

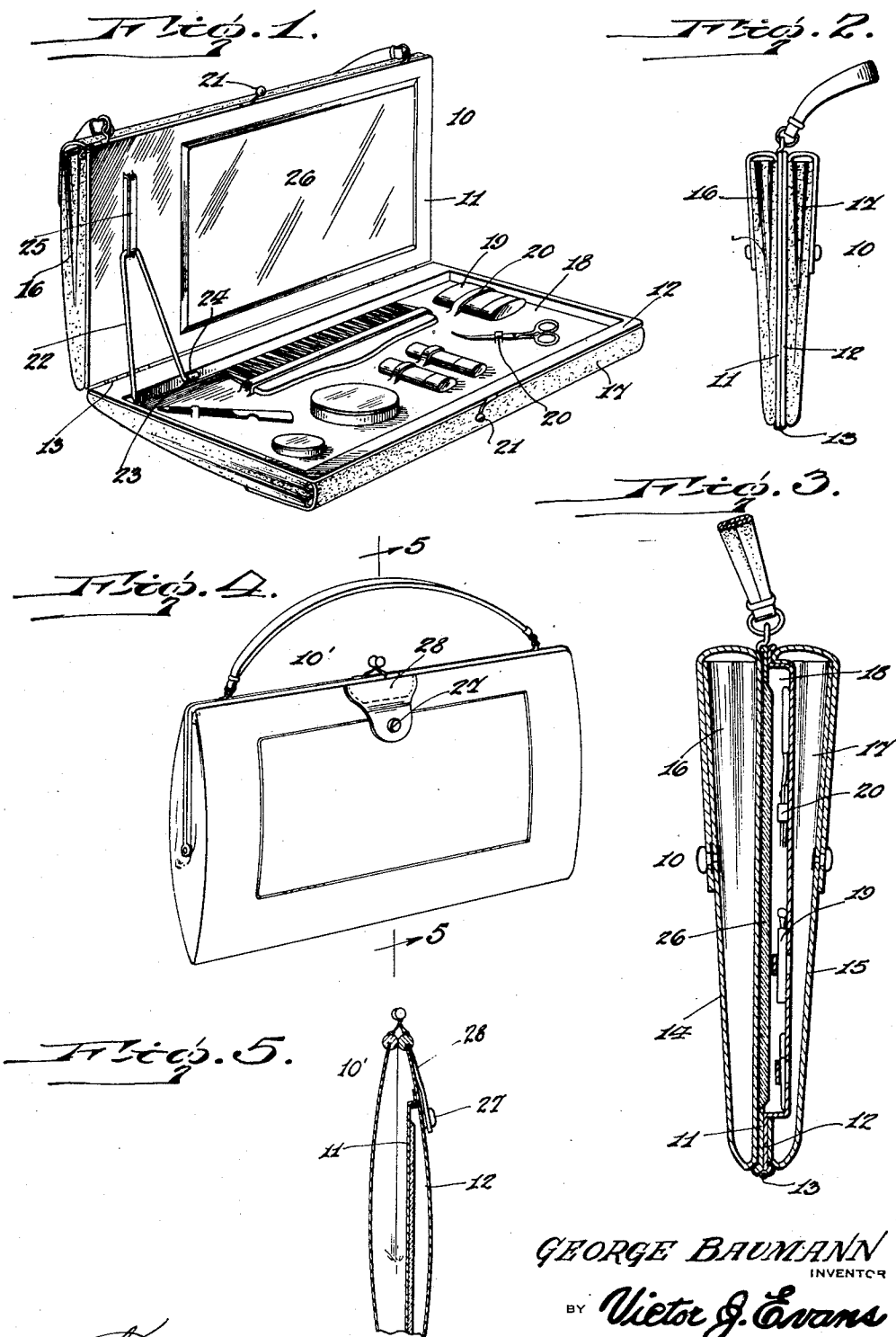
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This invention relates to improvements in ladies' handbags and has for its primary object, the provision of a combined pocket-book and toilet kit.

Figure 3 is an enlarged vertical transverse sectional view therethrough.

Figure 4 is a perspective view of a modified form of hand bag.

Figure 5 is a vertical transverse sectional view on the line 5—5 of Figure 4.

Referring to the drawing by reference characters, the numeral 10 designates my improved lady's hand bag in its entirety, which includes in the preferred form a pair of thin metal plates 11 and 12 hingedly connected together as at 13. Mounted upon the plates 11 and 12 are pockets 14 and 15 respectively which are closed by flaps 16 and 17. These pockets constitute the money pockets of the pocket-book for the carrying of valuables.

The plate 12 is recessed as at 18 to form a tray for receiving and supporting toilet articles 19, such as a comb, powder box, lip-stick, scissors, finger-nail file and the like. The articles are conveniently arranged on the plate and held by straps or the like 20, and the depth of the tray is sufficient to prevent the articles from being touched by the other plate 11 when the same are in closed position. The upper edges of the plates are provided with co-acting spring catches 21 for holding the same in closed position one against the other.

The tray-like section may be dropped from a vertical closed position to a horizontal open position upon release of the spring catches and for limiting the swinging movement of the same, I provide a V-shaped bail 22 having its free ends bent outwardly to provide trunnions 23 which are turnably mounted in spaced eyes 24 adjacent one end of the plate 12. The closed end or apex bight portion of the V-shaped bail slides in a guide 25 cut and stamped from the plate 11 and engages the inner closed end to limit opening movement of the plate.

With the plate 12 in horizontal position, the plate 11 is exposed in a substantially vertical position and the same has a mirror 26 mounted thereon whereby persons may view themselves when preparing their toilet.

From the foregoing description, it will be seen that in Figures 1 to 3 of the drawing, I have shown a lady's handbag in which a vanity kit is mounted between two money

5 The primary object of the invention is to provide a compartment in a lady's pocket-book for conveniently receiving such toilet articles that are readily required for every-day use, and which compartment is accessible without exposing the money pocket to view, as valuables contained therein might need-
10 lessly be disclosed to view which may tend to induce theft, or the valuables may accidentally drop out and become lost. With this improved hand bag, the money pocket may
15 be kept closed at all times, except when it is desired to remove money therefrom, as it prevents the opening of the same for the purpose of removing toilet necessities.

20 Another object of the invention resides in a vanity pocket book wherein the requisite toilet articles usually carried by ladies may be neatly arranged in a separate compartment from the other pockets of a hand bag, and may be exposed for ready removal when
25 opened.

A further object of the invention is to provide a sectional hand bag including a toilet article receiving compartment disposed in
30 one section thereof, with the mirror secured in the opposed section, and means for supporting the sections at right angles to each other, whereby the mirror can be conveniently used while ready access may be had
35 to the toilet articles, while the hand bag is rested upon a supporting means or the hand of the user.

40 With these and other objects in view, the invention resides in certain novel construction and combination and arrangement of parts, the essential features of which are hereinafter fully described, are particularly pointed out in the appended claims, and are
45 illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved lady's hand bag in open position.

50 Figure 2 is an end elevation of the same in a closed position.

pockets, the contents of the kit being accessible without disturbing the locked position of the money pockets, thus preventing needless loss of the contents of the money pockets when preparing one's toilet by the use of the various articles constituting part of the kit.

In Figures 4 and 5 of the drawing, I have shown a slightly modified form of my invention wherein the same general principle is in use but the style of pocket-book is different. In this form, the plate 11 is mounted in one of the side walls of a pocket book 10' and has the tray plate 12 hinged thereto. The plate 12 when closed is flush with the side of the pocket book and is held in such position by a snap fastener 27 carried by the finger tab 28. The construction is otherwise the same as in the preferred form.

While I have described what I deem to be the most desirable embodiment of my invention, it is obvious that many of the details may be varied without in any way departing from the spirit of my invention, and I therefore do not limit myself to the exact details of construction herein set forth nor to anything less than the whole of my invention limited only by the appended claims.

What is claimed as new is:—

1. In a lady's handbag a pair of hingedly connected sections, and means for securing said sections in a closed position, a V-shaped bail hingedly connected to one of said sections, and a guide on the other of said sections with which the bight portion of said bail slidably engages for supporting one of said sections in an open position with respect to the other section.

2. In a hand bag, a pair of sections including metal plates hingedly secured together, one of said plates adapted to carry toilet articles and the other a mirror, a guide cut and stamped from the mirror carrying plates in a manner to project therefrom, a substantially V-shaped bail having its remote ends bent outwardly upon themselves to provide trunnions, spaced ears formed with the toilet article carrying plate and rotatably receiving the trunnions, said substantially V-shaped bail having its apex end mounted for slidable movement in the guide and being adapted to support the mirror carrying plate in a vertical position at right angles with respect to the toilet article carrying plate, and means for securing the sections in closed positions.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature.

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