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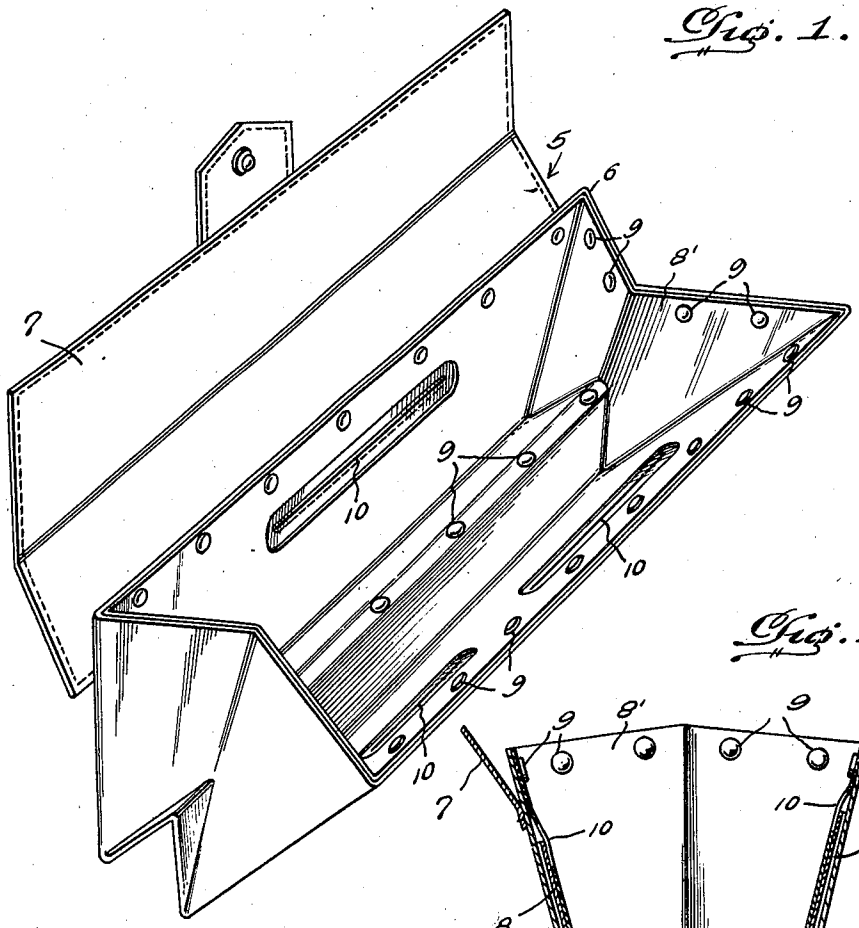


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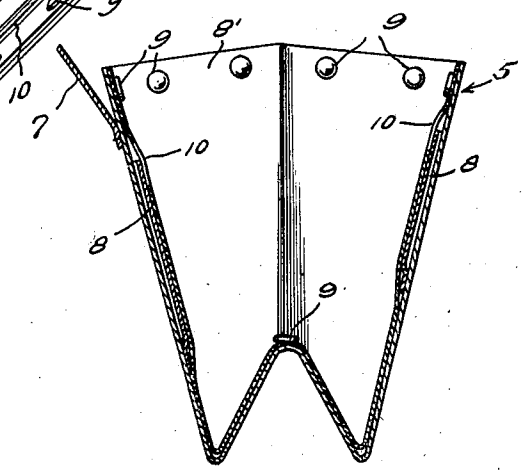
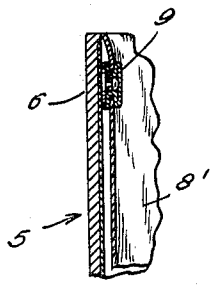


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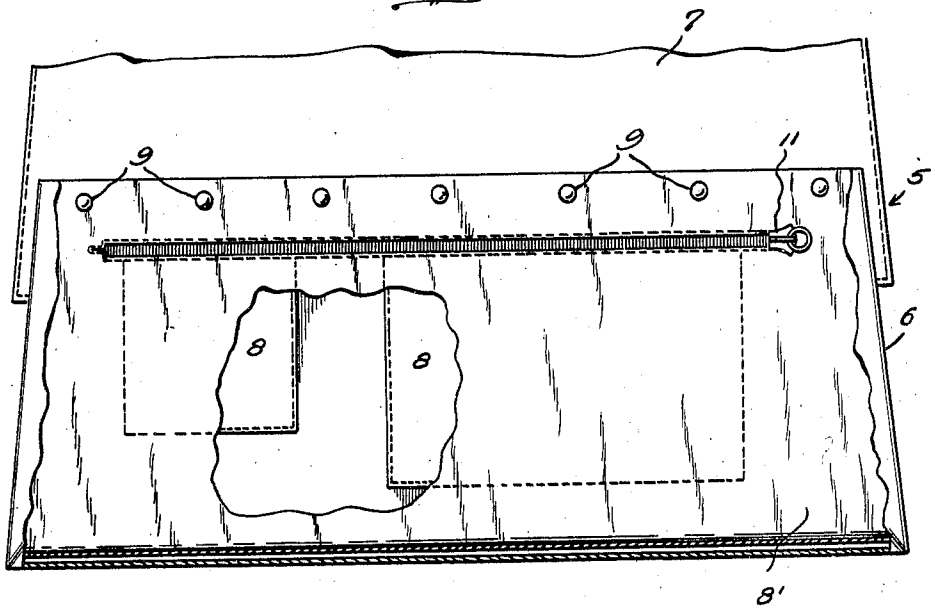


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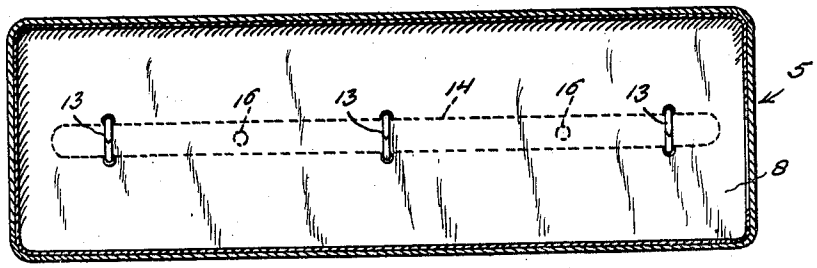
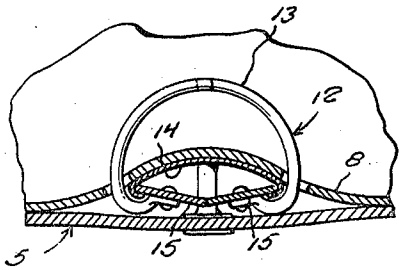


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1 Claim. (Cl. 150—34)

This invention relates to ladies' pocketbooks and hang bags, and more particularly to the sanitation of such devices. It is well known that after a short period of use of a pocketbook or handbag, it will be soiled from the various articles placed therein and removed therefrom and provides a harbor for bacteria and a source of infection. Therefore, the primary object of this invention is the elimination of the insanitary condition of a pocketbook or handbag by providing an easily removable lining therefor which may be cleaned and restored for further use, or if desired replacements may be provided for purchase which may be bought and installed as need occurs therefor.

With these and other objects in view as will become more apparent as the description proceeds, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts which will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

For a complete understanding of my invention, reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, in which

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating a lady's pocketbook or handbag equipped with a removable lining forming the subject matter of the present invention.

Figure 2 is a transverse sectional view showing the pocketbook with the lining applied and a cutout therein for exposing the pockets provided in the walls of the pocketbook.

Figure 3 is a fragmentary sectional view illustrating one of the fasteners in detail which may be employed for removably securing the lining in place.

Figure 4 is a fragmentary longitudinal sectional view showing a portion of the pocketbook and lining equipped with the Zipper type fastener for opening and closing the opening provided in the lining for the pocket of the pocketbook.

Figure 5 is a horizontal sectional view illustrating a modified form of my invention.

Figure 6 is a fragmentary transverse sectional view showing the modified form of invention disclosed in Figure 5.

Referring in detail to the drawings, the numeral 5 indicates in entirety a lady's handbag or pocketbook including the body portion 6 and closure flap 7. The handbag or pocketbook may be of any of the well known conventional types and construction having built in the walls thereof pockets 8 for the accommodation of small articles.

It is customary to provide the body of the pocketbook with a lining and it is well known that after a short period of use the lining becomes soiled from the various articles placed in and removed from the pocketbook. The soiling of the lining besides providing a displeasing appearance, provides a harbor for bacteria and other germs. The lining is always made as a permanent part of the pocketbook or handbag so that if a person desires a clean and sanitary pocketbook it can only be used for a short period of time. This places an expense on the user of the pocketbook owing to the short period that will elapse before the pocketbook becomes insanitary.

Therefore through the use of the present invention this excessive expense may be eliminated through the employment of a removable liner 8' secured in place within the body 6 of the pocketbook by separable fasteners 9. These fasteners may be of different types, preferably of the character shown in detail in Figure 3 consisting of male and female elements. The liner is secured onto the walls of the body of the pocketbook by the fasteners so as to readily remain in position, the fasteners being located adjacent to the upper edges of the walls of the pocketbook and along the bottom thereof. The liner is provided with openings or slots 10 to expose the mouths of the pockets 8 so that articles may be readily placed therein and removed when desired.

The liner being removably secured in the body of the pocketbook may be easily and quickly removed therefrom when soiled and cleaned and restored for use, consequently permitting a person to maintain the pocketbook in a sanitary condition for long periods of time. The liner may be treated with a suitable disinfectant. Also, it will permit a person to place new liners within the pocketbook whenever desired as such replacements may be sold at a nominal cost. If this procedure is followed out, then of course it is not necessary for the user of the pocketbook to wash or otherwise clean the used liner after becoming soiled as it could be dispensed with and a new liner substituted therefor. When replaced liners are employed, they may be sold in groups and the liners of each group may be of different colors so that the user of the pocketbook may at will select the desired color to harmonize with the garments worn.

The slots 10 of the liner may be closed and opened through the use of Zippers, as shown at 11.

Instead of employing separable fasteners of the character shown in Figure 3 along the bottom

wall of the pocketbook, a fastener 12 may be used which consists of pairs of accurately curved jaw members 13 held in contact with each other through the action of a spring connecting member 14 acting upon plates 15 secured to said jaw members. The spring member 14 may be riveted or otherwise secured to the bottom wall of the pocketbook, as shown at 16. Whenever it is desired to remove the liner from the bottom wall, the jaw members 13 may be swung apart so that the liner can be conveniently passed therefrom.

An invention of this kind will not materially increase the cost of manufacture and use of a pocketbook but still will permit a person to conveniently maintain the pocketbook in a sanitary condition so that the pocketbook may be used for an indefinite period of time. Also through the use of the invention where a supply of liner replacements may be maintained, the user of the pocketbook will be placed in a position of being able to have the interior of the pocketbook of a selected color to harmonize with the garments worn.

While I have shown and described the preferred embodiment of my invention, it will be understood that minor changes in construction, combination and arrangement of parts may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

In combination with a lady's pocketbook, a removable liner arranged in the pocketbook to normally conceal from view the inner walls of the pocketbook and provided with pairs of openings, a spring member arranged between the liner and the bottom wall of the pocketbook, means fixing the spring member to the pocketbook, pairs of arcuately curved interlocking jaws for releasably anchoring articles within the liner of the pocketbook and extending through the pairs of openings for releasably securing the liner to the pocketbook and secured to the spring member to be normally urged thereby into said interlocking relation, and separable fasteners securing edges of the liner to the pocketbook.

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