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Fig. 1.

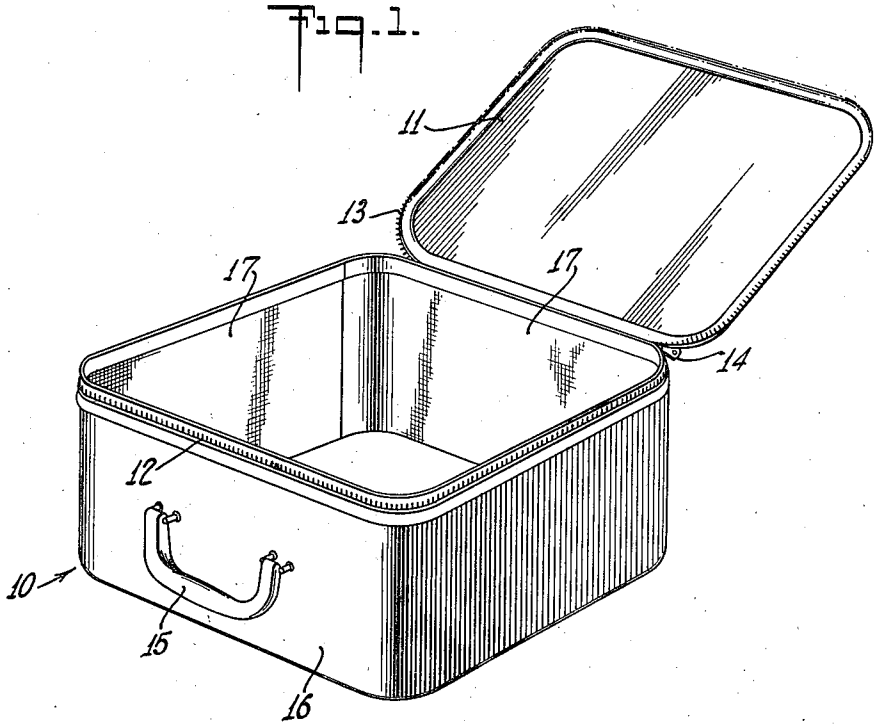
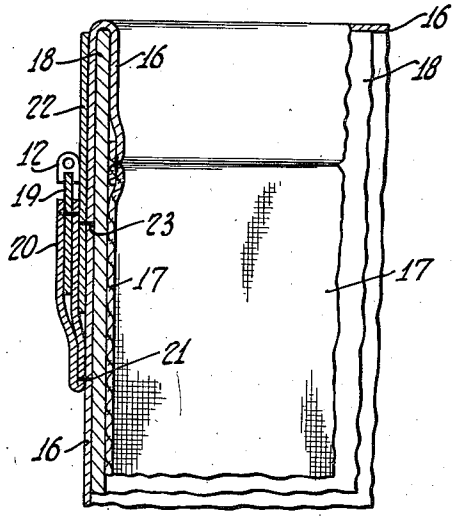


Fig. 2.



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The present invention relates to hand bags for carrying articles of different weight, more particularly for carrying the light-weight articles used by a woman, and the improvements are readily adaptable to such hand bags as are shown, described and claimed in U. S. Letters Patent No. 1,676,229, dated July 3, 1928, Nos. 1,701,973 and 1,701,974, dated February 12, 1929, and No. 1,732,842, dated October 22, 1929.

This application is a division of application Ser. No. 276,292, filed May 29, 1939, and its principal object is to protect the exterior finishing material or fabric of the bag, which is usually waterproof, from being marred or damaged by the action of the hookless fastenings when they are operated to close the bag.

Other objects are to provide an attractive hand bag which, while it has considerable strength and endurance, is not necessarily expensive, but, on the contrary, can be sold reasonably.

The invention consists of certain features of construction and combinations of parts to be hereinafter described and then claimed with reference to the accompanying drawing illustrating the preferred embodiment of the invention, and wherein—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the bag showing the cover in open position; and

Fig. 2 is a vertical section of a fragmentary portion of the bag.

The bag body 10 is provided with a hinged cover 11, and the bag is adapted to be opened and closed through the medium of hookless fastenings 12, 13, which are secured to the outside of and around the bag body, and to the overlapping outer edge or flange of the cover so as to extend fully around the bag except where the cover is hinged thereto. The hookless fastenings 12, 13 are provided with the usual operating tab 14. A handle 15 may be used.

The outer covering or peripheral band 16 around the bag may be of any suitable thin, flexible material, such as fabric or imitation leather, and the cover may be covered with similar material. The bag body has a suitable lining 17, which may be of light ornamental and attractive fabric.

Between the peripheral band 16 and the lining 17 the surrounding wall of the bag body may be reinforced by a stiffening sheet or sheets 18 of cardboard, fiberboard or the like, which preferably extend the full depth of the bag and entirely around the surrounding wall, as disclosed in the beforementioned patents.

It is found desirable to provide means for providing a suitable foundation for the operation of hookless fasteners when such are used, and to this end, as shown in Fig. 2, the tape 19 of fastening elements 12 is stitched into the folded flexible strip 20, which is connected at its fold by a line of stitching 21 with the bag body, while between the strip 20 and the outer covering 16 of the bag there is located a preferably stiff backing-up strip 22 of thin cardboard, fiberboard or the like. This backing-up strip 22 is stitched at 23 to the outer covering 16, and it extends for a sufficient distance downwardly below the hookless fastening elements 12 and also above the same to provide the desired foundation and to prevent the elements 12, 13 of the hookless fastening defacing or catching in the fabric of the outer covering 16. The upper edge of the backing-up strip 22 preferably terminates adjacent the mouth of the bag. Stitching 23 may preferably also pass through sheet 18.

The reinforcing sheet 18 in the bag body provides a strong foundation for the backing-up strip during the operation of the hookless fastenings, but the said strip is relied upon principally to prevent wear of the covering of the bag by the operation of the hookless fastenings.

Obviously the invention is susceptible of modification which does not depart from the scope of the claims.

What I claim as new is:

1. A hand bag or the like, including a bag body with a covering of flexible material and having a mouth, a cover, hookless fastenings extending around the mouth and cover, and fastener backing-up means stiffer than the flexible material and located between such material and the fastenings secured to the body, such backing-up means consisting of a thin strip extending substantially to the rim of the bag around the outside of the bag, and above and below the fastenings when the bag is closed, such backing strip preventing the hookless fastening elements from wearing the material of the covering when closing the bag by the hookless fastenings.

2. A hand bag or the like, including a bag body with a covering of flexible material and having a mouth, a lining in the body, a bag-reinforcing strip between the lining and covering, a hinged cover, hookless fastenings extending partly around the mouth and cover, and fastener backing-up means stiffer than the flexible material and located between such material and the fastenings secured to the body, such backing-up means consisting of a thin strip extending substantially to the rim of the bag around the outside of the bag, and back of the fastenings when the bag is closed, such backing strip preventing the hookless fastening elements from wearing the material of the covering when closing the bag by the hookless fastenings.

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