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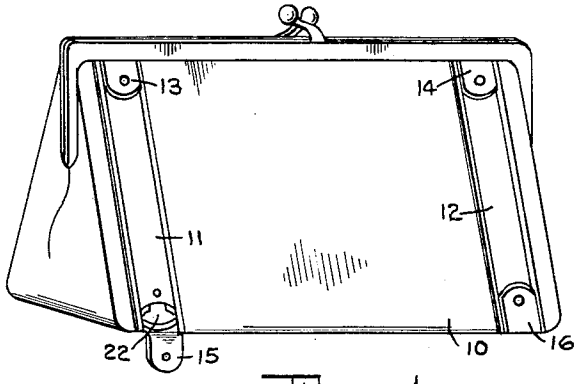


Fig-1

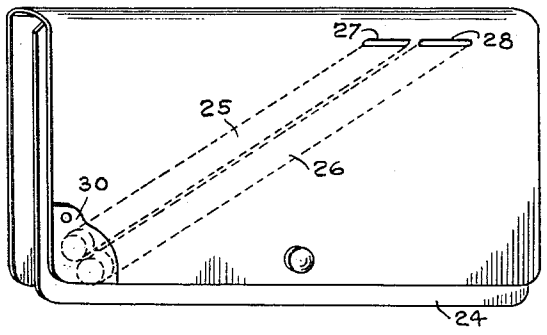


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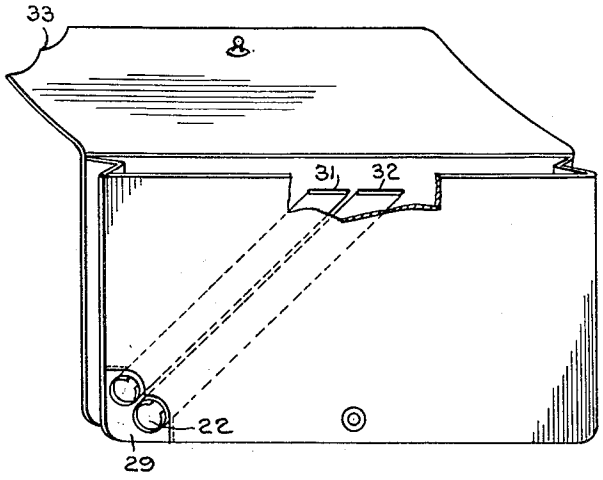


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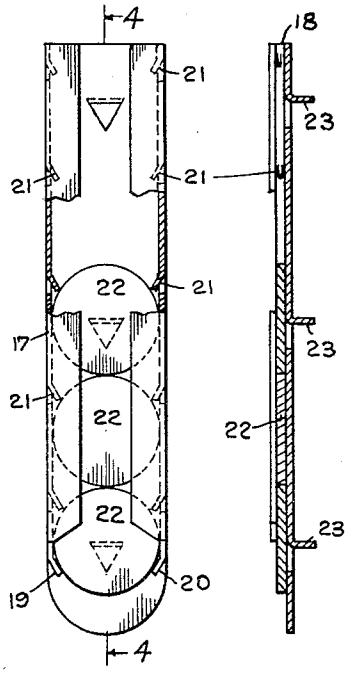


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The present invention relates in general to an improvement in hand bags, pocket books, and similar articles of luggage, and more particularly to the combination therewith of one or more coin receptacles each arranged to accommodate coins of a given denomination and positioned so as to facilitate the withdrawal of a desired coin without the necessity of opening the bag.

The primary object of the invention is to provide a coin receiving and dispensing member which is preferably adapted to be fixed in position within the body of the bag, the said member being so constructed as to facilitate its use without materially increasing the size of the bag.

A further object is to provide a coin receptacle which is in the form of a channel or tube to position the coins lengthwise therein, the receptacle being adapted to be placed on the hand bag in a vertical, or any desired sloping position, to permit the movement of the coins therein due to the action of gravity.

A still further object is to provide means associated with the coin receptacle whereby the coins can only move toward their point of egress and are prevented, while in a given position, from rattling or shaking therein during the normal use of the bag.

Another object is to associate the coin receptacle with the pocket book, or hand bag, in such a manner that the same may be filled from a slot located within the same.

A further object is to provide a point of egress of the coins in the receptacle, which is located on the exterior of the pocket book, or bag, and from which the coins may be successively withdrawn, the construction at this point being such as to blend in harmony with the remainder of the exterior of the bag. If desired, the bag may be provided with a flap to conceal the end of the coin receptacle.

My invention further includes other objects, advantages, and novel features of construction, hereinafter more particularly referred to, and which will be apparent from the accompanying drawing in which I have illustrated the preferred embodiment of the same.

In the drawing Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the arrangement of the coin receptacles on the exterior of the bag.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of a modification of the invention in which the coin receptacles are located in the flap portion of the bag.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view showing a further modification in which the entrance slots to the respective coin receptacles are located in the interior of the bag.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged detailed side elevation of the coin receptacle made in accordance with the present invention, and

Fig. 5 is a section on line 4—4, Fig. 4.

Referring particularly to Figure 1, an improved hand bag made in accordance with the present invention is indicated at 10. In this form of the invention, the exterior portion of the bag may be provided with additional receptacle cover portions, such as shown at 11 and 12, affixed thereto by stitching, or in any other desirable manner. Each of the covers, as illustrated, in association with the body of the bag, form vertical openings in which the coin receptacles may be suitably fixed in position. The coin receptacles, hereinafter more particularly described, may be constructed to accommodate nickels or dimes therein as desired, it being apparent that any number of such receptacles may be utilized in the bag to carry any denominations of coins therein without departing from the nature and spirit of the invention.

In the instant case, the bag is provided with flap members 13 and 14 having suitable fastening means such as snap fasteners, the flap in each case being adapted to conceal the entrance slots to the coin receptacles. A similar set of flap members may be provided at the coin dispensing end of the receptacle, such as indicated at 15 and 16.

As shown in Figs. 4 and 5, I preferably utilize a coin receptacle of metal, or similar rigid material, constructed in the form of a rectangular channel, or tube, for guiding the coins so that the same assume a lengthwise or end to end position therein. The receptacle is indicated at 17 and has at its upper end a slot 18 into which the coins may be inserted. At the dispensing end the tube, or receptacle,

17 is constructed so as to permit a partially exposed coin located in the bottom of the tube to be manually withdrawn. As illustrated, this construction comprises a pair of resilient arms 19 and 20 extending from the respective sides of the receptacle to normally retain the coins therein and to permit the same to be withdrawn one at a time. The receptacle constructed in accordance with the present invention is also provided with a plurality of springs or resilient arms extending within the same as shown at 21. The purpose of the arms, which may be located on a single side of the tube, or on both sides as presently illustrated, is to permit the passage of the coins 22 toward their point of egress and to form a means for preventing the same from returning to the entrance slot when once placed therein. The receptacles are positioned on the bag so as to permit the movement of the coins due to the action of gravity to pass the sets of resilient arms 21 until a position is reached against the arms 19 and 20 or abutting another coin held therein.

The sets of resilient arms 21 are located so as to engage the side surface of each coin in the receptacle, while in a given position, and prevent the same from rattling or vibrating therein during the normal use of the bag. The receptacle may be constructed of any desired length to accommodate any number of coins of a given denomination and may also be provided with a number of pointed flexible lugs such as indicated at 23 which may be utilized in fastening the same to position on the bag.

Referring particularly to Fig. 2 the hand bag is indicated at 24. In this adaptation of the invention, the coin receptacles are located in a suitable angular position between the inner lining of the flap of the bag and the exterior or cover of the same. The receptacles are constructed similarly to that hereinbefore described and are indicated generally at 25 and 26. Openings 27 and 28 are located in the upper portion of the flap to provide access to the entrance slots of the respective coin receptacles. A portion of the cover or exterior of the bag is cut-away as indicated at 29, Fig. 3, in order to expose the dispensing end of the coin receptacles 25 and 26 so that the coins may be readily withdrawn. A suitable flap 30 may also be utilized to cover the dispensing end of the receptacle located in the cut-out portion in the exterior of the bag.

Referring to Fig. 3 a modification of the invention, as shown in Fig. 2, is illustrated, in which the coin receptacles are positioned within the main body of the bag. In this form of the invention the entrance slots for the coins are positioned in the interior of the bag as indicated at 31 and 32. A portion of the flap 33 is constructed to conform to the shape of the cut-out portion 29 in the body of the bag so that the dispensing end of the coin receptacles are accessible without opening the flap. It is apparent that many modifications may be made of the particular arrangement of the coin receptacles within the body of the bag without departing from the nature and spirit of the invention.

I claim as my invention:

1. A hand bag provided with a coin receptacle located in the body thereof, said receptacle forming a channel having separate points of entrance and egress for the coins, which are adapted to assume an end to end position while within the same, the receptacle being placed in the bag so that the coins will pass by the action of gravity toward the point of egress, means for preventing the coins from returning to the point of entrance, and means associated with the dispensing end of the receptacle to manually facilitate the successive withdrawal of the coins therefrom.

2. A hand bag provided with a coin receptacle located in the body thereof, said receptacle forming a channel having a point of entrance at one end of the same and a point of egress at the opposite end, and also being positioned on the bag so that the coins will pass by action of gravity toward the point of egress, means for preventing the coins from returning to the point of entrance, and means associated with the dispensing end of the receptacle to manually facilitate the successive withdrawal of the coins therefrom.

3. A hand bag provided with a coin receptacle located in the body thereof, said receptacle forming a channel, having at one end of the same an entrance slot located in the interior of the bag, a cut-away portion on the exterior of the bag into which the dispensing end of the receptacle projects.

Signed by me this 27th day of June, 1931.

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