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Fig. 1

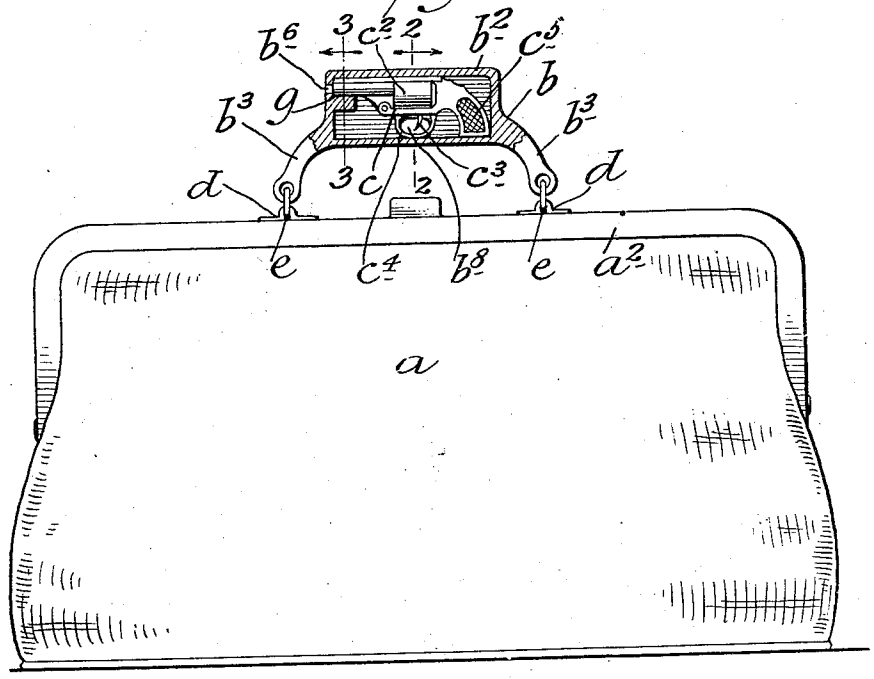



Fig. 2

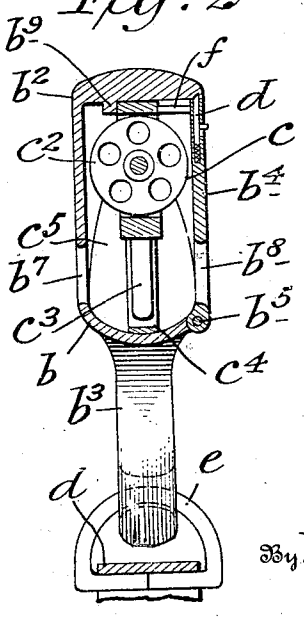
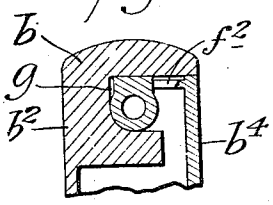



Fig. 3.




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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN GOLDSTEIN, a citizen of the United States, and residing at the Bronx, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bank-Messengers' Hand-Bags, of which the following is a specification, such as will enable those skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to hand bags used by bank messengers and others accustomed, at times, to carry large sums of money; and the object of the invention is to provide a bag of this class with a handle in which is placed a gun or revolver that may be used at any time by the carrier of the bag and which is fully concealed at all times.

The invention is fully disclosed in the following specification of which the accompanying drawing forms a part, in which the separate parts of my invention are designated by suitable reference characters in each of the views, and in which:—

Figure 1 is a side view of a hand bag provided with my improvement, the handle being in section;—Fig. 2 a cross section on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1, and;— Fig. 3 a similar section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

In the accompanying drawing, I have shown at *a* an ordinary hand bag of the class usually employed by bank messengers and others accustomed to carry large sums of money, and said bag is provided with a handle *b* involving a central hollow casing $b^2$ in which is placed an ordinary revolver or magazine gun *c*.

One of the jaw members $a^2$ of the bag is provided with keepers *d* with which the sides $b^3$ of the handle *b* are connected by means of link devices *e*, in the form of construction shown, and the casing $b^2$ of the handle is preferably composed of a box-shaped member forming the back, top and bottom of said casing, and a front side door $b^4$ hinged at the bottom, as shown at $b^5$.

The gun *c* shown is of the ordinary hammerless revolver type, and is provided with a rotary magazine or cylinder $c^2$ and with a trigger $c^3$ having the usual trigger guard $c^4$. One end of the casing $b^2$ of the handle is also provided with an aperture $b^6$ which is in direct line with the muzzle of the barrel of the gun when said gun is in position, and the central bottom portion of the casing $b^2$ of the handle is provided in the opposite sides thereof with apertures $b^7$ and $b^8$, the latter being in the door $b^4$, and the carrier of the bag, at any time, may pass a finger through either of the apertures $b^7$—$b^8$, or both of them, so as to operate the trigger $c^3$ and discharge the gun.

The door $b^4$ is provided with an ordinary spring catch securing or locking device *d*, and when the gun is placed in position, the handle $c^5$ bears on the back of the casing $b^2$ at one end thereof and the door, when closed, bears on said handle, and this aids in securing the gun in proper position. The top of the casing $b^2$ is also provided with a downwardly directed lug $b^9$ against which the frame work of the gun that incloses the cylinder $c^2$ passes, and the door $b^4$ is provided with a pin *f* which bears on the said framework of the gun in front of the lug $b^9$. The casing $b^2$ of the handle *b* is also provided at *g* with a recess adapted to receive the front end of the barrel of the gun, and the door $b^4$ is provided with another backwardly directed pin $f^2$ which bears on the barrel of the gun and holds it in the recess *g* when said door is closed, and this construction, as will be seen, holds the gun in operative position at all times with the muzzle thereof in line with the aperture $b^6$.

With this construction the gun may be operated by the carrier of the bag whenever necessary, and my invention is not limited to the form, character, construction or method of operation of the gun, nor to any particular style of handle for the bag, or handle casing for containing the gun, and changes in and modifications of the construction herein described may be made, within the scope of the appended claims, without departing from the spirit of my invention or sacrificing its advantages.

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

1. A hand bag provided with a handle the central part of which is provided with a casing adapted to receive a gun of ordinary construction, said casing being provided in one end with an aperture adapted to register with the bore of the gun when the latter is in position, and said casing being also provided with a door, adapted, when closed, to hold the gun in a predetermined position.

2. The combination with the handle of a bag, of a casing adapted to receive a gun of

ordinary construction, one end of said casing being provided with an aperture adapted to register with the bore of the gun, when the latter is in position, and said casing being also provided with a door adapted, when closed, to hold the gun in a predetermined position, and the bottom of the casing being provided with means whereby the trigger of the gun may be operated.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in presence of the subscribing witnesses this 4th day of August 1913.

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