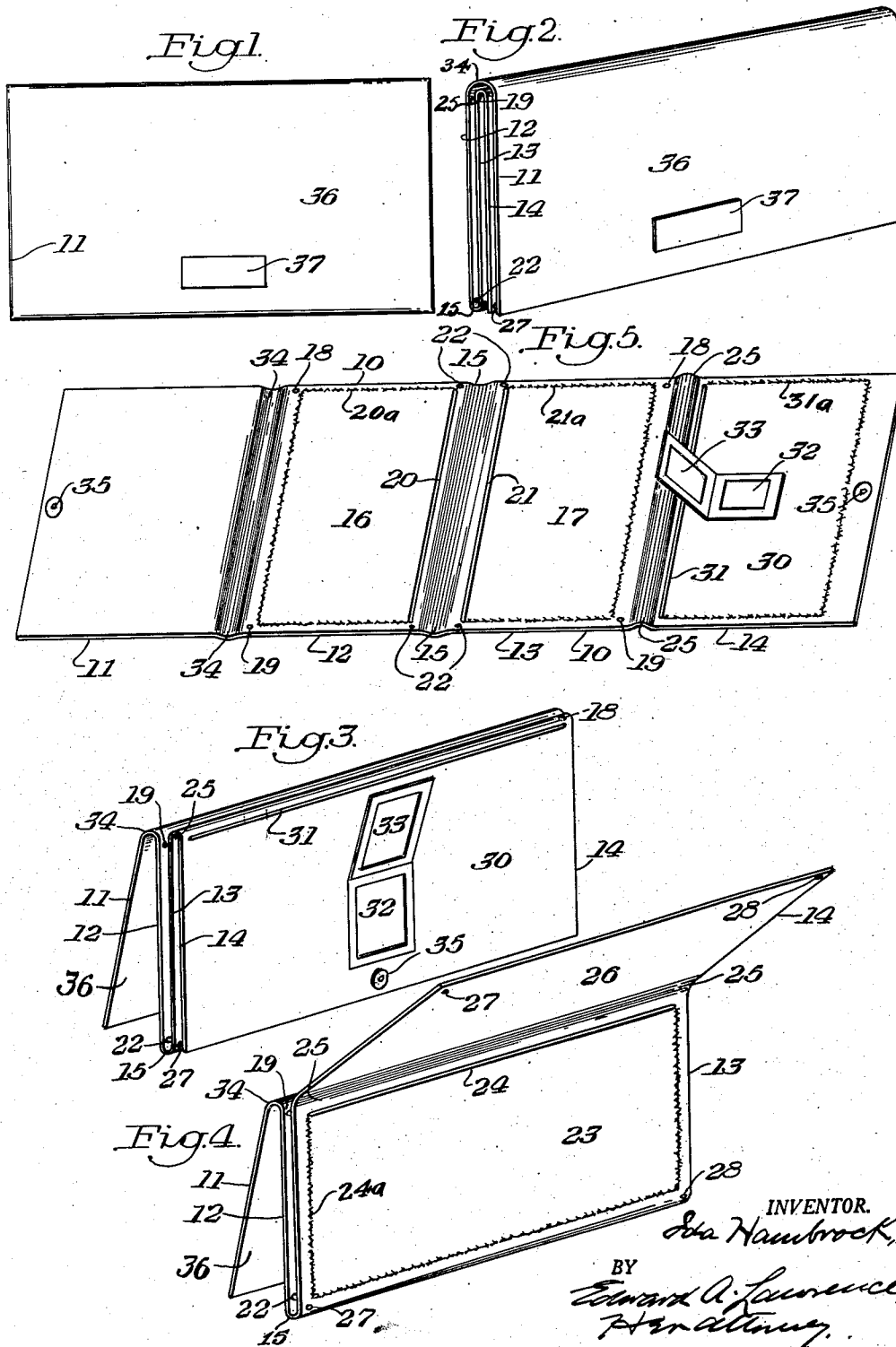


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This invention relates generally to handbags and more particularly to the construction of handbags having multiple folded sections.

The principal object of this invention is the provision of a handbag composed of a longitudinally disposed body having a plurality of transverse sections, provided with pockets and which when folded produces a handbag of the face dimensions of one section.

Another object is the provision of a flat body having pockets and divided into four sections which when folded twice at a mid-portion produces a handbag of the size of one section and closes the pocket openings with means for fastening together the extremities of the sections facing each other.

Other objects and advantages appear in the following description and claims.

A practical embodiment illustrating the principles of this invention is shown in the accompanying drawing wherein:

Fig. 1 is a front view of the handbag when folded.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing the front and one end of the handbag when folded.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the handbag showing the front or end section unfastened and thrown back.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view similar to Fig. 3 with the other end section raised.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view showing the handbag completely opened and lying flat.

Referring to Fig. 5 of the drawings, it will be noted that the blank or body 10 is made of overlying material and is relatively long and is divided transversely into four sections 11, 12, 13 and 14 which are substantially equal in dimensions and extend for the full width of the body 10. The sections 11 and 14 are referred to as the end sections and the sections 12 and 13 the intermediate sections. The body 10 may be folded along the principal fold line 15 at its mid-position so that the faces 16 and 17 of the intermediate sections 12 and 13 come together and may be fastened by the snaps 18 and 19. Each of the sections 12 and 13 is provided with pockets 20a and 21a made with lining and sewed around three edges as indicated, the openings 20 and 21 of these pockets are adjacent to each other and are closed by the principal fold along 15. Additional snaps 22 may be provided near the fold 15 on the faces 16 and 17 to aid in maintaining the shape of the folded sections 12 and 13.

As shown in Fig. 4 the opposite face 23 of the section 13 is provided with a pocket 24a made

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with lining and sewed around three edges as indicated having the opening 24 which is adjacent to and closed by the fold between the sections 13 and 14 along the secondary fold line 25. Section 14 can be folded along 25 in either direction. Thus section 13 has a pocket on each side thereof, one in the face 17 and one in the face 23, and the openings of these pockets face in opposite directions.

The under face 26 of the section 14 is provided with snaps 27 and 28 arranged to engage corresponding snaps on the face 23 of section 13 as shown in Fig. 4. Thus the pocket opening 24 is closed and sealed by folding the section 14 down and securing the snaps 27 and 28 as shown in Fig. 3.

The upper face 30 of the section 14 is provided with the pocket 31a made with lining sewed around three edges thereof as indicated opening 31 adjacent the fold 25 and is also provided with the mirror 32 and the identification card case 33 which is secured to the mirror and is arranged to fold down over and cover the mirror to protect it.

The section 11 may be folded relative to the section 12 along the secondary fold line 34 in either direction. When folded back as shown in Figs. 3 and 4 the handbag is open to provide access to the pockets through the openings 24 and 31 depending upon the position of section 14.

When the end section 11 is folded down over the end section 14 as shown in Figs. 1 and 2 and fastened by means of the snaps 35 the handbag is closed and the pocket opening 31 in section 14 is sealed. The under face 36 of section 11 becomes the front face of the handbag and is provided with an ornament or monogram 37 and the under face of the intermediate section 12 becomes the back of the handbag.

It is apparent that my improved handbag is of a capacity greater than any other handbag of similar dimensions and that its contents may be carried without danger of loss caused by accidental opening of the various pockets. At the same time my improved handbag is slightly and convenient to carry.

I claim:

1. A handbag consisting of a blank divided into quarter sections by a principal central fold line that folds the blank in half and two secondary fold lines that mate to fold the half into quarter sections, the quarter sections forming two intermediate and two end sections, pockets on one face in each of the two intermediate sections of the open blank with their mouths confronting

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each other adjacent the principal central fold and closed thereby, a third pocket on said one face of the blank in one of the end sections with its mouth open to the adjacent secondary fold and closed by the other secondary fold, a fastener on said one face of the blank detachably holding the intermediate sections together when the blank is folded in half, and a second fastener on said one face of the blank to detachably hold the end sections together.

2. A handbag consisting of a blank divided into quarter sections by a principal central fold line that folds the blank in half and two secondary fold lines that mate to fold the half into quarter sections, the quarter sections forming two intermediate and two end sections, pockets on one face in each of the two intermediate sections of the open blank with their mouths confronting each other adjacent the principal central fold and closed thereby, a third pocket on said one face of the blank in one of the end sections with its mouth open to the adjacent secondary fold and closed by the other secondary fold, a fastener on said one face of the blank detachably holding the intermediate sections together when the blank is folded in half, a second fastener on said one face of the blank to detachably hold the end

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sections together, a fourth pocket on said other face of the blank in one of the intermediate sections with its mouth open adjacent to and closed by the same secondary fold adjacent to the third pocket, and a third fastener on said other face to detachably hold the end section carrying the third pocket to the adjacent intermediate section when the blank is folded in quarter sections to lock the fourth pocket closed.

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