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HAND BAG.

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FIG. 1.

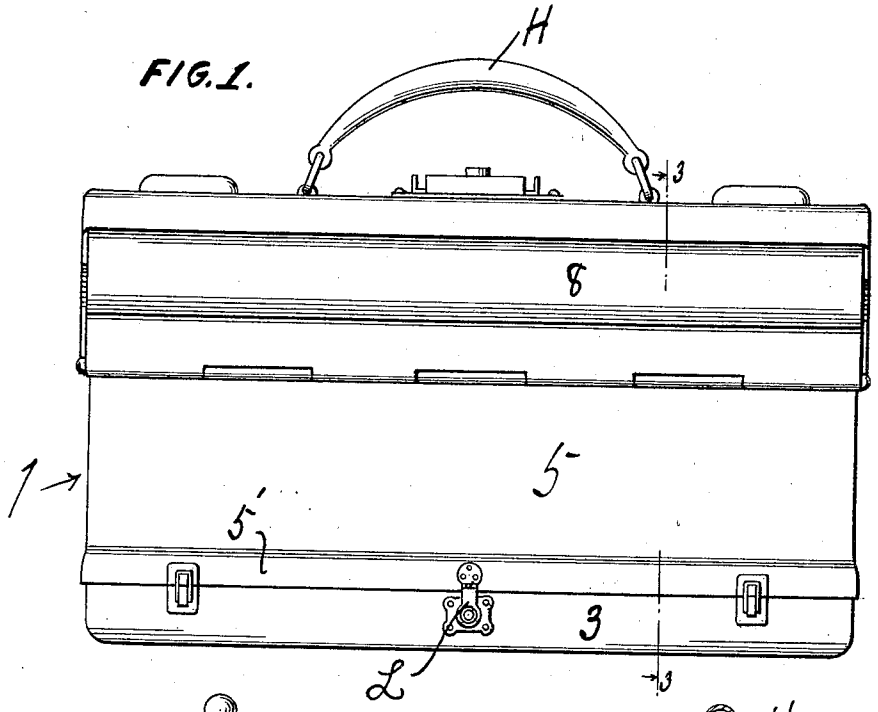



FIG. 2.

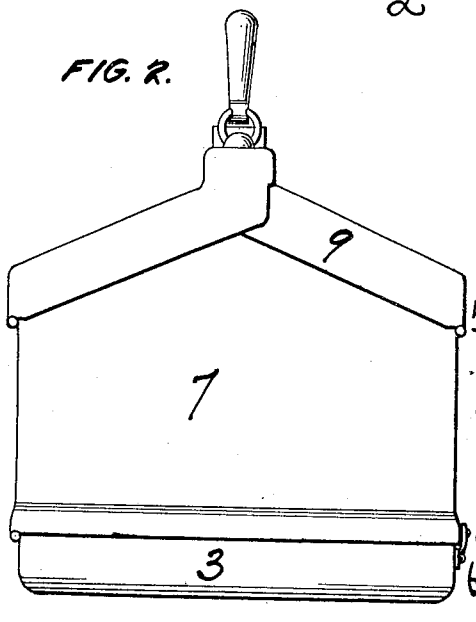
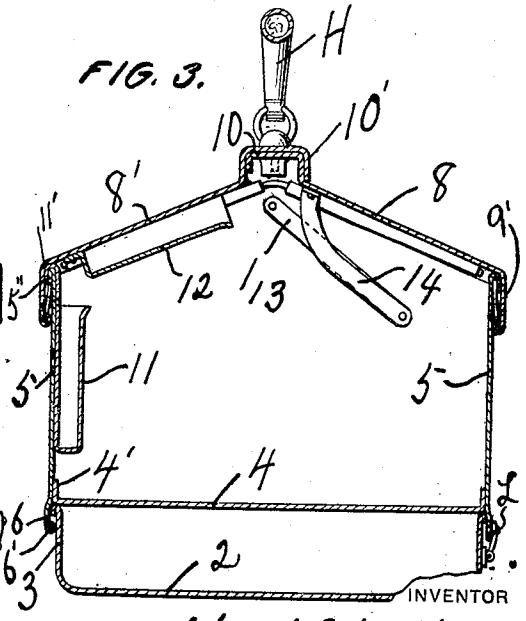



FIG. 3.




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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ADAM J. SCHOENBORN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Greenleaf, in the county of Washington and State of Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hand-Bags, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to hand bags.

The object thereof is to provide a hand bag of sheet metal, so constructed as to avoid the necessity of using a frame and to render it weather and dust proof.

Another object is to provide a bag of this character having overlapping lids whereby the structure is both strengthened and rendered weather proof.

Another object is to construct a bag of this class, the lids of which are so hinged as to prevent the entrance of dust or water at their connection with the bag body.

Still another object is to provide a metal hand bag composed of two sections hingedly connected with the sections lapping each other to form weather proof connections.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed may be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the accompanying drawings:—

Figure 1 represents a side elevation of a hand bag constructed in accordance with this invention,

Fig. 2 is an end elevation thereof, and

Fig. 3 is a transverse vertical section taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

The hand bag 1 constituting this invention is composed of sheet metal, either pressed or cast, and as shown comprises two sections, the lower of which has a bottom 2 with upstanding side and end walls 3, preferably with rounded corners to add to its strength. The upper edges of the walls 3 are preferably rolled to accommodate a reinforcing wire, but they need not be necessarily so formed.

This hand bag as shown has two compartments, the upper portion of the bag being hinged to the rear wall 3 at 6' at a point below its upper edge (see Fig. 3), having a flange 6 overlapping the rolled edge of said wall to prevent the entrance of dust, water and the like, the front portion overlapping the front wall 3 and secured thereto by a lock L.

The two compartments are separated by a horizontal partition 4, having upstanding flanges 4' secured to the side or rear member 5, the end members 7 and the front member of the upper portion or compartment of the bag body at the lower ends of said members, said partition forming the bottom of the upper compartment.

The side members 5 of the upper section have their upper edges folded as shown at 5' over which are designed to be hooked pockets 11, having hooks 11' at the upper ends of their rear walls (see Fig. 3), so that said pockets may be removably mounted within the bag.

Two lids 8 and 8' each struck from a single piece of sheet metal have end flanges 9 bent at right angles and adapted to overlap the upper edges of the end members 7 of the bag body, which members 7 have peaked upper ends, so that when the lids are closed they will incline downwardly in the manner shown in Figs. 2 and 3, and which is customary in the bags known as Gladstone bags.

These lids 8 and 8' have flanges 9' at their lower edges which are designed to extend below the upper edges of the side members 5, and to be hingedly connected thereto at points below the upper edges of said members, so that a water proof joint will be formed where the lids hinge to the body of the bag.

The free edges of these lids are designed to overlap and are provided with crown or ridge members 10 and 10' made substantially inverted U-shape in cross section, the member 10' of the lid 8' being slightly larger than the member 10 and designed to overlap and snugly fit said member when in closed position as is shown clearly in Fig. 3. These ridge or crown members may be detachably connected by any suitable snaps and be provided with the usual lock.

The lid 8 is shown equipped with pivotally connected links 13 and 14 for limiting the outward swinging movement of the lid, the link 13 being pivoted at one end to the end wall 7 preferably near its peak, and the free end of link 14 is pivoted to the end

flange 9 of lid 8. One lid only is shown equipped with this link connection but obviously the other may be so equipped if found desirable.

Pockets 12 are preferably secured to the inner faces of the lids 8 and 8′ for the reception of books or similar articles.

It is of course to be understood that this bag may be ornamented in any suitable or desired manner, the metal being embossed, or it may be covered if desired. A handle H is shown secured to the crown member 10′ for lifting the bag.

In the use of this bag, to obtain access to the lower compartment, the lock L is released, which will permit the upper compartment to be swung backwardly thus exposing the interior of the lower compartment.

To close the lower compartment, the upper section is swung over the lower section with the flanges 6 thereof lapping the upper edges of the lower section, and when the lock L is fastened, the two sections will be securely held engaged.

To obtain access to the upper compartment, the lids 8 and 8′ are swung open in opposite directions, and when closed will overlap in the manner above set forth, forming a complete weather-proof and dust-proof joint at their meeting edges and at their hinged ends.

It is to be understood that this hand bag may be constructed without the lower compartment, by leaving out the partition 4 shown in Fig. 3, and making the body of the bag with solid bottom.

The foregoing description and the drawings have reference to what may be considered the preferred or approved form of my invention. It is to be understood that I may make such changes in construction and arrangement and combination of parts, materials. dimensions, etc., as may prove expedient and fall within the scope of the claimed invention.

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

1. A bag of the class described comprising a metal body with lids lapping its upper end and hinged thereto below the side edges thereof, the free edges of said lids lapping each other when in closed position, and having inturned flanges to form a weather-proof joint.

2. A bag of the class described comprising a metal body with lids lapping its upper ends and hinged thereto at its side edges, the free edges of said lids lapping each other and being substantially inverted U-shape in cross section and one fitting within the other.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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