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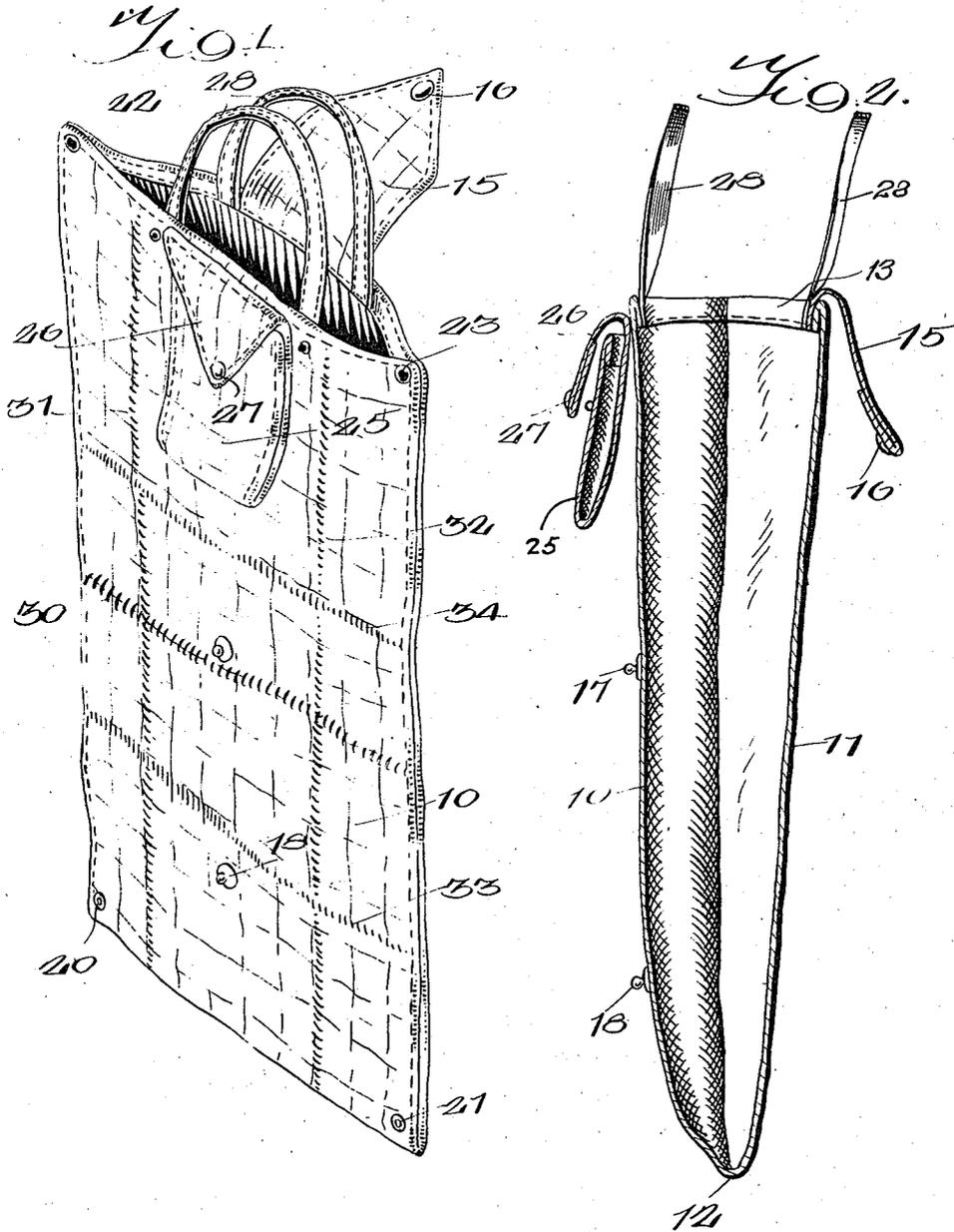
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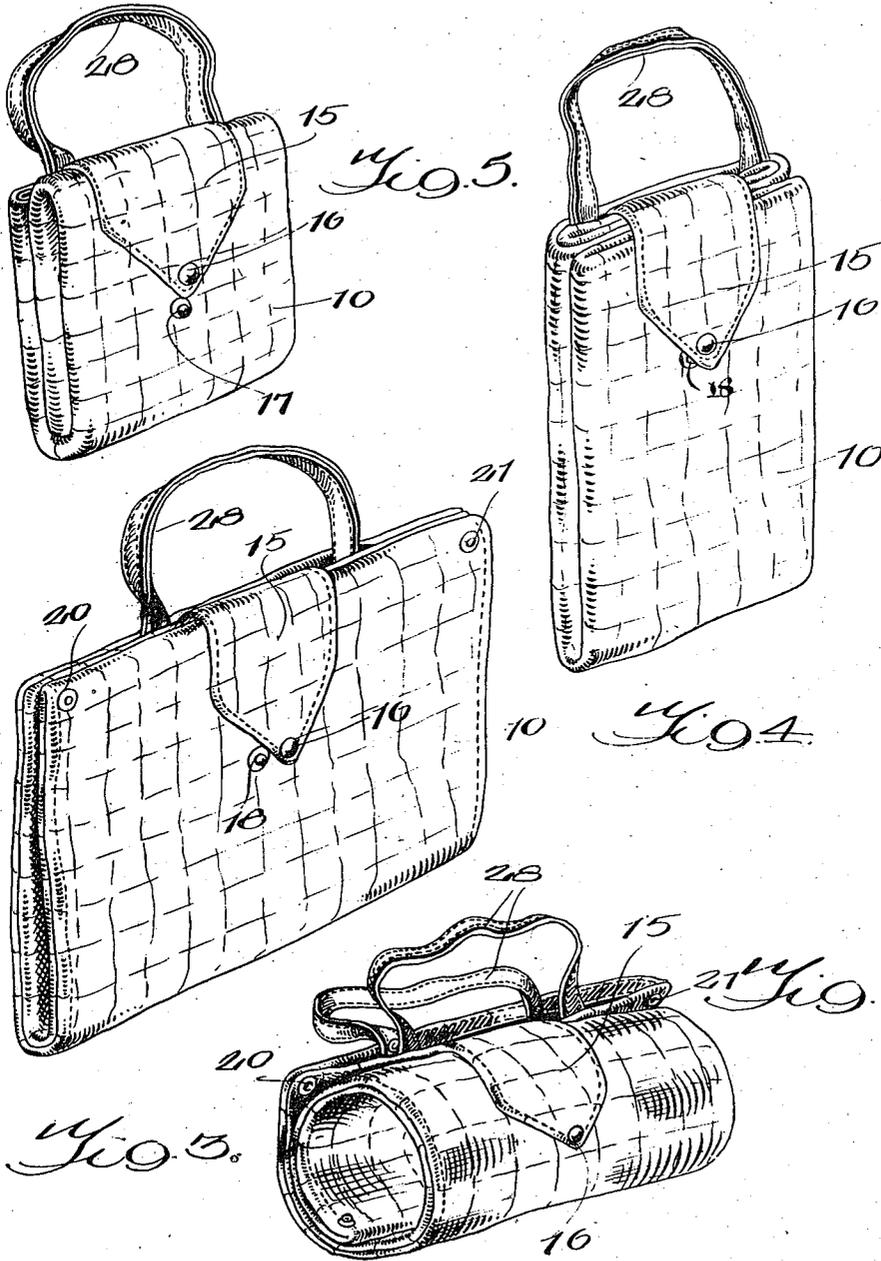
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CONVERTIBLE BAG OR RECEPTACLE.

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This invention relates to a convertible bag or receptacle for use as a hand-bag or article carrier, and has for its object to provide a device of this character which may be utilized as a pocketbook, hand-bag, shopping-bag or music-roll, and which in all of its uses presents a compact and attractive appearance and provides the desired facilities for carrying packages, articles, money or the like.

Another object is to provide a device of this character wherein the mechanical features which give to the device its capacity for various uses enhances also the appearance and ornamental qualities thereof.

Other objects and advantages of the invention reside in certain novel features of the construction, combination and arrangement of parts which will be hereinafter more fully described and particularly pointed out in the appended claim, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification, and in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view, showing the invention for use as a shopping bag;

Figure 2 is a view in central vertical section with the parts of the device arranged as shown in Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a perspective view, illustrating the device in use as a shopping bag but of half size with respect to the shopping bag shown in Figures 1 and 2;

Figure 4 is a perspective view, showing the device converted into a hand-bag;

Figure 5 is a similar view, showing the device converted into a pocket-book; and

Figure 6 is a similar view, showing the device converted into a music roll.

Referring to the drawings and more especially to Figures 1 and 2, it will be seen that the receptacle which constitutes the present invention is preferably made up of a rectangular piece of flexible and foldable material, such as leather or the like, the piece of material being doubled on itself and stitched along its sides to provide a bag-like structure having a front wall 10 and a back wall 11, a closed bottom 12 and an open upper end 13. As above indicated the material which makes up the bag is both flexible and foldable and may comprise leather having these properties or any other suitable material, the leather being lined with fabric, if desired. A locking flap 15 is secured to the inner side of the back wall 11 at the upper end thereof and extends around and

over the back wall, as shown in the drawings. The outer end of the locking flap 15 carries a resilient socket 16 which is selectively cooperable with headed studs 17 and 18 carried at spaced intervals on the front wall 10 of the bag. The resilient socket 16 of the locking flap when engaged with either the stud 17 or the stud 18 provides a snap fastener for holding the parts in desired position.

The lower corners of the bag carry headed studs 20 and 21 adapted to be engaged with resilient sockets 22 and 23 respectively arranged at the upper corners of the bag.

The front wall 10 of the bag carries a coin purse 25 having a closure flap 26 adapted to be releasably locked to the body of the coin purse by a snap fastener arrangement 27.

Loops 28 and 29 have their ends respectively secured to the front wall 10 and back wall 11 of the bag and afford a convenient means for carrying or handling the bag or receptacle.

In the extended or unfolded position shown in Figures 1 and 2 the receptacle or bag provides a full size shopping bag and also a coin purse. Should it be desired to reduce the size of the shopping bag it is only necessary to fold the bag along the line indicated at 30 in Figure 1 and snap the studs 20 and 21 into the sockets 22 and 23, and then bring the locking flap 15 over the adjacent portion of the front wall 10 and engage the resilient socket 16 of the locking flap with the headed stud 18 which will dispose the parts as shown in Figure 3 and thereby make the bag more compact and at the same time afford quite a substantial space for articles or packages.

When it is desired to convert the bag into a hand-bag such as shown in Figure 4 the side portions of the bag are folded over on the middle portion thereof; that is, these side portions are folded over on lines of fold indicated at 31 and 32 in Figure 1. It is understood, of course that when folded on the lines 31 and 32 the fold is lengthwise of the bag and after these folds have been made the partially folded bag is then folded crosswise of the bag on the line 30. This brings the folded parts of the bag to the position shown in Figure 4 with the resilient socket 16 of the flap 15 cooperatively disposed with respect to the studs 18 and when the socket 16 and stud 17 are engaged

the parts are locked in position and a hand-bag of compact and attractive appearance is provided, the hand-bag having a compartment in between a portion of the front wall 10 and a portion of the back wall 11 and of course in this embodiment as well as in the other embodiments the coin purse 25 remains undisturbed and is available for use.

In Figure 5 the bag is shown folded to provide a pocket book. With this arrangement the bag is folded lengthwise on the lines 31 and 32 as before but instead of being folded on the center line 30 it is folded on lines 33 and 34 and this manner of folding brings the stud 17 into cooperative relation with the resilient socket 16 of the locking flap.

In Figure 6 the bag is shown in use as a music roll, the stud 16 of the flap 15 being engaged with the stud 17 in using the device in this manner.

I claim:

A convertible receptacle made up of a single piece of flexible and foldable material doubled upon itself and stitched along its sides to provide a bag-like structure having

a front wall and a back wall defining a compartment, handles connected to the front and back wall and projecting outwardly from the bag-like structure at the open end thereof, a plurality of fastening devices carried by the front wall, said receptacle being foldable upon transversely extending and longitudinally extending lines to produce bags of different sizes and also being rollable to produce a music roll, certain of the fastening devices of the front wall being engageable to maintain the bag folded in one size and a locking flap carried by the back wall and having a fastening device selectively cooperable with the devices of the front wall, the fastening device of the locking flap co-acting with certain of the fastening devices of the front wall to maintain the bag folded as a pocket-book and also co-operating with another of these fastening devices to maintain the bag folded as a small size handbag, said fastening device of the locking flap being also co-operable with a fastening device of the front wall to maintain the bag rolled as a music roll.

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