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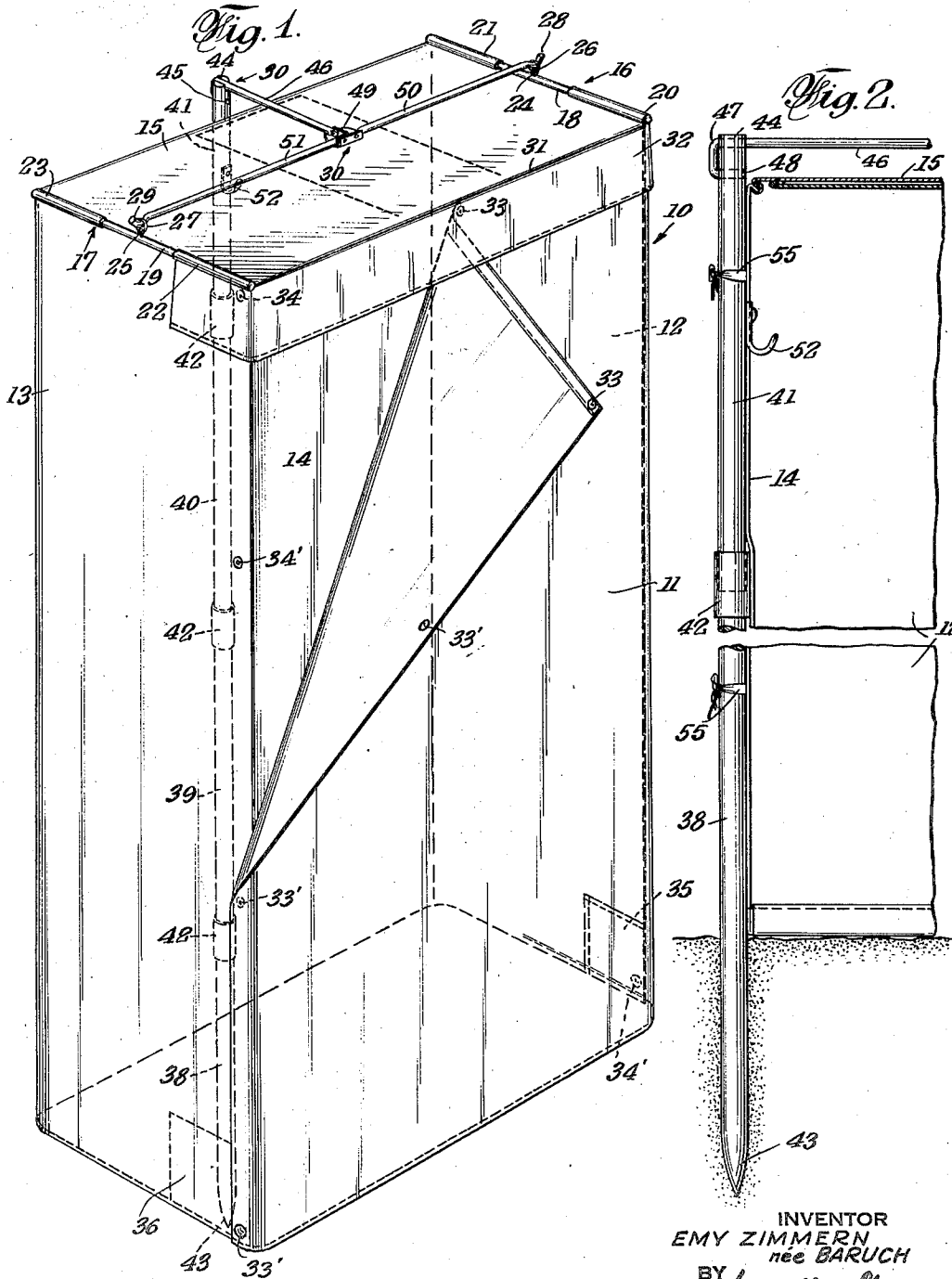
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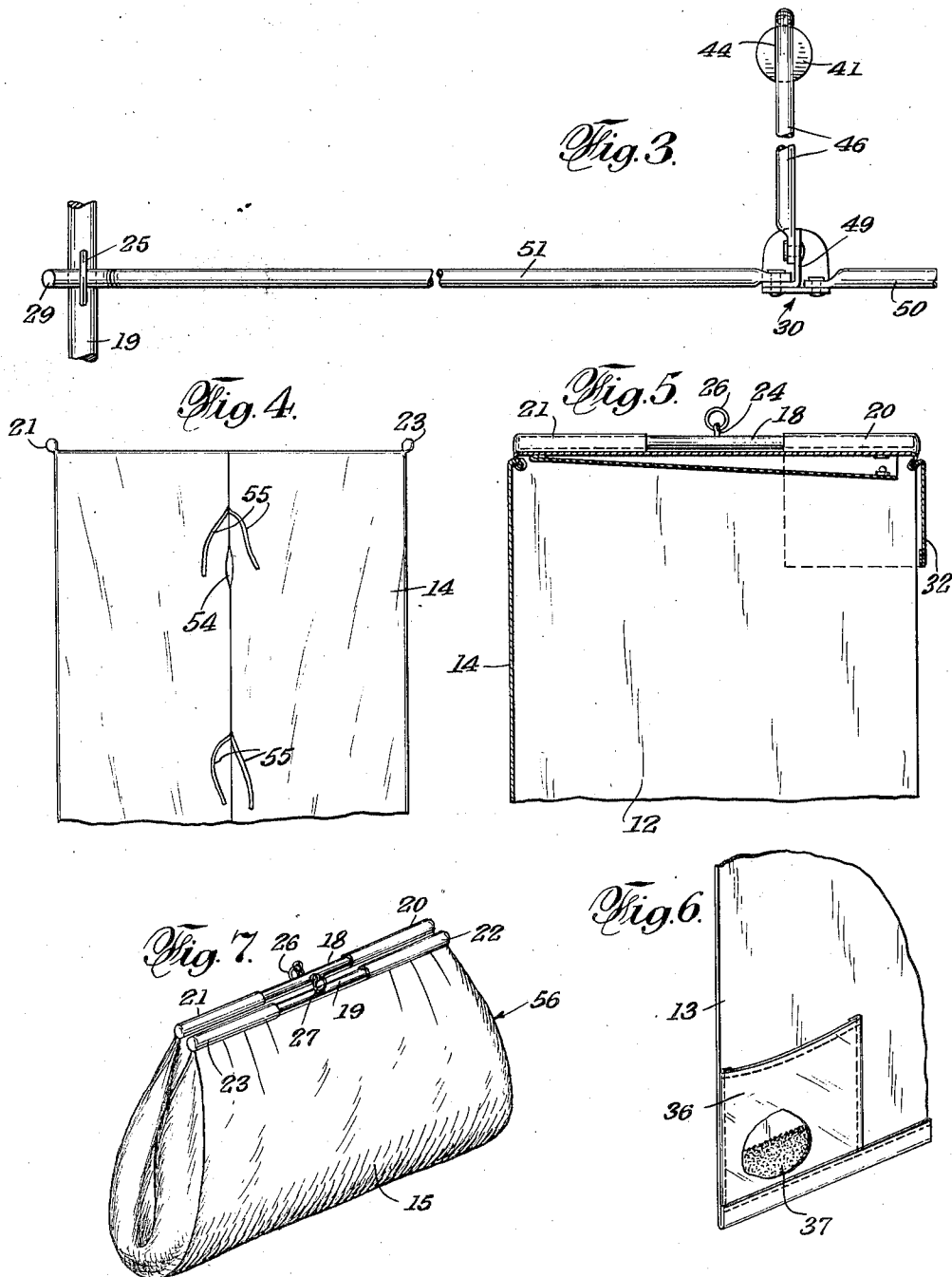
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This invention relates to collapsible tents or cabinets.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a tent or cabinet which is collapsible and foldable into a hand bag or carrier.

It is another object of the invention to provide economical, efficient and practical means for sustaining the walls of such device and supporting the latter in open or operable position.

Still another object of the present invention is to provide such sustaining means in collapsible and/or foldable form so that the same may be contained within said hand bag.

It is yet another object of the present invention to provide said tent that reinforcing end pieces of the roof portion thereof are utilized as handles for carrying the tent in its folded and collapsible form.

It is still a further object of this invention to provide said tent with a removable side which means to stabilize said tent during substantial weather conditions.

It is further contemplated by this invention to provide said tent with a removable side which may be utilized when desired as a covering upon which the occupant of the tent may recline or rest.

The invention further provides the tent being converted into a shield reduced in height and having an open side wall, the remaining portions of the walls of said tent engaging the ground upon which the tent is placed.

The foregoing and other objects and features of the invention will become more clearly apparent from the following description, which is descriptive of a preferred embodiment of the invention illustrated in the accompanying drawings. However, the embodiment herein shown and described being for purposes of illustration only, it is to be understood that such modifications may be made, when desired, within the scope and spirit of the invention as claimed.

The invention will be best understood by reference to the accompanying drawings which show one of the various possible embodiments of the invention and in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a cabinet made in accordance with the invention, said cabinet being in erected and operative position, a wall of said cabinet being partially disengaged from the remaining portions thereof;

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary side elevational view of the cabinet, some parts being shown in section;

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary top view of the sup-

porting means employed for sustaining the cabinet in its operative position;

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary elevational view of the upper portion of the rear wall of said cabinet;

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary sectional view of the cabinet, the section being taken substantially along the center thereof;

Fig. 6 is a partial sectional view of a fragment of said cabinet, illustrating the location of the ballast means;

Fig. 7 is a perspective view of the cabinet in folded and inoperative position forming a hand bag for carrying purposes.

Referring now particularly to the drawings, Fig. 1 shows the cabinet or tent in an erected position 10 and comprising a removable front wall 11, side walls 12 and 13, rear wall 14 and top wall 15. These walls may be made of any suitable weather proofed and flexible material, such as canvas or similar fabric. At opposite ends 16, 17 of said top wall 15, there are provided bars or rods 18, 19 respectively, which bars are inserted in respective spaced apart pockets 20, 21 and 22, 23 of said side walls 12 and 13, which pockets leave the respective middle portions of said bars 18, 19 uncovered. At the respective center 24, 25 of said uncovered bar portions there are preferably mounted rings or like members 26, 27 for removably engaging hooks 28, 29 of supporting means, generally indicated by numeral 30.

Side walls 12 and 13 are sewed to rear wall 14 along its side edges, whereas the top wall 15 preferably made of a fabric and having a contrasting color with respect to the remaining walls is fixed to the respective upper edges of said side walls 12, 13 and rear wall 14 by means of seams and stitches. Depending from and sewed to said top wall along its free front edge 31 is a valance 32 which is also preferably fixed to the pockets 20, 22.

The cabinet 10 is provided with a removable front wall 11, which is preferably attachable at its upper end to the juncture of valance 32 and top wall or roof 15 by complementary fastening means, such as snap fasteners 33, 34; like means being provided at the side edges of side walls 12, 13 and front wall 11. The valance 32 conceals the upper fastening means 33, 34.

Preferably the side walls 12, 13 have pockets 35, 36 which contain ballast 37 to prevent the erected cabinet 10 from swaying or collapsing under windy conditions.

To support the cabinet 10 in upright condition, there is provided a standard comprised of a plurality of removable sections, the drawings show-

ing four such sections 38, 39, 40, 41. Adjacent sections are joined together by sleeves or cups 42, the latter being preferably secured to the ends of each section but the last one, so that the said sections may be easily pulled apart.

The section 38 is provided with a tapered or pointed end 43 for facilitating thrusting of the standard comprising the aforesaid sections into the ground to sustain the latter in upright position, in which case, the sections 38, 39, 40 and 41 are in interconnecting tandem relation. The section 41 has a recess 44 and a perforation 45 below said recess for receiving and supporting the bracket or bar 46 at substantially a right angle to the standard; for this purpose, the bracket 46 has one of its end portions bent in the shape of a U 47 permitting the free bent end 48 of the portion 47 to be received in the perforation 45, another part of the end portion 47 resting in the slot 44. The other end of rod or arm 46 is pivotally connected to a member 49 and also pivotally connected to the member 49 are the aligned arms or rods 50 or 51 disposed at a right angle to the arm 46. Thus, the member 49 permits the arms 46, 50 and 51 being collapsed or folded after these arms have been removed from their respective end connections.

It is to be noted that the pivots of the arms 46, 50 and 51 are arranged to the member 49 such that the said arms may be folded or collapsed together in an upright position. A hook 52 may be secured to the standard section 41 for the purpose of supporting clothing and the like when the cabinet 10 is in operable position. The rear wall 14 is provided with a slot 54 through which the hook passes.

Figure 1 shows the cabinet in an operable position. The removable front wall 11 is attached to the cabinet proper through the fastening means 33, 34 and 33', 34'. The rear wall 14 is secured to the upright standard by means of tie ribbons 55.

The occupant may utilize wall 11 when robing, disrobing, etc., or the occupant may remove the wall 11 from the cabinet to utilize the same as a covering for the ground and upon which he may rest or decline.

By removing one or both of the standard sections 39, 40, the cabinet may be converted into a tent or shield reduced in height and having an open side wall, the remaining portions of the walls of the cabinet engaging the ground upon which the tent is placed.

The cabinet is easily disassembled by withdrawing the tapered portion 43 of the standard from the ground, disconnecting the sections 38, 39 and 40 from each other, the supporting means 30 from portion 41 and the arms 50, 51 from the eyes 25, 26.

The arms 46, 50 and 51 of the supporting means are then collapsed in an upright position. The cabinet in its collapsed position may then be formed into the carrying bag 56, shown in Figure 7, the rods 18, 19 forming reinforcing edges and handgripping means therefor. Within this formed bag 56 the standard sections 38, 39, 40 and 41 together with the supporting means 30 in its collapsed condition are inserted as is also the front wall 11.

The roof or top 15 of the cabinet becomes the body or covering of the bag 56, and the same may be of dissimilar or similar material or color as the side and rear walls of the cabinet. The ballast

37 is removed from pockets 35, 36 before the cabinet is formed into the bag 56.

From the foregoing it may be seen a desired device has been provided for the purpose intended. It is also evident that changes may be made to accomplish the indicated results all within the spirit and scope of the invention. Hence, the prior art rather than the present specific disclosure should form the basis of interpretation of the invention as claimed.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new and desired to be secured by Letters Patent, is:

1. A portable foldable cabinet adapted to be suspended from a support comprising a fabric body having top, side and rear walls and an open front wall, a removable fabric covering for said front wall, and reinforcing members extending along the top edges of said side walls, said members being adapted for engagement with said support when said cabinet is in unfolded condition, said reinforcing members forming longitudinal gripping means for carrying said cabinet when in folded condition.

2. A portable foldable cabinet adapted to be suspended from a support comprising a fabric body having top, side and rear walls and an open front wall, a removable fabric covering for said front wall, and a pair of longitudinal reinforcing members, said members being located respectively at two opposite top ends of said body and adapted for detachably engaging said support when said cabinet is in unfolded condition, said top wall forming the body portion of a handbag and said reinforcing members forming longitudinal gripping means for carrying said body portion when said cabinet is in folded condition.

3. A portable foldable cabinet adapted to be suspended from a support comprising a rectangular fabric body having top, side and rear walls and an open front wall, a removable fabric covering for said front wall, and spaced apart reinforcing members at two opposite edges of said top wall, each of said edges being provided with spaced apart pockets for insertion of one respective reinforcing member with its ends therein, said reinforcing members being adapted for engagement with said support to suspend said cabinet therefrom when in unfolded condition, said top wall forming the body portion of a handbag whilst said reinforcing members form the gripping means for carrying said body portion when said cabinet is in folded condition.

4. A portable foldable cabinet adapted to be suspended from a support comprising a rectangular fabric body having top, side and rear walls and an open front wall, a removable fabric covering for said front wall, spaced apart reinforcing members at two opposite edges of the top wall, each of said edges being provided with spaced apart pockets for insertion of one respective reinforcing member with its end portions therein and leaving uncovered the intermediate portion thereof, and means positioned on said uncovered intermediate portions for detachably engaging said support when said cabinet is in unfolded condition, said top wall forming the body portion of a handbag and said reinforcing members forming the longitudinal gripping means thereof for carrying said cabinet in folded condition.

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