PURSE AND LIKE RECEPTACLE

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This invention relates generically to hand carried containers and more particularly to types commonly carried by women, containing money, minor toilet accessories, handkerchiefs, etc., in a convenient manner, instantly and easily accessible when required.

It is desirable that such purses be light in weight provided with safe securing means, an efficient handle and present a pleasing appearance.

It is further required that the purse be compact, essentially flat, and so arranged that should it become inadvertently open, the contents will not fall out, although readily accessible.

The principal object of the present invention is to produce a purse that will effectively fulfill the foregoing requisites and present a novel, attractive design embodying practical peculiarities.

A further feature is in the provision of means whereby the usual inner metallic frame is entirely dispensed with, reducing weight without sacrificing strength and materially minimizing structural expense.

These and other advantages will appear in the following specification, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings constituting an important portion of the disclosure, and in which:

Figure 1 is a front elevation view of a purse made in accordance with the preferred form of the invention.

Figure 2 is a perspective view showing a fragmentary upper corner of the purse.

Figure 3 is a transverse sectional view taken approximately on line 3—3 of Figure 2.

Figures 4 to 9 inclusive illustrate different modifications of purse top rail construction.

Figure 10 is a fragmentary sectional view illustrating the manner of attaching the handle engaging elements.

In the drawing, the numeral 15 designates a central flat wall made preferably of fibre, although wood, cardboard or the like may be used.

Sewed along the lower edge of the wall 15, as at 16 and also along the sides thereof, is a pair of leather pocket members 17 having fixed thereto the inner elements 18 of a snap fastener.

Mounted on the top length of the wall 15 by rivets therethrough is a channel element 19 having openings in its upper face to receive the flattened ends 20 of a pair of holders 21 through which may be passed a ring 22 fixed to a conventional strap handle 23, the ends 24 of the channel being bent at right angles to present a neat appearance and to serve a further purpose later disclosed.

The lower edges of the channel 19 are curved outwardly as at 25 to form grooves in which are secured the outer cover members 26 by pinching the grooves tightly, the covers 26 having thereon, the outer elements 27 of the snap fastener. It is now obvious, that the downturned ends 24 of the channel also serve to close the grooves, as may be seen in Figure 2.

Figure 4 shows the channel 19 with a separate flat member 30 attached on its upper face, the edges of which are curled downwardly as at 31 and pinched after the outer cover 33 is inserted in the groove.

In Figure 5, the cover 35 is fastened between a narrow strip 36, having its upper edge curled downwardly as at 37, and the sides of the channel 19, the strip 36 being riveted to the channel as at 38.

In Figure 6, the lower ends of a channel 40 are bent outwardly at right angles 85 to form lugs 41 capable of receiving rods 42 on which the cover 43 is sewed in an obvious manner, as at 44.

Figure 7 illustrates the channel 19 having upwardly curled lower edges 50 presenting grooves in which are inserted the outer covers, after which the grooves are tightly pinched to prevent removal of the covers.

In Figure 8, the channel 19 has fixed to its sides, metal strips 55 having downwardly curved upper edges 56 forming grooves which are pinched close after the outer cover 57 has been placed therein.

In Figure 9, the channel consists of two similar pieces 60 having their upper surfaces 61 extending outwardly, the edges of which are curved under as at 62 forming grooves in which are fixed by pinching the outer covers 63. The two elements 60 are fastened to each other by rivets (not shown) passing through their facing upright portions 64.

From the foregoing, it may be seen that a compact, flat and frameless bag has been disclosed in a number of forms and while...
the several embodiments have been described with considerable detail, it is not intended that the same be construed as limitative, but merely illustrative, as further changes may be made without the exercise of invention or conflicting with the scope of the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. A purse comprising a central flat wall, pockets having their lower and side edges fixed to said wall, a channel fixed on said wall, curled grooves formed by the edges of said channel, covers having their upper edges pinched in said grooves, snap fasteners between said pockets and covers, and means by which said purse is carried.

2. A purse comprising a central flat wall, pockets having their lower and side edges fixed to said wall, a channel fixed on said wall, curled grooves formed by the edges of said channel, means to seal said grooves, covers having their upper edges pinched in said grooves, snap fasteners fixed to said pockets and covers, holders having flattened ends set in the upper surface of said channel, and means fixed to said holders by which the purse is carried.

3. A purse comprising a central flat partition of rigid material, an open topped pocket on each side of said partition fixed thereto at their end and bottom edges, a down-turned channel fixed on the upper portion of said partition, purse covers constituting flaps secured in the lower edges of said channel to extend over said pockets nearly to the lower edges thereof, engaging means between the inner surfaces of said covers and said pockets, and a handle fixed on said channel.

This specification signed this 11th day of May, 1926.

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