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SHOULDER BAG CLASP.
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Fig. 1.

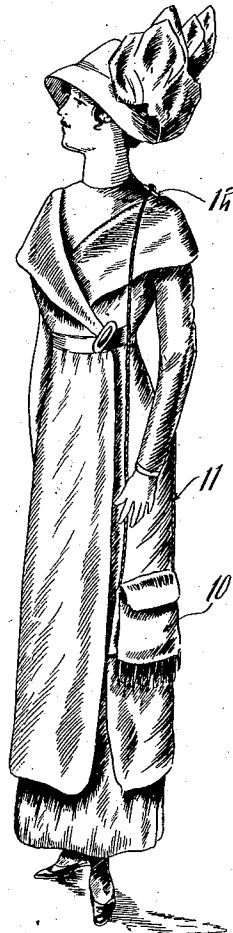


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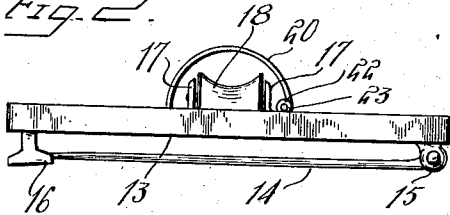


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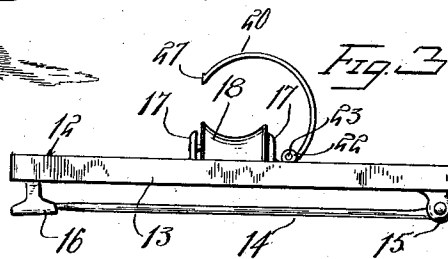
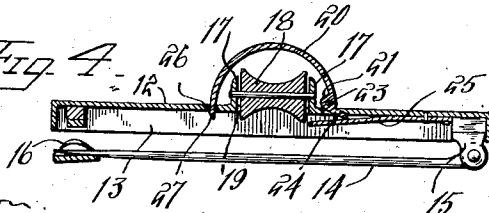


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLAUDE B. DAVIS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Richmond, in the county of Henrico, State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shoulder-Bag Clasps; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to clasps and has for an object to provide a novel clasp for attaching the cord of a shoulder bag to the shoulder of a garment.

A further object of the invention is to provide a clasp having a sheave and an arched spring controlled keeper which coact in loosely securing the bight of the cord to the shoulder.

A still further object is to provide an ornamental clasp having a hollow base equipped with an attaching pin, the controlling spring of the keeper being housed within the base so as to be concealed from view.

With the above objects in view the invention consists of certain novel details of construction and combination of parts herein-after fully described and claimed, it being understood that various modifications may be made in the minor details of construction within the scope of the appended claim.

In the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification:—Figure 1 is a view showing a shoulder bag secured in position on a garment by a clasp constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the clasp with the keeper closed. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the clasp with the keeper open. Fig. 4 is a longitudinal sectional view through the clasp.

Hitherto it has been the custom to arrange the bight of the shoulder bag cord on one shoulder and dispose the bag itself on the opposite side of the body, and to do this necessitates great care being taken lest the wearer's hat be disarranged during the operation, since it is obvious that the cord must be moved over and across the hat when being placed astride the shoulder. To obviate the above difficulties I have provided a novel form of clasp which will attach the bight of the shoulder bag to the shoulder

on the same side of the body upon which the bag is desired to be worn.

Referring now to the drawing in which like characters of reference designate similar parts, 10 designates an ordinary shoulder bag having an attaching or shoulder cord 11. For loosely securing the bight of the shoulder cord to the shoulder of a garment, I provide a clasp comprising a base plate 12 having a depending marginal flange 13 run around the edges. A pin 14 is hinged at one end to a hinge lug 15 depending from the underneath face of the base plate, and the point of the pin is adapted to engage in a depending hook catch 16 disposed upon the underneath face of the base plate.

Arranged on the top face of the base plate are upstanding bearings 17 in which are journaled the gudgeons of a sheave 18, there being an opening 19 formed in the base plate to receive the lower portion of the sheave. An arched strap keeper 20 is provided at one end with a hinge eye 21 through which and hinge eyes 22 carried upon the top face of the base plate a pivot pin 23 is passed and hingedly secures the keeper to the base plate. The keeper is formed with an integral rearwardly inclined finger 24 which projects through an opening in the base plate and abuts the free end of a leaf spring 25 which is riveted or otherwise secured at one end to the underneath face of the base plate. The spring normally exerts a sufficient pressure against the finger to hold the keeper closed, and in this position of the keeper, the free end of the latter projects through an opening 26 formed in the base plate, there being a slight projection 27 formed on the free end of the keeper which engages with the underneath face of the base plate and serves to prevent accidental withdrawal or opening of the keeper. It will be noted that the arched underneath face of the keeper coacts with the concave outer face of the sheave in conforming to the contour of the shoulder cord 11 so that the latter will move easily and freely through the clasp to permit of manipulation of the bag without annoying binding of the cord in the clasp.

What is claimed, is:—

A clasp including an elongated base plate, a securing pin hinged at one end on the underneath face of said base plate, a sheave

arranged transversely upon the top face of
said base plate, an arched keeper hinged at
one end on the top face of said base plate
and extending longitudinally of said base
5 plate, and straddling said sheave, and a
spring on said base plate normally holding
said keeper closed.

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

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