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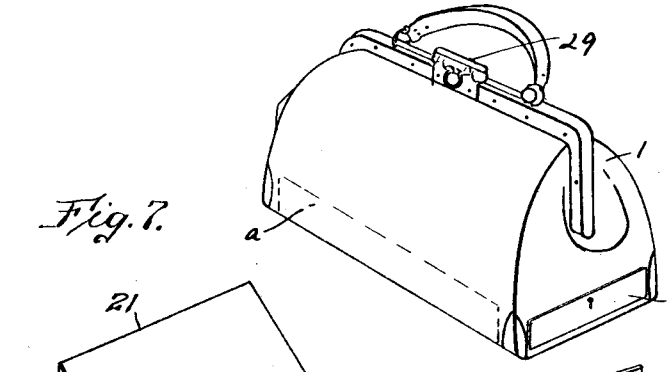

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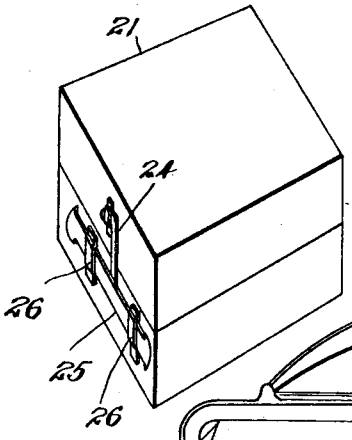

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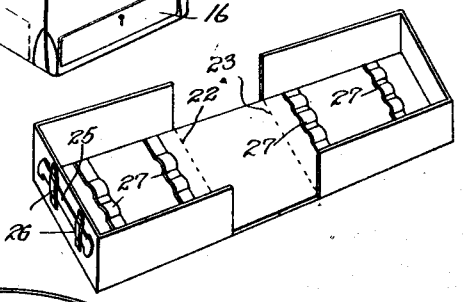

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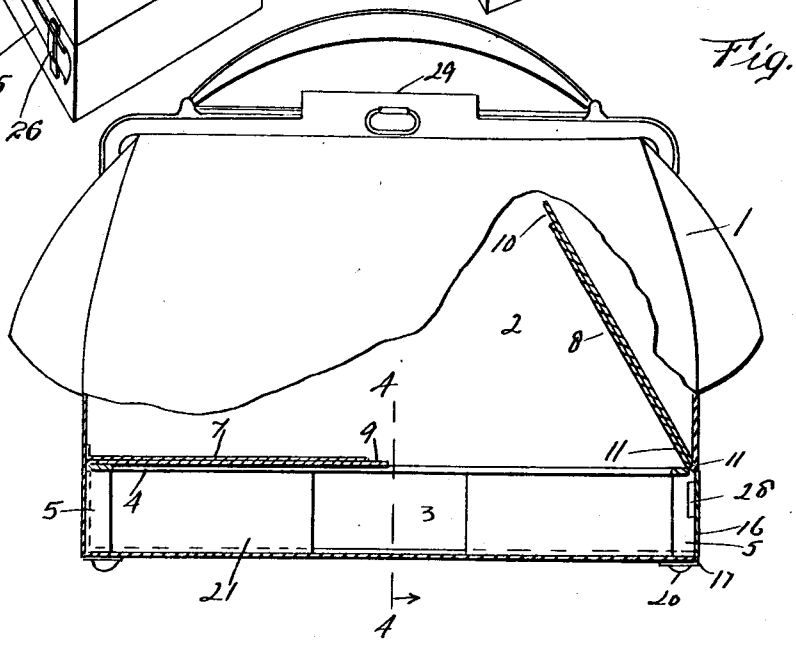

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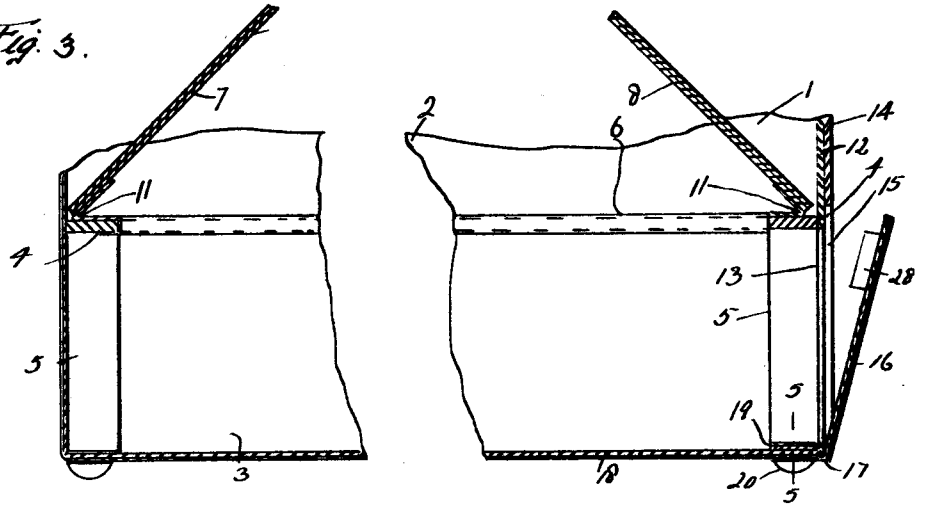

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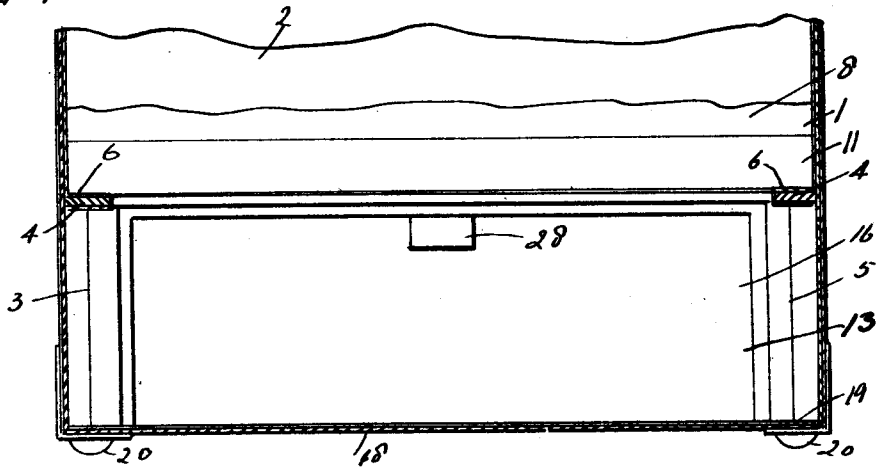

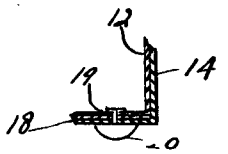

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT BERNARDO, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented new and useful Improvements in Hand Traveling Bags, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a new and useful improvement in hand traveling bags, and has for its object to so construct such a bag as to provide two compartments therein, one above the other, the lower compartment being adapted to receive a receptacle for holding special articles such as physicians' instruments or toilet articles.

A further object of this invention is to provide ready access between the upper and lower compartments.

A further object is to so construct and adapt the receptacle that while it may be used as a drawer to slide in and out of the lower compartment it may also be used as a separate container for storing and conveying articles in cases of emergency.

A still further object of this invention is to provide a structure which will be rigid and durable without interfering with the usual functions of the hand bag.

With these and other ends in view, this invention consists in the details of construction and combination of elements hereinafter set forth and then specifically designated by the claims.

In order that those skilled in the art to which this invention appertains, may understand how to make and use the same, I will describe its construction in detail, referring by numerals to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this application, in which:—

Fig. 1, is a perspective of a hand bag made in accordance with my improvements.

Fig. 2, is an enlarged side elevation partly broken away and sectioned to show the interior construction of the bag.

Fig. 3, is a lengthwise section of the lower portion of the bag on a still further enlarged scale and partially broken away to clearly show the details of construction.

Fig. 4, is a section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 5, is a section on the line 5—5 of Fig. 3 showing the manner of securing the stay strip in place.

Fig. 6, is a perspective of the receptacle for small articles adapted to be used as a drawer in connection with the lower compartment of the bag.

Fig. 7, is a perspective showing the receptacle closed for use as an emergency container.

In carrying out my invention as here embodied, 1 represents a hand traveling bag designed to have the general appearance of such bags, but the interior of this bag is divided into an upper compartment 2 and a lower compartment 3 by the strips 4, which latter are supported by the posts 5, and I prefer that the lining 6 of the bag be extended over and glued to the strips, thereby providing further means for holding these strips in place and also giving a finish to the upper surfaces thereof.

7 and 8 represent the hinged sections of the bottom of the compartment 2, each of which section is composed of two layers of material, one projecting beyond the other to form the flanges 9 and 10. Each of these sections is hinged to one of the end strips 4 as indicated at 11 and are thus adapted to be swung down upon the side strips to form the bottom of the upper compartment, the flange 10 overlapping the flange 9 thereby causing these meeting ends to properly align as will be readily understood.

The inner layer 12 of one of the end walls of the bag has an opening 13 formed therethrough while the outer layer 14 of said wall also has an opening therethrough indicated at 15, and this last named opening is larger than the opening 13 thus forming a recess or depression around the opening 13 in which the flap 16 when closed lies flush with the outer surface of this end wall so as not to mar the appearance of the bag. The lower edge of this flap is hinged to the bottom of the bag as indicated at 17.

In order that the bottom 18 of the bag may be strengthened adjacent the opening 13 a metal strip 19 is superimposed upon the bottom and held in place by the studs 20 being riveted thereto, as clearly shown in Fig. 5.

21 represents a receptacle, which when unfolded as shown in Figs. 2 and 6, is in the general shape of a drawer and adapted to slide through the opening 13 into the lower compartment 3 of the bag. The center portions of each of the sides of this receptacle is cutaway and the bottom thereof is scored as at 22 and 23, so that the sections

may be folded upon each other to form a closed container as shown in Fig. 7; a catch 24 or other suitable means being provided to secure the sections in their closed positions.

For convenience in carrying the container as a case separate from the hand bag a handle 25 in the form of a strip is slidably secured to one end of the receptacle by the loops 26. This strap also facilitates the sliding back and forth of the receptacle within the lower compartment 3 of the hand bag.

Suitable loops 27 are secured to the bottom of the receptacle by means of which articles may be held in place within the receptacle.

A suitable lock 28 is secured to the flap 16 in order that the latter may be locked in its closed position, and it is preferable that this lock and the lock 29 for securing the bag closed be adapted to the same key.

In practice one of the great advantages of my improved hand bag is that access can be had to the receptacle 21 from the inside of the bag by swinging up one or both of the sections 7 and 8 so that articles may be placed in or removed from the receptacle without withdrawing the latter from its compartment, and another great advantage is that when occasion requires the receptacle 21 may be withdrawn and folded and used as a separate container. This is especially advantageous when the bag is used by physicians or surgeons, from the fact that emergency instruments or medicines may be carried in this receptacle for use at any time.

If found desirable the opening to the lower compartment 3 may be had through an opening in the side of the bag as indicated by the dotted lines *a*.

Of course I do not wish to be limited to the exact details of construction as herein shown as these may be varied within the limits of the appended claims without departing from the spirit of my invention.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new and useful is:—

1. In a bag of the character described, rigid strips extending around the interior of the bag, posts supporting said strips, two sections hinged to certain of said strips so as to close upon the strips to separate the lower from the upper portion of the interior of the bag, and a receptacle adapted to slide in and out of the lower division.

2. In a traveling bag, an upper and a lower compartment, rigid strips separating said compartments, a bottom for the upper compartment consisting of two sections, each hinged to said strips, posts for supporting the strips, an opening formed in the wall of the lower compartment, a metal strip secured to the bottom of the last named compartment adjacent said opening, a flap hinged to the bottom of the bag so as to close over said opening, and a recess formed around said opening into which said flap may close so as to lie flush with the outer wall of the bag.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature.

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