

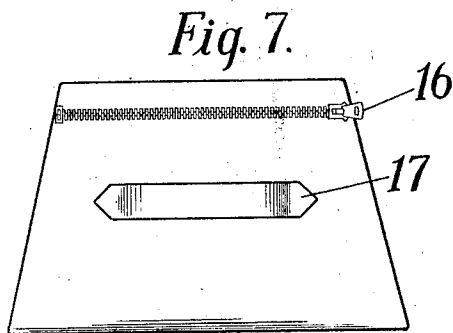
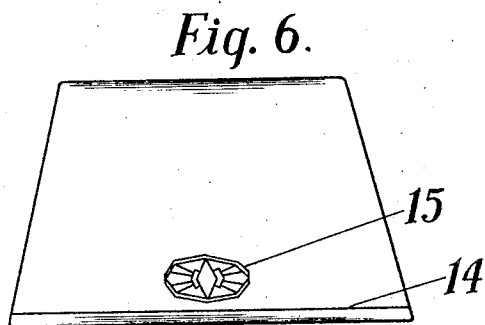
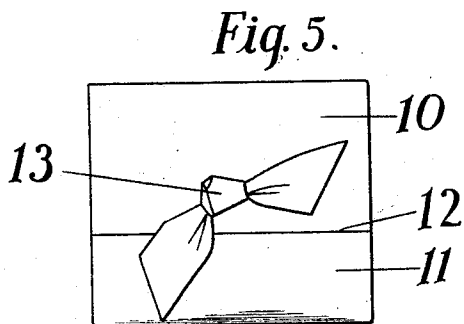
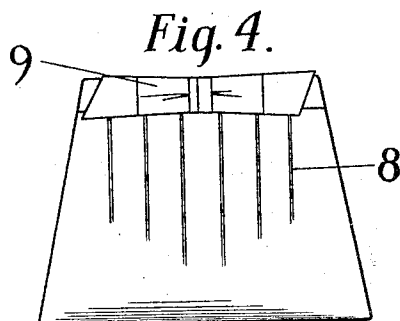
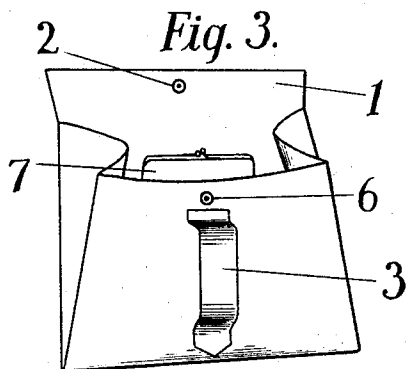
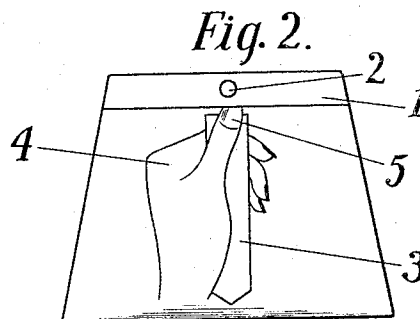
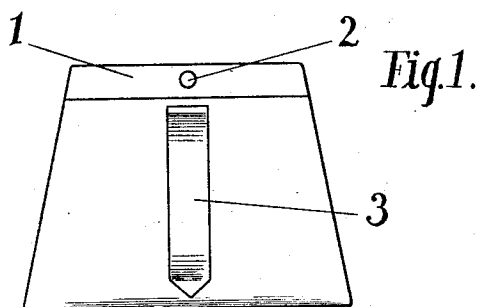
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My invention relates to improvements in handbags whereby the bag is so constructed as to provide an opening and the closure on the side of the bag to which the handle for carrying is secured.

The objects of these improvements are:

(1) To secure a more convenient position for the opening or closing of a handbag with reference to the handle, this construction making it possible to gain access to the interior of the bag with the right hand while holding it by the handle with the left hand, this being done without its being necessary to turn the bag around;

(2) To secure a safer closing for a handbag by placing it on the side of the bag toward the holder's eyes; and

(3) To leave one side of the handbag free for trim or decoration by placing both the closure and the handle on the same side.

The invention will be readily understood from the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a view of the back of a bag embodying the invention herein described, showing the flap closure and the handle on the same side,

Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the bag held in the left hand and the thumb being pressed under the button fastener in the act of opening the bag,

Fig. 3 is a view of the same side of the bag showing the closure flap in raised position,

Fig. 4 is a view of the front side of the bag showing decorations,

Fig. 5 is a view of the front side of another bag showing further decorations,

Fig. 6 is a view of the front side of still another bag showing decorations, and

Fig. 7 is a view of the back side of bag shown in Fig. 6, showing a "Zipper" closure and the handle.

Referring to Fig. 1 of the drawing, 1 indicates the flap closure or member which may have any desired shape, style and configuration but preferably folds over in envelope style, thus closing the bag; 2 indicates the button of the snap-fastener type of closing means which cooperates with the part 6 (Fig. 3) of the fastener under the flap to effect a

closing; and 3 indicates the strap handle or carrying means suitably placed just below the flap. The handle and the closing means are provided on the same side or section of the handbag, that is on the back side or section thereof. In Fig. 2 of the drawing 1, 2 and 3 indicate respectively the flap, snap-fastener type of closing means and strap handle, as described in the foregoing. 4 indicates the left hand of a person slipped through strap and holding the bag, and 5 indicates the thumb of the left hand which as shown is being pressed under the flap and button in the act of opening the bag. Fig. 3 of the drawing shows the flap 1, and the bag open showing for instance the upper portion of the coin purse 7. 6 indicates the other part of the snap-fastener of the closing means which cooperates with the button in the flap 1. The coin purse may be opened with the right hand without changing position of the bag when held with the left hand.

Fig. 4 shows the front side or section of the bag of Figs. 1 to 3, where 8 indicates small vertical tucks used as decorations or decorative ornamentations and 9 is a tailored bow used also as decoration on the same side of the bag.

Fig. 5 shows the front side of another bag embodying this invention in which 10 and 11 indicate two different materials used in the bag joined at 12 and 13 is a bow made of a strip of material slipped through slits and tied, completing the trim on the bag.

In Fig. 6, the front side of the bag is trimmed or decorated by one piece of material 14 lapping over the under piece, making this side of the bag present the appearance of a bag with a full flap closure and 15 indicates an oblong metal and enameled ornament. In Fig. 7, the other or back side of the bag, illustrated in Fig. 6, is provided with a "Zipper" or slide fastener 16 with which the bag is closed and a handle 17 for carrying the bag which is placed on the same side in a horizontal position parallel to the length of the "Zipper".

The handle 3 is shown in Figs. 1 to 3 as placed vertically but it may be placed in any

other position as desired or to accommodate and cooperate with the closing means.

I claim as my invention:

1. A handbag comprising front and back sides, a flap closure for the front side and adapted to fold over the top of the bag on to the back side, and a strap handle provided entirely on the back side so that the upper part of the strap is adjacent the flap to permit the thumb of the hand grasping the strap to be pushed up between the flap and the back side to open the handbag and the flap being releasable by moving the flap away from the strap. 70
2. A handbag according to claim 1 in which a button-snap fastener is provided in the back side and the flap so that when the thumb is moved upwardly the fastener will be un-snapped. 75
3. A handbag having front and back sides, comprising a handle provided and having its grip portion on the back side, a member secured to the front side and foldable over the upper edge of the handbag, and closing means provided on the member and the back side, said closing means being releasable by moving the member away from the handle and said handle and closing means being arranged so that said means may be operated with the hand grasping the handle. 80
4. A handbag comprising front and back sides, a flap closure for the front side and adapted to fold over on the back side, and a handle provided entirely on the back side, said closure being operable by the hand grasping the handle and releasable by moving the flap closure away from the handle, and the front side having a decoration thereon. 85
5. A handbag having at least two sections, comprising a handle provided entirely on one section thereof, a flap member for the other section and foldable over the upper edge of the hand bag onto the first-mentioned section, and closing means provided on the member and the second-mentioned section, whereby the hand bag may be closed, the second-mentioned section of the handbag having decorative ornamentations thereon, and the closing means being capable of actuation by the hand holding the handle and the flap member being releasable by moving it away from the handle and second-mentioned section. 90
6. A handbag comprising front and back sides, a flap closure forming a continuation of and integral with the front side and adapted to fold over the top of the bag to the back side, a strap handle provided entirely on the back side at right angles to the top edge of the handbag, and closing means provided on the flap and back side and adapted to be actuated to open the flap by the thumb of the hand grasping the handle, said flap closure being releasable by moving said closure away from the handle. 95
7. A handbag comprising carrying means provided entirely on one side of the handbag, a flap member for the upper edge of the handbag, and closing means to maintain the hand bag closed by means of the flap member, both of said means being provided on the same side of the handbag so that the other side may be decorated, and said carrying and closing means being so provided that the hand grasping the handle may operate the closing means to open or close the hand bag and the flap member being releasable by moving the member away from the carrying means. 100

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