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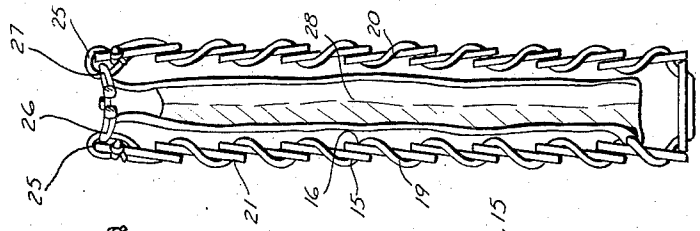


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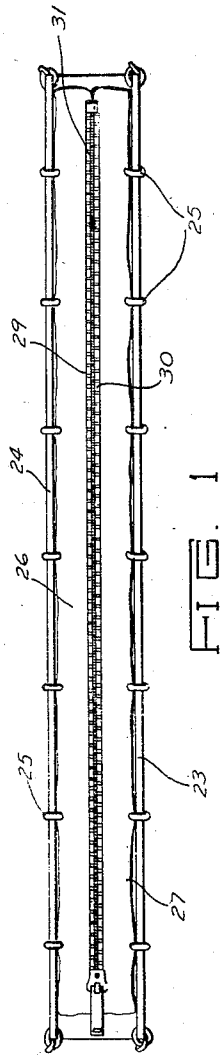


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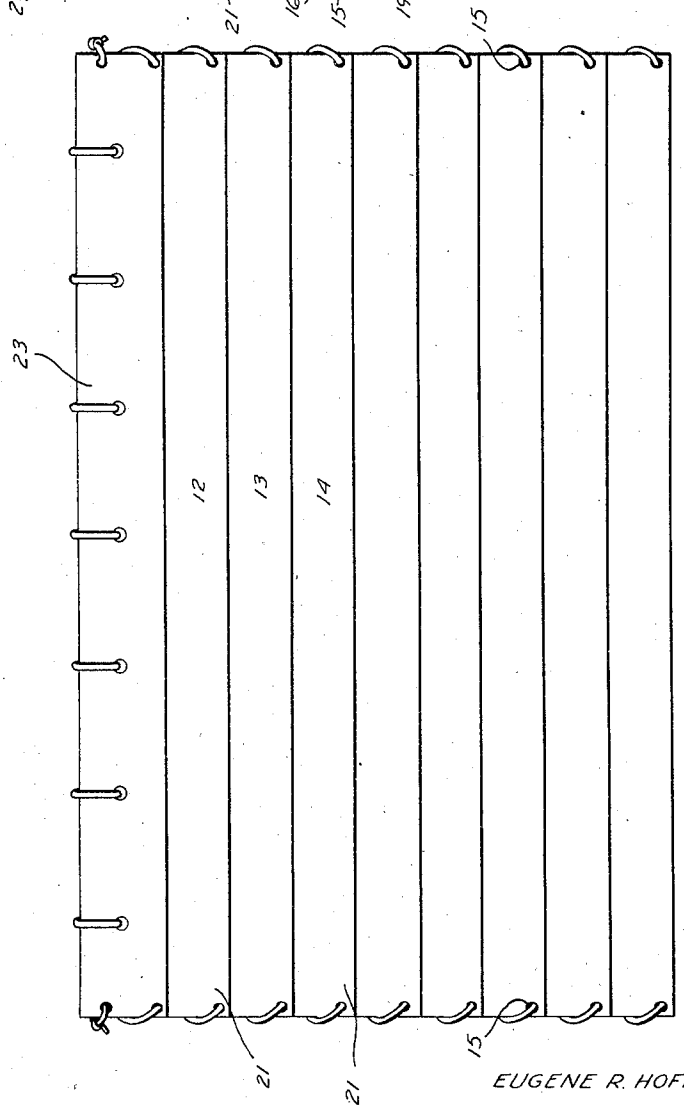


FIG. 2

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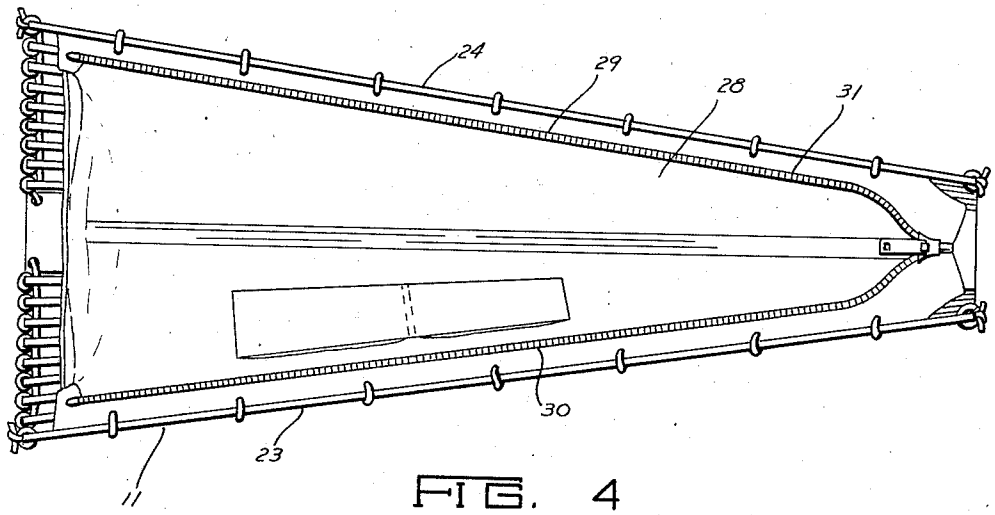


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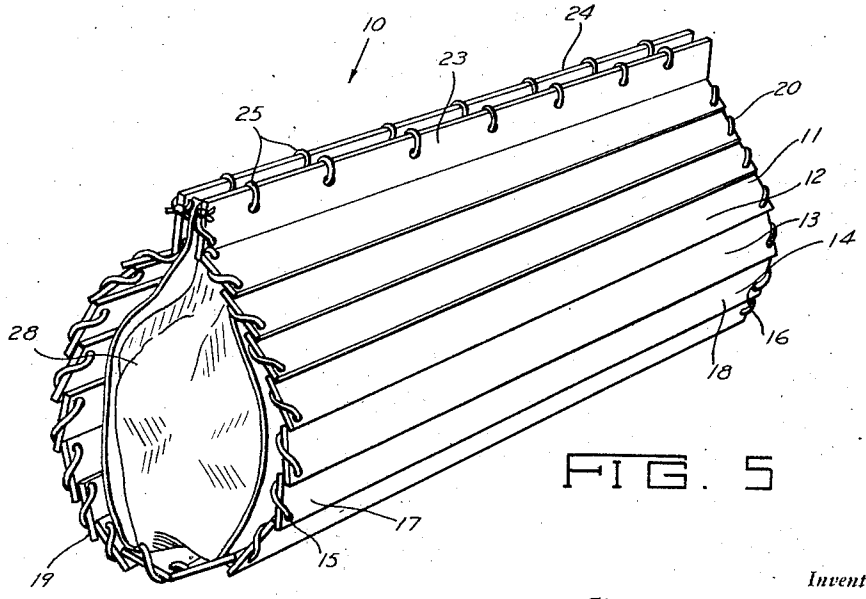


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This invention relates to a hand bag and has for its object to provide a lady's bag of very inexpensive but attractive construction.

A further object of the invention is to provide a hand bag formed of an outer slatted casing and an inner bag formed of fabric or other flexible material provided with a slide fastener closure.

A still further object of this invention is to provide a hand bag having an outer casing of laced together slats.

Other features and advantages will become more readily apparent from the following description and the accompanying illustrative drawings in which:

Figure 1 is a top plan view of my improved bag,

Figure 2 is a side elevation thereof,

Figure 3 is an end elevational view of the bag,

Figure 4 is a view similar to Figure 1, but shown open, and

Figure 5 is a perspective view of the bag shown as if filled and closed.

In the accompanying drawings as above enumerated and in the following specification, like characters of reference indicate like parts throughout and in which 10 refers to a hand bag made in accordance with my invention and which includes an outer casing 11, which consists of a number of slats 12, 13, 14, etc., which are of the Venetian blind type and which are provided with eyelets 15 and 16, at their opposite ends 17 and 18, through which the slats are laced together by cords or laces 19 and 20. These laces are drawn sufficiently tight to cause the edge 21 of one strip to overlap the edge 22 of an adjoining slat.

The upper, opposite end slats 23 and 24 have connected thereto by rings 25 or otherwise the upper portions 26 and 27 of an inner bag 28, the free edges 29 and 30 of which are securable together by a slide fastener 31.

The slats forming the outer casing of the bag may be formed of any suitable material, such as wood, metal, plastic or the like and may be of varying colors for ornamentation. It is obvious that when the bag is empty, it may be folded into a very small space, but will be readily spread open to hold a very considerable number of

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articles such as are carried by women folks. It is also obvious that the inner bag 28 may be made of leather, or any flexible fabric.

It is thought that persons skilled in the art to which the invention relates will be able to obtain a clear understanding of the invention after considering the description in connection with the drawings. Therefore, a more lengthly description is regarded as unnecessary.

Minor changes in shape, size and rearrangement of details and parts such as come within the purview of the invention claimed may be resorted to, in actual practice, if desired.

Having now described my invention that which I claim as new and desire to procure by Letters Patent is:

1. A hand bag formed of a series of slats overlapping one another to shed water, an inner flexible bag within the slatted bag, a series of rings connecting the upper edges of said inner bag to the upper pair of said slats, and laces inserted only through the end portions of said slats and connected to said pair of slats to retain said slats in overlapping relation.

2. A hand bag comprising a plurality of parallel slats having terminal apertures, cords laced through said apertures and over the ends of said slats and connected to one pair of slats, said cords being of a length required to retain said slats in overlapping relation, an inner bag fixedly secured to said slats adjacent the ends of the slats and inside the said cords, and closure means for the top edges of said inner bag.

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