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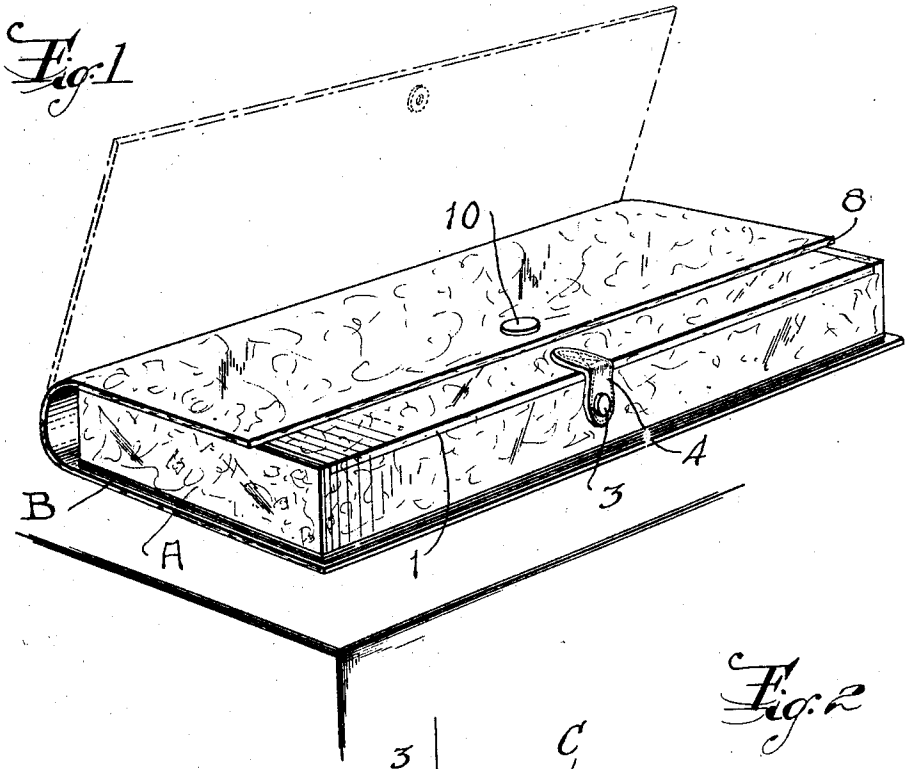
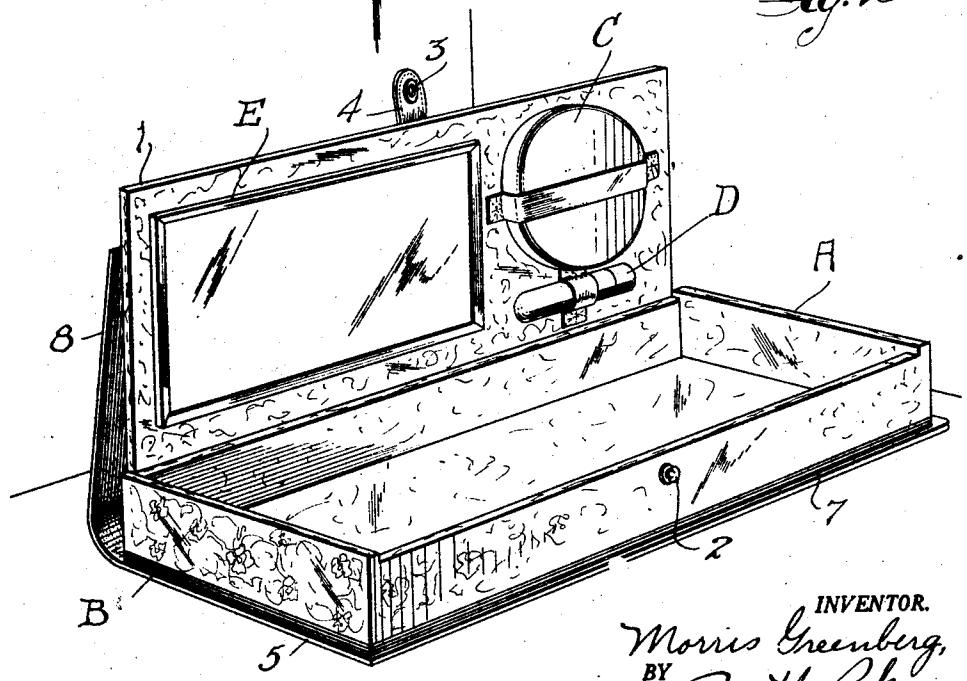


Fig. 2



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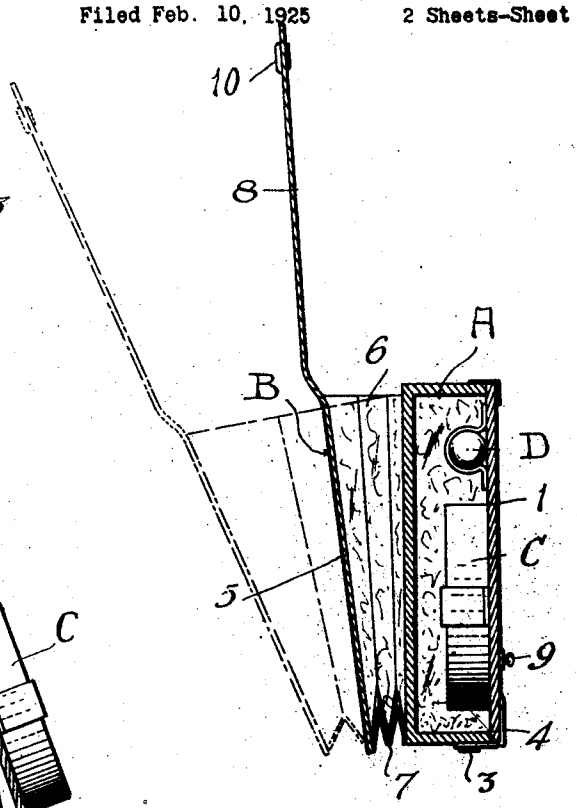


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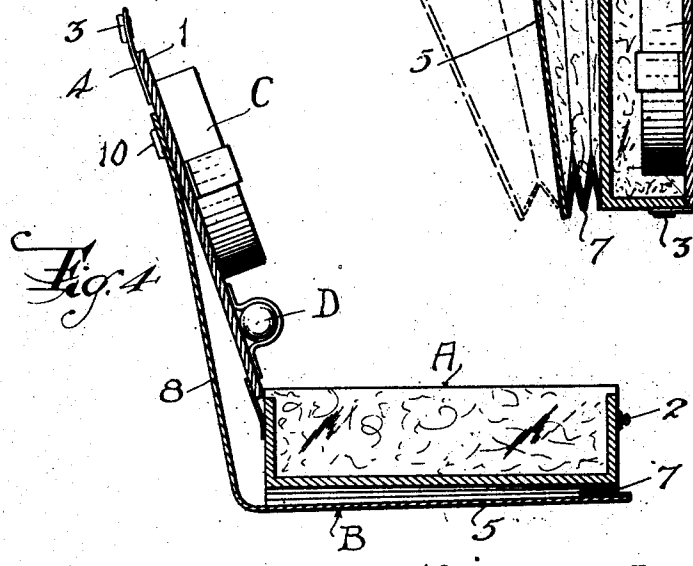
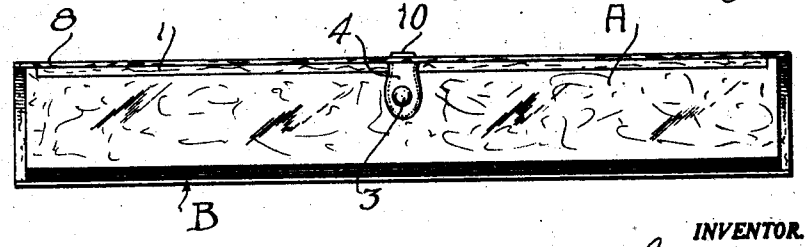


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This invention relates in particular to ladies' hand bags of the type known as "under-arm" bags. Such bags are usually compact and substantially flat when closed so as to be conveniently carried under the arm, and are intended for carrying miscellaneous small articles.

One object of my invention is to provide a novel and improved combination of a hand bag of the general character described and a relatively stiff walled box or case such as a vanity box or case which will admit of carrying in separate compartments in the same bag a purse, note book, etc. and various toilet articles, eye-glasses, keys, etc., which is not materially larger nor more cumbersome to carry than the known hand bag and in which all suggestion of a vanity box and of the bulging sides of the usual full packed hand bag are eliminated from the outward appearance of the bag.

Another object is to provide a novel and improved arrangement of the box compartment and the pouch or bag compartments or pockets, whereby the box and the bag compartments may be conveniently opened independently of each other so that there is no danger of articles falling from one while the other is open.

Further objects are to provide such a construction in which both the box and the bag compartments may be opened with natural and convenient manipulations whereby ease in handling the device is ensured; to provide an arrangement of the box and the bag compartments and closures therefor whereby during manipulation of the bag to open either the box or the bag compartment the flap or cover of the other naturally and surely will be gripped so that should one cover or flap accidently be left unfastened during manipulation of the other, the box or compartment will nevertheless be held closed to prevent falling of articles therefrom; to provide a bag of the character described which shall be simple and inexpensive, and to obtain other results and advantages as may be brought out by the following description.

In the accompanying drawings I have shown a combined hand bag and vanity box of a certain shape and embodying certain details of construction, but it will be understood that this is mainly for the purpose of illustrating the principles of the invention and that the article may be made in other shapes and the details of construction modified without departing from the spirit or scope of the invention.

Referring to the said drawings, in which like numerals of reference designate the same parts throughout the several views,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a combined hand bag and vanity box embodying the invention;

Figure 2 is a similar view showing the box compartment open;

Figure 3 is a transverse sectional view through the article showing the bag compartment open;

Figure 4 is a view similar to Figure 3 showing the box compartment open, and

Figure 5 is an edge elevation of the combined bag and vanity box.

Specifically describing the present embodiment of the invention, the article includes a box compartment A and a bag compartment B. The box compartment is preferably rectangular in shape and shallow, and is formed with relatively stiff walls so as to provide a secure case for certain toilet articles C and D, mirror E, eyeglasses, and other small articles, which it is inconvenient to carry in a flexible walled bag. The box is formed with a hinged cover 1 which is shown as hinged to one longitudinal edge of the box and is secured in closed position by means of a separable fastener which is shown as a head member 2 carrier by one side of the box and a socket member 3 carried by a strap 4 secured to the swinging edge of the cover 1.

The bag B is arranged at the back or bottom of the box A, that is at the side of the box opposite the cover 1, and said bag includes a body portion 5 which may be formed of leather or other suitable material which is connected to the bottom or back of the box A by end portions 6 and a bottom portion 7. The ends and bottom 6 and 7 are preferably of bellows construction to permit movement of the body portion 5 to-

ward and from the bottom of the box so as to permit the bag compartment to be expanded if necessary in placing articles therein. The bottom 7 of the bag compartment is arranged at the side of the box A corresponding to the swinging edge of the cover 1 so that the open side of the compartment B is disposed adjacent the side of the box A to which the cover 1 is hinged. The open side of the bag compartment is closed by a flap 8 which is preferably formed integral with or flexibly connected to the body portion B and is adapted to partially overlie the cover 1 of the box A. For holding the flap 8 in closed position, I may utilize a separable fastener including a head member 9 secured to the outside of the cover 1 of the box and a socket member 10 mounted in the flap 8. It will be noted that when the flap 8 is drawn into a closed position and secured by the fastening members 9, 10, the flap covers the open end of the compartment B and overlies a portion of the cover 1 of the box A, as clearly shown in Figures 1 and 4.

With this construction and arrangement of the compartments A and B and their closures 1 and 8, it will be observed that the cover 1 may be opened independently of the flap 8 and without opening the bag compartment B, so that there is no danger of articles falling from the bag compartment when the box compartment A is opened. It will also be observed that the flap 8 may be unfastened and the bag compartment B opened without in any manner disturbing the cover 1, as shown in Figure 3. Furthermore, both of the operations incidental to opening the closures 1 and 8 are natural and convenient, and while the flap 8 is being opened the box compartment A is naturally so gripped as to hold the cover 1 in closed position even though the fastener 2, 3 were accidentally unfastened. Similarly, when the cover 1 is opened it is so gripped and the article so held that the flap 8 is held in closed position even though the fastener 9, 10 were unfastened. The person using the bag is therefore not worried by attempting to watch a plurality of compartments at the same time while endeavoring to place or remove an article in or from one of the compartments, as is common where one closure serves for a plurality of compartments.

An article constructed as above described is attractive in appearance and all resemblance of a stiff-walled box structure is overcome by the particular relation of the compartments. The article therefore has all of the appearance of an "under-arm" bag and yet performs the functions of both a hand bag and a vanity box. It should be understood, however, that the compartment A is not limited to use as a vanity box, and that its main function is to provide a relatively stiff-walled compartment which will safely carry heavy or hard articles which would bulge or tear a soft-walled compartment.

If desired, a strap or handle may be secured to the article for carrying the same. Also, the cover 1 of the box A might be hinged to the end wall of the box instead of the side as illustrated, and the detail construction of the bag compartment and the box compartment may be varied for different purposes. For instance, a pocketbook could be incorporated in the bag compartment or between it and the box compartment A, and other compartments could be embodied in the article within the scope of the invention.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is:

1. An article of the character described comprising two compartments having independent swinging closures one of which overlaps and is separably secured to the other whereby said closures can be operated independently of each other.

2. An article of the character described comprising a bag compartment and a relatively stiff walled box compartment, said box compartment having a closure and said bag compartment having a closure flap partially overlying and separably connected to said box compartment.

3. An article of the character described comprising a stiff walled box compartment having a closure, a bag compartment secured to one wall of said box compartment and having a closure flap overlying a portion of the side of said box opposite to that to which said bag compartment is secured.

4. An article of the character described comprising a box compartment having a hinged cover, a bag compartment arranged at the side of said box opposite said cover and having a closure flap overlying the adjacent wall of said box compartment and the hinged edge of said cover and separably secured to said cover.

5. An article of the character described comprising a box compartment having a hinged cover, a bag compartment arranged at the side of said box opposite said cover with an open side disposed at the side of said box adjacent the hinged edge of said cover, said bag compartment having a flap flexibly connected thereto at its open side and arranged to overlie said adjacent side of said box and a portion of said cover, means for fastening said cover in closed position, and separable fastening means for securing the free edge of said flap to said cover adjacent the swinging edge of the latter.

6. An article of the class described comprising a plurality of compartments each having a closure independent of the closure of the other compartment, one of said closures being secured to the body of the article and the other of said closures being arranged

in superposed or overlying relation to the first-mentioned closure, and separably connected thereto.

7. An article of the class described comprising a plurality of compartments arranged in superposed or side-by-side relation and each having a swinging closure independent of the closure of the other compartment, said closures being arranged to swing in the same directions and having their swinging edges arranged in overlying relation, means for separably connecting one of said closures to the body of the article, and means for connecting the other closure to the first-mentioned closure.

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