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Fig. 1.

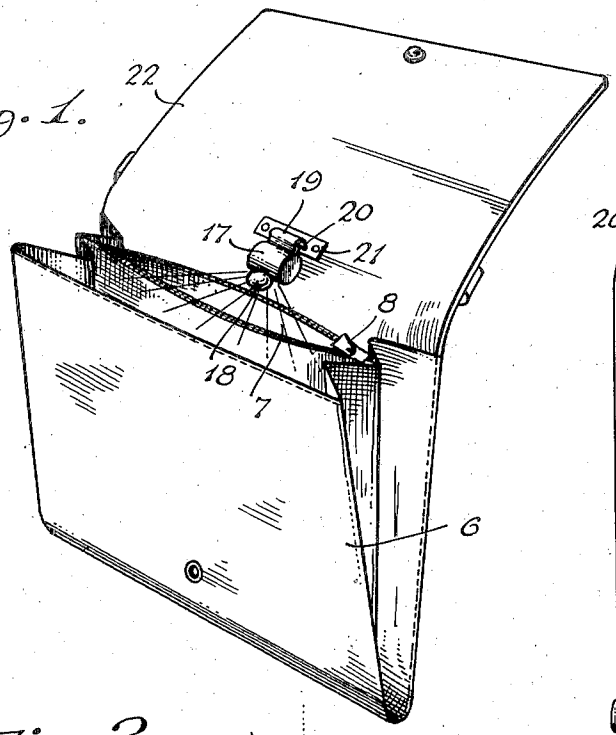



Fig. 2.

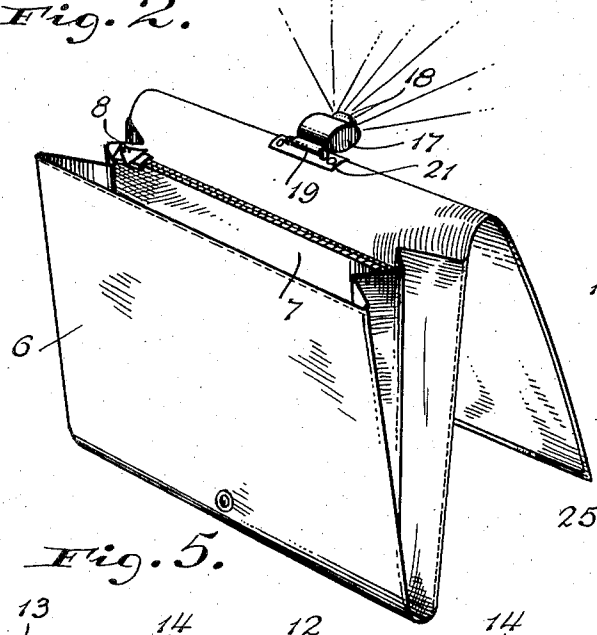



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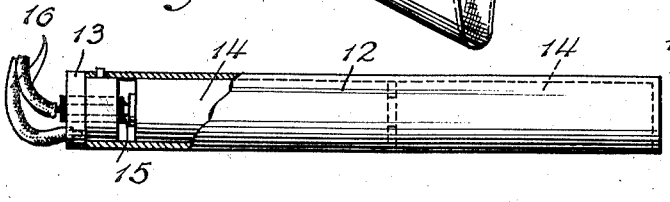



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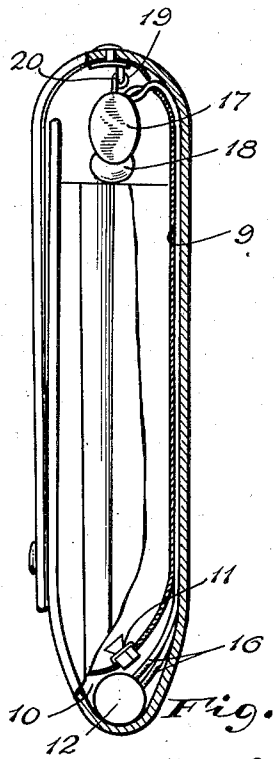
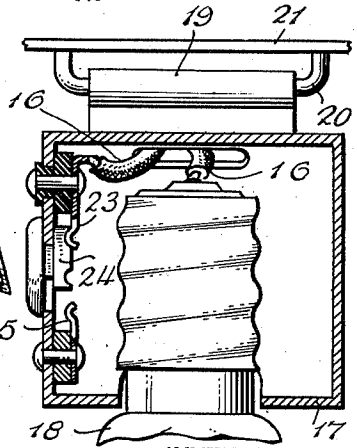



Fig. 4.




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1 Claim. (Cl. 240—6.45)

This invention relates to improvements in receptacles such as pocketbooks, hand bags, and the like, and has particular reference to an illuminating device therefor.

An object of the invention is to provide an improved illuminating device of simple and practical construction adapted for attachment to the closure flap or member of a pocketbook or similar receptacle in such position that said device may be utilized to illuminate the interior of the receptacle, or cast the rays of its lamp in other directions.

The above and other objects will appear more clearly from the following detailed description when taken in connection with the accompanying drawing which illustrates a preferred embodiment of the inventive idea.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a pocketbook in open position showing the illuminating device attached thereto and in position to illuminate the interior of the pocketbook.

Figure 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1 showing the illuminating device adjusted to a different position from that shown in Fig. 1.

Figure 3 is a vertical transverse section through the pocketbook in closed position.

Figure 4 is a fragmentary enlarged sectional view of the illuminating device, and,

Figure 5 is an elevation, partly in section, of a holder for dry cell batteries used as a source of current supply for the illuminating device.

Referring more particularly to the accompanying drawing the numeral 6 indicates the body of a pocketbook which may have one or more compartments therein, such as a compartment 7 which may be closed by a slide fastener 8. The interior of the body 6 may be provided with a lining 9 which extends downwardly into the body and terminates short of the bottom thereof to provide a chamber 10, and said lining may have an opening adapted to be closed by a slide fastener 11. Such chamber 10 is adapted to contain a holder 12 in the form of a tube having a removable end cap 13 and adapted to contain one or more dry cell batteries 14 placed end to end within the holder. The cap 13 is provided with a contact 15 adapted to engage a terminal of one of the batteries 14 and extending from said cap are the two conductors 16 which pass upwardly from the holder between the lining 9 and an outer wall of the body 6 from which they project for connection to the illuminating device.

Said device comprises a socket member 17 which may be oval in cross section and in one side of which is threaded a small incandescent lamp 18 which, through its mounting, has electrical connection with one of the conductors 16, as shown in Fig. 4. The side of the member 17 opposite the lamp 18 is provided with an eye 19 adapted to receive a small rod 20 carried by a supporting plate 21, the socket member being thus pivotally connected to said plate. The plate 21 is preferably secured to the interior surface of the closure member or flap 22 of the pocketbook, and is preferably disposed adjacent the inner portion of said flap where the same joins the body so that when the closure flap is opened to the position shown in Fig. 1 the illuminating device will be disposed directly above the compartment or compartments of the pocketbook. Should it be desired to use the illuminating device for other purposes than illuminating the interior of the pocketbook the flap 22 may be folded back as in Fig. 2 and the socket member 17 swung to the position in said figure where the light from the lamp 18 may be directed away from the pocketbook and toward some more distant object.

To control the illumination of the lamp 18 the socket member is provided with a switch structure including a contact member 23 secured to one of the conductors 16 and insulated from the body of the socket member. Associated with said contact 23 is a sliding switch member 24 having electrical contact with the wall of the socket member so as to complete the circuit for the lamp 18 when said switch member is in the position shown in Fig. 4. By sliding the switch member 24 to disengage the same from the contact 23, said circuit may be broken and the switch member is then engaged and held by the spring arm 25 secured to the inner wall of the socket member 17. When the pocketbook is closed and the illuminating device is not in use, the latter will be suspended from the closure flap 22 and disposed in the space between the same and the ends of the compartments of the pocketbook, as shown in Fig. 3.

What is claimed is:

The combination with a pocketbook or like receptacles having a compartment, a flexible lining forming one of the walls of said compartment and extending downwardly to a point short of the bottom of said receptacle so as to combine therewith to provide a chamber, said lining having an opening in the bottom thereof, a separable closure for said opening, and a closure flap for said receptacle; of an illuminating device comprising a socket member, a lamp mounted therein, a supporting plate secured to the inner surface of said closure flap adjacent said compartment, a rod on said plate, means on said socket member to hingedly connect the same to said rod, a source of current supply in said chamber, a circuit including conductors connecting said source with spaced terminals on said socket member, and a switch slidable on said socket member for alternate engagement with said terminals to control said circuit.

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