to be turned over into the grooves in the said base for securing the attachment member to the tablet carrier frame.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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