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Fig. 1

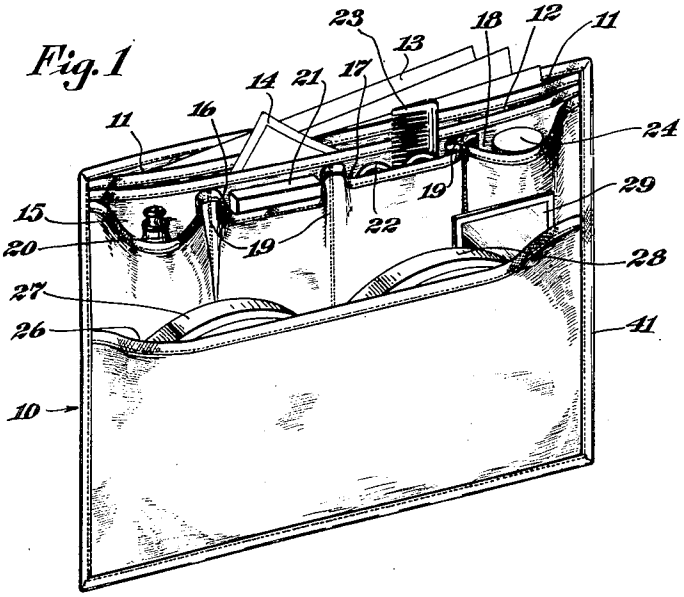
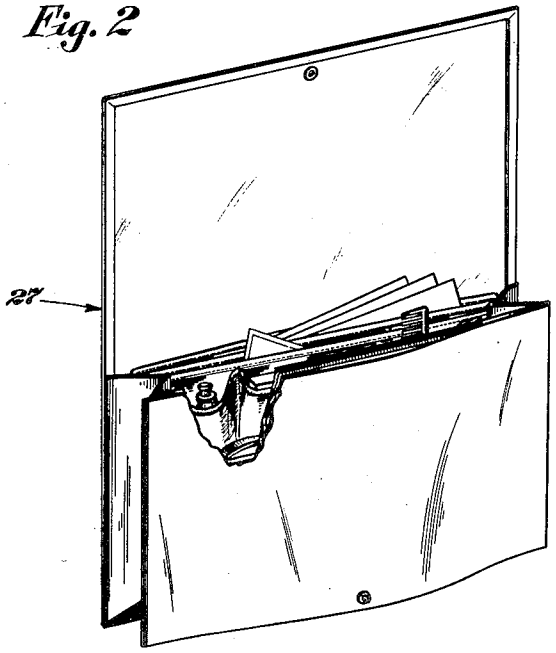


Fig. 2



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Fig. 3

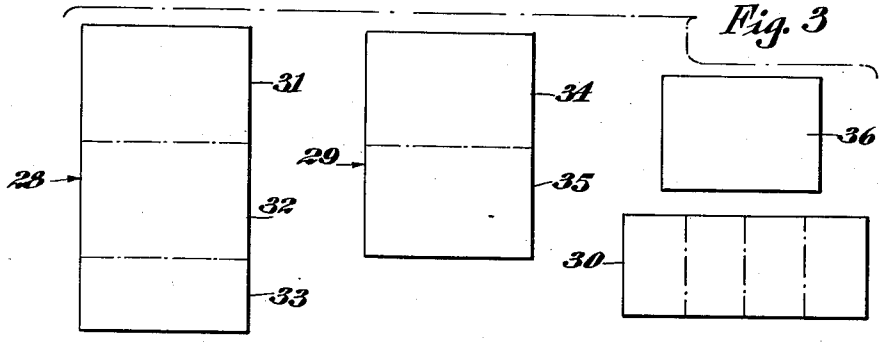


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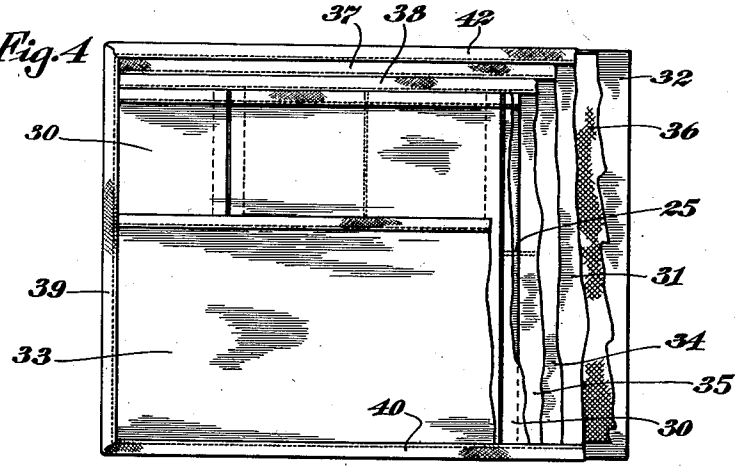
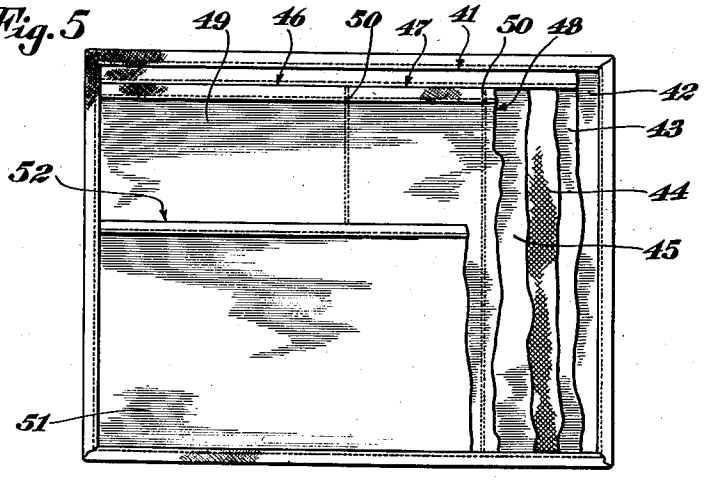


Fig. 5



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This invention relates to purse kits adapted to retain in a woman's handbag the toilet articles, etc., commonly carried in the handbag.

An object of the invention is to provide a container adapted to be inserted in a woman's handbag and to effectively retain a variety of articles such as a woman ordinarily carries in her handbag.

A further object is to provide a purse kit of such character as to retain articles in readily accessible position.

A still further object is to provide a purse kit of such a character that the same will remain in erect position in the handbag.

Still another object is to provide a purse kit which will retain a large number of articles in an orderly arrangement.

Other objects of the invention will in part be obvious and will in part appear hereinafter.

The invention accordingly comprises an article of manufacture possessing the features, properties, and the relation of elements which will be exemplified in the article hereinafter described and the scope of the application of which will be indicated in the claims.

For a fuller understanding of the nature and objects of the invention reference should be had to the following detailed description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a purse kit embodying the invention with toilet and other articles contained therein;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of a handbag showing the purse kit in place therein;

Fig. 3 is a showing of the blanks of material from which a purse kit, such as shown in Fig. 1, may be formed;

Fig. 4 is a front view of an empty purse kit, such as is shown in Fig. 1, with certain of the sections broken away; and

Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 4 showing a modified form of purse kit.

The invention deals with the container for those articles commonly carried in that form of woman's bag commonly known as a purse or handbag.

A woman's purse or handbag commonly contains a large number of articles, such as lipstick, comb, handkerchiefs, compact, rouge, powder puff, nail file, nail white holder, cleaning tissue, mirror, perfume, cigarettes, cold cream, tweezers, etc. These ordinarily become mixed in the bottom of the purse with consequent disorder and difficulty in finding the desired article, and every time an article is sought for it seems to have a trick of hiding in the remotest corner of the purse. Also, articles such as cleaning tissue and cigarettes tend to be mussed or broken. Even when handbags provided with pockets are used these are often insufficient and the user is also put to the annoyance of transferring the many toilet articles and necessities from one handbag to another. Since most women have several handbags of different color and material, which will in regular use depend upon the occasion, and often on the color, of the woman's dress, and since almost all women have separate handbags for afternoon and evening wear, the extra trouble involved in transferring the articles from one handbag to another is considerable even when the articles are grouped in a disordered mass in the bottom of the handbag; and the greater the number of pockets in the handbags themselves, the greater this difficulty becomes. Although change-purses, bill-folds and the like are often carried in handbags, the greater part of the contents of a woman's handbag are commonly carried in a jumble in the bottom of the handbag or carried in pockets in the bag with the necessity of constant transfer of one bag to another.

With the foregoing and other difficulties in view, the present invention contemplates the provision of a container adapted to be inserted in a woman's handbag and to hold the articles ordinarily carried in the handbag and to maintain them in an upright position wherein they will be readily accessible.

The purse kit should be of such size that it will readily fit into the usual type of woman's handbag without folding and may run from about five inches to about eight inches in length and from about three inches to about five inches in height. The kit is generally rectangular in shape so that it will rest firmly in the bottom of the handbag.

It is desirable in many instances that the purse kit be sufficiently flexible so that it may be temporarily inserted in a particularly small handbag or in a pocket, and in certain of its more specific aspects the invention contemplates the provision of a purse kit of this nature.

The purse kit may desirably be formed of woven fabrics composed of any desired character of threads, but may be formed of other suitable material such as fabrics of various types, leather (particularly soft leather, such as calfskin, kidskin, doeskin, etc.), imitation leather, composition sheets, rubberized materials, other coated

materials, etc. A relatively light-weight fabric is desirable for use in many instances.

While my invention is capable of embodiment in a considerable number of varying constructions, there are specifically exemplified below two forms of construction embodying the invention.

In the construction exemplified in Figs. 1 thru 4, the purse kit 10 is formed to provide at its rear a pair of longitudinal pockets 11 and 12 adapted to contain cleaning tissue 13, handkerchiefs 14, or other relatively flat or lengthy articles. Forwardly of these pockets there are provided four vertical pockets 15, 16, 17 and 18 separated one from another by vertical lines of stitching 19. These pockets are adapted to receive articles such as a tube of cold cream 20, mascara box 21, eyelash curlers 22, comb 23, and lipstick holder 24. These articles, being arranged in vertical position, serve to hold the kit in an upright position in the handbag, and those of the articles which extend to the bottom of the pocket act throughout their length to prevent the sagging of the kit. In order to permit a relatively short article such as the lipstick holder 24 to be held in one of the pockets, this pocket may be shortened as by providing a line of stitching such as indicated at 25 in Fig. 4. In front of the vertical pockets in the present instance there is provided a short longitudinal pocket 26 at the front of the kit in which large or bulky articles, such for instance as powder puff 27, a compact 28, a mirror 29, or other articles such as cigarettes, a large bottle of lotion, etc., may be carried. As is indicated in Fig. 2 the purse kit when inserted in a handbag 27 will contain the various articles in orderly arrangement and in positions where they can be found and removed with the utmost ease. The entire kit can be removed from one handbag and inserted in a handbag of different color or character without any rearrangement of the articles, or other difficulty.

A purse kit such as exemplified in Fig. 1 may be constructed in any of a variety of ways, but may be formed with particular facility from a series of blanks such as exemplified in Fig. 3. Preferably, the purse kit is composed of light-weight fabric such for instance as silk. The kit is formed from blanks 28, 29 and 30. The blank 28 is composed of two sections 31 and 32, each about the size of the kit, and a third section 33 having a lesser depth than the depth of the kit. The blank 29 is composed of two sections 34 and 35 substantially similar in size to the sections 31 and 32, but of progressively slightly lesser depth. The blank 30 has a depth slightly less than the depth of the section 35, and has a length greater than the length of the sections 31 to 35. The section 32 is designed to provide the back of the purse kit and the section 31 is designed to reinforce the section 32, and in the present instance serves the additional purpose of retaining a stiffening element at the back of the purse kit. While flexibility of the purse kit is important in instances where a woman wishes to use the kit temporarily in a particularly small handbag, it is nevertheless desirable that the purse kit be stiffened sufficiently, preferably by a flexible element, so that it will not collapse even when the vertical pockets are not full. In the present instance there is provided a stiffening sheet 36 which is desirably composed of stiff fabric such as crinoline, which may be about the size of the section 31.

In the formation of the kit, the member 36 is laid upon the section 32, the section 31 is folded downwardly over it. The upper and lower edges of the blank 29 are provided with selvage 37 and the section 35 folded upwardly over the section 34. Prior to this operation the blank 30 is provided with selvage along one of its longitudinal edges and is secured to the rear of the section 35 by means of the lines of stitching 19, the blank 30 being gathered together longitudinally prior to this operation so that pockets will be formed and so that the shorter edges of the blank 30 will lie against the edges of the section 35. After the section 35 has been folded upon the section 34 so as to bring the blank 30 with its pockets at the front of the blank 29, the folded blank 29 is laid upon the section 31 which has been folded downwardly. The section 33 is then folded upwardly over the pockets provided by the blank 30, and the side and bottom edges of the kit thus formed stitched together; selvage such as indicated at 39, 40 and 41 being desirably provided. The same piece of selvage which provides these portions may provide a portion 42 about the upper edge of the fold-line between the sections 32 and 31 so that the various sections will be assembled, as exemplified in Fig. 4, to provide a purse kit admirably adapted for the purposes outlined.

In Fig. 5 there is exemplified a modified form of purse kit illustrating a manner in which the pocket arrangement may be varied, and a different position in which a reinforcing element may be inserted, if desired. In this form of construction there is provided a longitudinal pocket 41 between layers 42 and 43 of material such as fabric; a sheet of reinforcing material 44, such as flexible cardboard, between the layer 43, and a layer 45; and vertical pockets 46, 47 and 48 between the layer 45 and a layer 49. Vertical pockets are provided by lines of vertical stitching 50 so positioned that the pocket 49 is of greater extent longitudinally of the purse kit than the other pockets. There is thus provided an especially large pocket which is well adapted to hold a package of cigarettes, a compact, or other bulky object. A front layer 51 similar to the member 33 may be provided to form a longitudinal pocket 52 across the front of the purse kit. Suitable lines of selvage may be provided as indicated.

Since certain changes may be made in the above article and different embodiments of the invention could be made without departing from the scope thereof, it is intended that all matter contained in the above description or shown in the accompanying drawings shall be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

It is also to be understood that the following claims are intended to cover all of the generic and specific features of the invention herein described, and all statements of the scope of the invention which as a matter of language might be said to fall therebetween.

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

1. A purse kit comprising a sheet of light fabric having an end section folded downwardly upon the sheet to provide a retaining portion, a sheet of heavy fabric inserted between said folds, a second sheet of light fabric folded upwardly upon itself and disposed in front of said downwardly folded end section, and a third sheet of light fabric of a greater length than the width of the first sheet gathered together and disposed with

its end edges along the sides of the other sheets in front of the front fold of the second sheet, said first sheet having an upwardly folded end section which lies in front of the lower portion of the third sheet, said sheets being stitched along their side and bottom edges, and said third sheet being secured to the front fold of said second sheet by vertical lines of stitching intermediate its ends to provide vertical pockets.

2. A purse kit, comprising a sheet of material having an end section folded back upon said sheet to provide a backing portion, a second sheet of material folded upwardly upon itself and disposed in front of the folded part of said first sheet, a third sheet of material of greater width than the width of said first sheet, and gathered together and disposed with its side edges along the sides of the other sheets in front of the front fold of said second sheet, said first sheet having an upwardly folded end section which lies in front of the lower portion of the third sheet, said sheets being attached along their side edges, and means for securing said third sheet to the front fold of said second sheet along vertical lines intermediate its sides, to provide vertical pockets.

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