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REMOVABLE COVER FOR HANDBAGS OR SIMILAR ARTICLES

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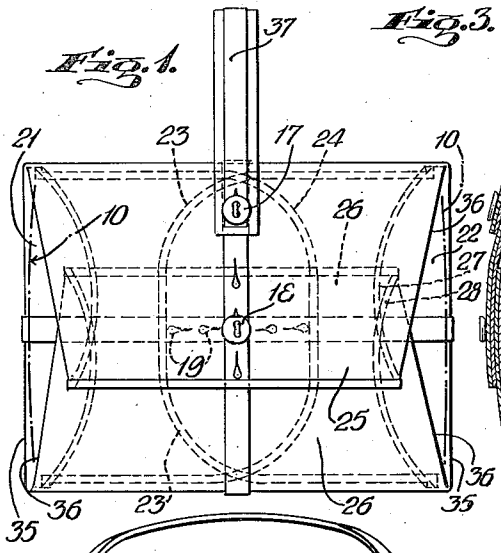


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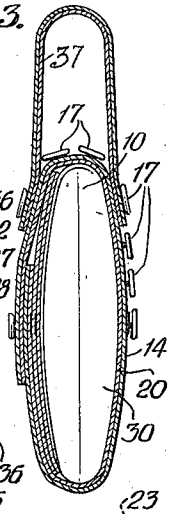


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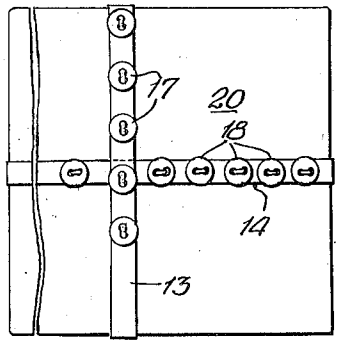
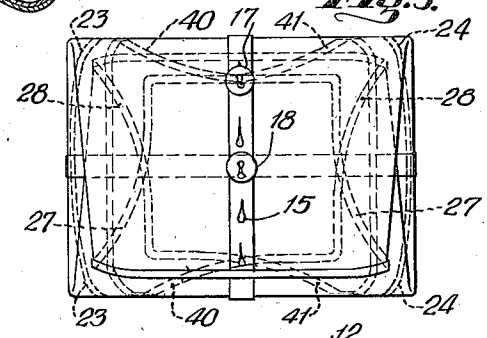


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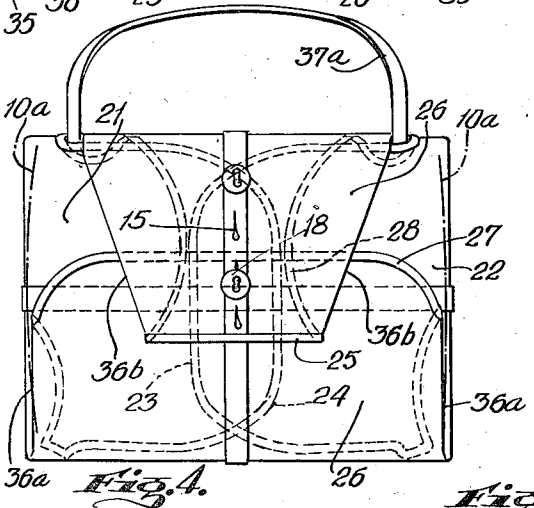


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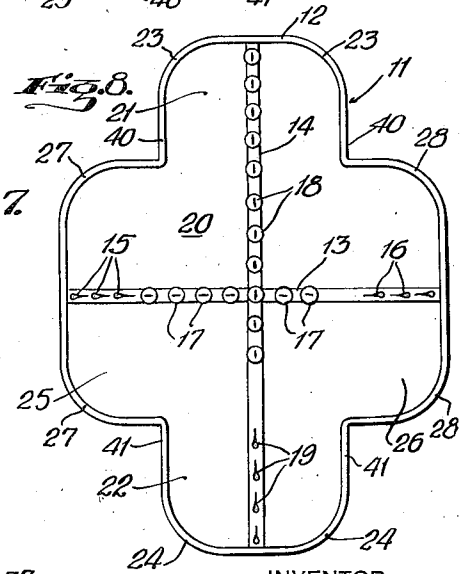
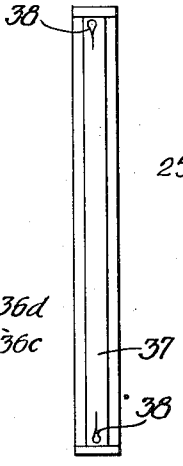


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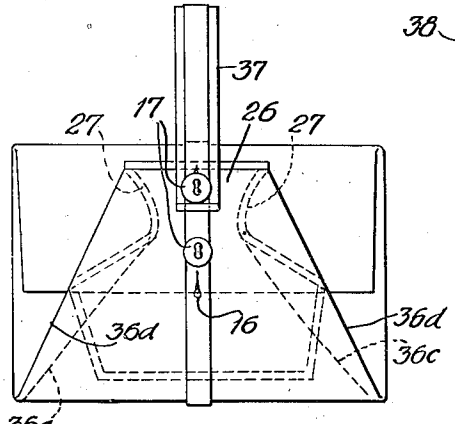


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This invention relates to article protectors or covers and more particularly to emergency protectors or envelopes for protecting handbags, hats or other articles from rain, dust or wear, though it is noted that in most of the claims the invention is not limited to handbags or to emergency protectors.

Objects of the invention are to provide an improved device or protecting envelope of this kind which is flexible and easily foldable to a very small space and which may be quickly and easily unfolded and secured in a water and dust proof manner around the article to be protected.

Other objects of the invention are to provide an improved device of this kind which is easily adjustable to different sizes and shapes of articles, which may be adjustably secured around such articles, and which is provided with a carrying strap which may be adjustably secured to the envelope in accordance with the size and shape of the article.

Additional objects of the invention are to effect simplicity, efficiency and pleasing appearance in such covers or protectors and to provide an extremely simple ornamental device of this kind which is convenient, economical, durable, and reliable in operation, and economical to manufacture, sell and distribute.

Still other objects of the invention will appear as the description proceeds; and while herein details of the invention are described in the specification and some of the claims, the invention as described in some of the broader claims is not limited to these, and many and various changes may be made without departing from the scope of the invention as claimed in the broader claims.

The inventive features for the accomplishment of these and other objects are shown herein in connection with an article or bag protector or cover which briefly stated, includes a sheet envelope of flexible material having intersecting axes and outer and inner flaps at the ends of the axes. The envelope has along each end of the axis of the inner flaps a series of buttonholes and at the outer face has a set of carrying buttons extending between said series. The axis of the outer flaps is provided at opposite end portions with buttonholes and at the outer face with fastening buttons.

The mid-part of the envelope with the carrying buttons disposed outwardly is disposed against one side of the bag or other article to be protected, with the inner flaps inwardly overlapped against the other side of the bag and buttoned together with an approximately central fastening button,

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the outer flaps being inwardly folded on the inner flaps and buttoned to said same central button.

A handle or carrying strap having end buttonholes is adapted to be received on carrying buttons at opposite faces of the article or bag for carrying; or the last closed outer flap may be passed between the end portions of the bag handle and then secured to said central button, leaving the bag handle projecting for carrying the bag; or the enclosed article may be carried without any handle, if desired.

In the accompanying drawing showing, by way of example, several of many possible methods of employing the protector,

Figs. 1 and 2 are side elevations respectively showing opposite sides of the envelope containing an article to be protected;

Fig. 3 shows a transverse, central, vertical sectional view of the envelope, the contained article being shown in end elevation;

Fig. 4 is an elevation showing the envelope containing a handbag having a projecting loop-handle;

Figs. 5 and 6 are elevations respectively showing the envelope containing smaller articles;

Figs. 7 and 8 are face views respectively showing the carying strap and the envelope in flat condition, the envelope being shown on a smaller scale.

My improved bag protector is shown in Figs. 1 to 3 in combination with an elongated flat bag 10 or other article to be protected, and comprises an envelope or sheet 11 (Fig. 8) of "Pliofilm" or other flexible transparent or opaque plastic, waterproof or other material which may have its edges bound with fabric 12 or hemmed and disposed symmetrical to a longer axis and a shorter axis at right angles to each other, and provided along both faces of both axes with strengthening tape 13 and 14 stitched or otherwise secured to the material.

The shorter axis tape 13 has a series of buttonholes 15, 16 at each end and has a series of carrying or strap-holding buttons 17 extending from one series of buttonholes toward and beyond intersection of the tapes. The longer axis tape 14 is provided at the mid-part and one end portion with a series of fastening buttons 18 and at the other end portion with a series of buttonholes 19.

Said sheet 11 comprises a central body portion 20 provided at the ends of the longer axis 14 with outwardly rounded end flaps 21, 22 respectively rounded at the outer corners 23, 24 and about as long as wide, and at the ends of the shorter axis 13 with side flaps 25, 26 wider transversely to its

axis than longitudinally of its axis and respectively having rounded outer corners 27, 28. As shown in Figs. 1 to 3, the envelope body portion with the carrying buttons disposed outwardly may be placed flat against one flat side of a bag 10 somewhat shorter than the body portion of the envelope with the ends of the bag adjacent to the end flaps 22, 23, the end flaps being inwardly turned and overlapped and buttoned together against the other flat side of the bag with a fastening button 18 (Fig. 1) about central to said last named side thereby folding the margins of the body along fold lines 35 transversely to the long axis and against or near the ends of the bag, at the same time folding the side flaps 25, 26 on fold lines 36 somewhat inwardly converging or initially aligned with the fold line 35 near the longer flaps.

The side flaps 25, 26 and their folded margins 36 are then one at a time inwardly folded and overlapped on each other on the longer flaps and buttoned to said same central button 18 (Fig. 1), thereby disposing said outer carrying-buttons 17 outwardly of the envelope on opposite flat sides of the bag 10 in position to receive a handle strap 37 having buttonholes 38 at its ends received on carrying buttons 17 on opposite sides of the bag, whereby the envelope with the bag therein may be easily carried. The envelope and its contents may be carried in the hand or under the arm without the use of the strap if desired. The folds 35, 36 at the junction of adjacent flaps serve to prevent the ingress of water or dust to the bag 10.

The series of fastening buttons 17 and the buttonholes 15, 16, 19 enable the user to adjust the envelope to different sizes and shapes of articles and bags; and the series of carrying buttons 18 allow the strap handle 37 to be adjusted to a symmetrical, well balanced position for carrying.

The envelope is also adapted for carrying small or large bags or articles which are square or vertically elongated or articles, bundles, hats and the like of irregular shape.

The flexible envelope may be folded into a small flat article which may be carried in a small letter-size envelope of the same or other suitable material and carried in the handbag for use when needed.

Fig. 4 shows the envelope in combination with a flat elongated handbag 10*a* having an inverted U-shaped handle 37*a* having its ends secured near the ends of a longer edge of the bag. The envelope sheet of flexible transparent plastic or other material is the same as above described except that the series of carrying buttons 17 toward and beyond intersection of the tapes are not used and may be omitted if desired, and one of the side flaps is applied differently, as will be explained.

The body portion 20 is placed flat against one flat side of the bag with the ends of the bag adjacent to the end flaps, the end flaps being inwardly folded and overlapped on each other and buttoned together on a central button 18 against the other flat side of the bag, and the lower side flap 26 and its folded margins 36*a* are inwardly folded and overlapped on the end flaps and buttoned to said same central button 18, as previously explained. Then the margins of the upper side flap are converged deeply inwardly and folded on fold lines 36*b*, and the upper flap and said margins are passed between the ends of the bag handle and overlapped on the lower flap and buttoned to said same central button 18. The folds 36*a* at said margins of the side flaps at the junctions of adjacent flaps serve to prevent the ingress of water and dust to the bag at said folds as previously stated of Fig. 1.

Fig. 5 shows the protector used to enclose an article smaller than the article of Fig. 1. The method for enclosing the article of Fig. 5 is similar to that described of Fig. 1; but the corners 23, 24 of the flaps 21 and 22 extend nearly to the corners of the package as shown and the corners 27, 28 of the flaps 25, 26 extend to near the side edges of the enclosing envelope. The sides 40, 41 of the end flaps 21, 22 overlap the front face of the package and are disposed close to the side edges of the assembly.

Fig. 6 shows another arrangement for enclosing a small package. In this case, the outermost side flap 26 has its free edge upwardly disposed and its free margin 27 turned in first on a fold line 36*c* as in Fig. 1 and again on a fold line 36*d* sharply converging on each other.

Many additional methods of using the envelope will readily suggest themselves.

The invention claimed is:

1. In combination, a bag to be protected; and a bag protector comprising a sheet envelope of flexible material having intersecting axes and outer and inner flaps at the ends of the axes respectively; the axis of the inner flaps having a series of buttonholes at each end; the axis of the outer flaps being provided at opposite end portions with buttonholes, and fastening buttons at the outer face; said body portion being disposed against one flat side of said bag, with the inner flaps inwardly overlapped against the other flat side of the bag and adjustably buttoned together with an approximately central fastening button, causing folding of the margins of the side flaps; the marginally folded side flaps being inwardly folded on the end flaps and adjustably buttoned to said central button.

2. A bag protector comprising a sheet envelope of flexible material having its edges symmetrical to axes disposed substantially at right angles to each other, the envelope being provided along both axes with strengthening tape secured to the sheet; one axis having a series of buttonholes at each end and strap carrying buttons extending between the series; the other axis being provided at opposite end portions with sets of fastening buttons and buttonholes; said sheet comprising a central body portion and at said sets having inner flaps, and at said series outer flaps; said body portion being adapted to be engaged flat against one flat side of the bag with the carrying buttons disposed outwardly the inner flaps being adapted to be inwardly overlapped and buttoned together against the other flat side of the bag with an approximately central fastening button, causing folding of the margins of the side flaps; the marginally folded side flaps being adapted to be inwardly folded on the end flaps and buttoned to said central button.

3. A bag protector comprising a sheet envelope of flexible material having its edges symmetrical to axes of unequal length at right angles to each other, the envelope being provided along both axes with strengthening tape secured to the sheet; the shorter axis tape having a series of buttonholes at each end and strap carrying buttons extending between the series; the longer axis tape being provided at opposite end portions with fastening buttons and buttonholes; said sheet comprising a central body portion and at the

longer axis with end flaps, and at the shorter axis with side flaps.

4. A bag protector comprising an envelope sheet of flexible transparent plastic or other material having its edges bound with fabric tape and symmetrical to a longer and shorter axis at right angles to each other, the envelopes being provided along both faces of both axes with strengthening tape stitched to the material; the longer axis tape being provided at one end portion with a series of fastening buttons and at the other end portion with a series of buttonholes; the shorter axis tape having a series of buttonholes at each end and at the exterior having a series of carrying or strap-holding buttons extending from one series of carrying buttonholes toward and beyond intersection of the tapes; said sheet comprising a central body portion provided at the end portions of the longer axis with end flaps rounded at the outer corners and about as long as wide, and at the ends of the shorter axis with side flaps wider transversely to its axis than longitudinally of its axis.

5. A bag protector comprising a sheet envelope of flexible material having its edges substantially symmetrical to axes substantially at right angles to each other, the envelope being provided along both axes with strengthening tape secured to the sheet; one tape having a series of buttonholes at

each end and carrying buttons extending between the series; the other tape being provided at opposite end portions with fastening buttons and buttonholes; said sheet comprising a central body portion provided at the respective ends of the axes with end and side flaps.

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