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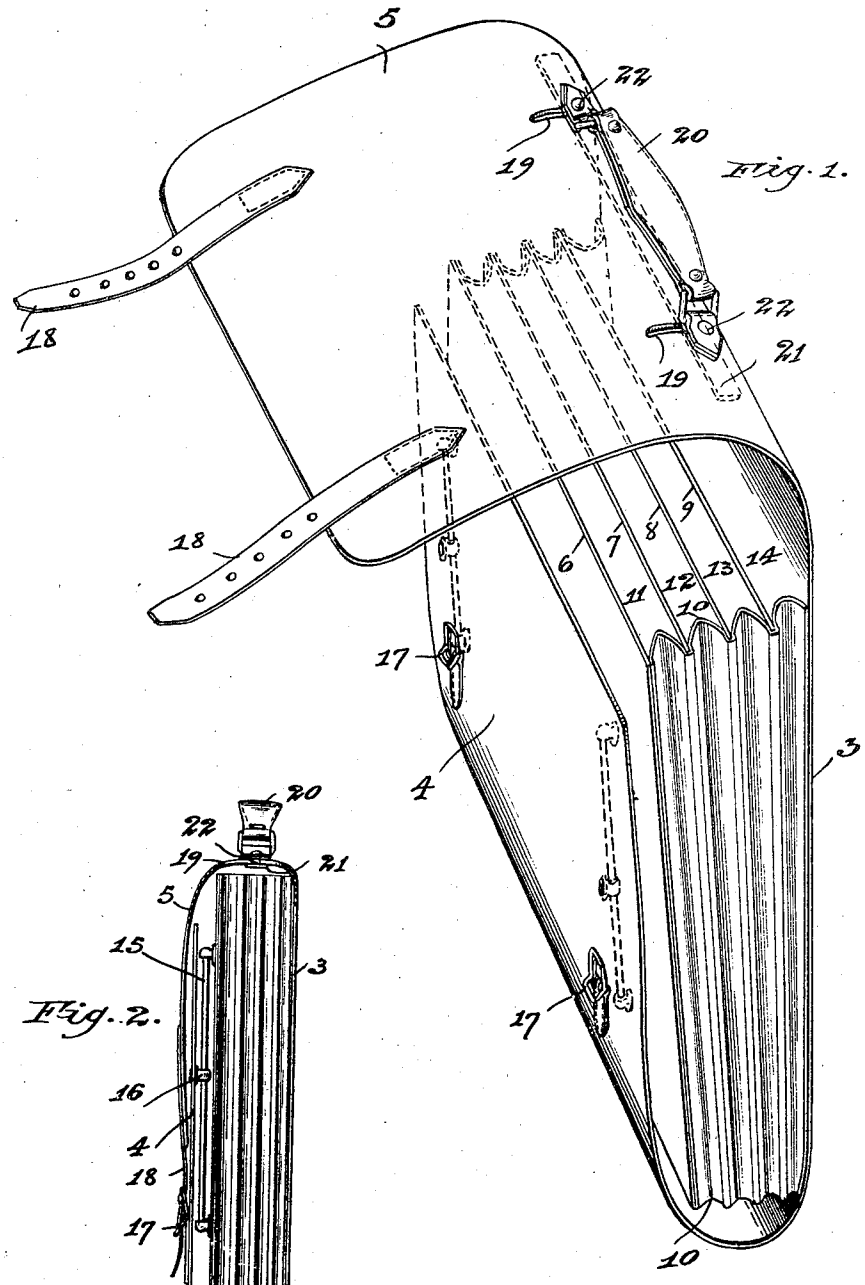


Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK MASHEK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hand-Bags, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates in general to hand-bags, but more particularly to a hand-bag adapted for traveling purposes where a considerable weight is carried such as a large number of papers.

The principal object of my invention is to make a strong and durable hand-bag wherein the pockets for receiving the material will be externally supported so that the strain will not come directly upon the pockets.

Further advantages of the invention will appear throughout the specification; the bag being shown in the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved bag; Fig. 2 is an end view of Fig. 1 with the bag in closed position and a part thereof being shown in section.

Referring now more particularly to the drawing, the outer casing is preferably made from a single piece of material, such as leather, and of sufficient length to form the back 3 of the bag, the front 4 and the cover 5.

The partitions 6, 7, 8 and 9 which are arranged parallel to each other and to the back 3 of the bag as well, are connected at opposite ends and along one side by a flexible material 10, such as leather, thereby forming the pockets 11, 12 and 13, while the pocket 14 is formed by connecting the flexible portion 10 with the back 3. It will thus be noted that the bellows connection between the partitions will permit of the pockets being either expanded or contracted and that all of said partitions are supported (when the bag is open) merely by the connection between the material 10 and the back 3. Consequently, when the bag is open and it contains material, when lifted the strain will all come upon the flexible material 10 connecting the partitions and upon the connection between the flexible material and the back 3. This would also be the case if the cover 5 were secured directly to the partition 6, which is generally the practice. In order, therefore, to fully support the pockets and contents I extend the back 3 beyond the point to which it is secured to the flexible material 10 and beneath the lower edges of the partitions and then upwardly along the partition 6 forming the front of the bag 4. I prefer, however, to have a sliding connection between the front 4 and the partition 6 in order that the front 4 at all times can be maintained in its proper position, which is accomplished by securing guides 15 near each end of the partition 6 and to the front 4 I secure two eyes 16 which have a sliding engagement with the guides 15 whereby when the pockets are expanded the eyes will slide toward the bottom of the guides and toward the top when the pockets are contracted. As a means for securing the top 5 to the front 4 I provide one part with buckles 17 and the other part with straps 18.

It will be readily seen from the foregoing description that when material is placed within the pockets and it is desired to carry the bag, all strain upon the pockets can be relieved by so drawing the front 4 and the cover 5 together that the lower edges of the partitions will be supported by the material of the outer casing where it passes beneath said partitions.

It will, of course, be seen that as the bag is filled with material if the handle should remain at a single point, its position would not be in the center of the load and it is therefore desirable to have a handle in an expansible bag of the character herein shown which is capable of being shifted with the load in the bag. To this end I form the slots 19 in the outer casing, which slots are of sufficient length to enable the handle to be shifted as the load in the bag increases or diminishes and since the handle 20 upon the outside of the covering is connected to the bar 21 on the other side of the covering by means of suitable studs 22 which extend through the slots 19, the handle may be conveniently shifted as the load shifts and in addition to this advantage the bar 21 affords a secure means for the attachment of the handle to the bag.

Having now described my invention, I claim:

A hand bag comprising a single piece of flexible material doubled upon itself and

having overlapping ends, a plurality of laterally expansible pockets permanently secured to one side of said flexible material only and having a sliding connection with the other side thereof permitting of the expansion of said pockets but preventing displacement thereof and means for securing the overlapping ends of said flexible material together.

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