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PICTURE FRAME FOR HANDBAGS

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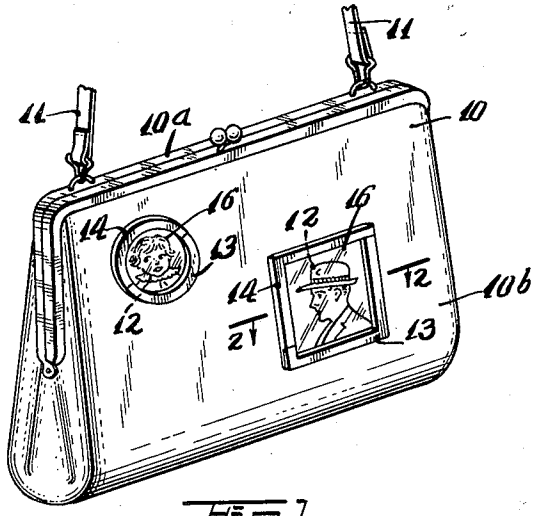


Fig. 1.

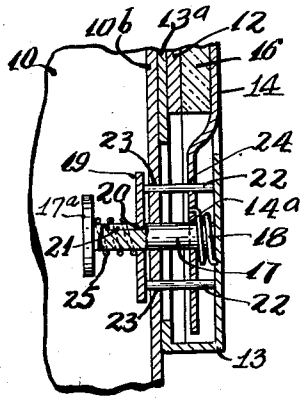


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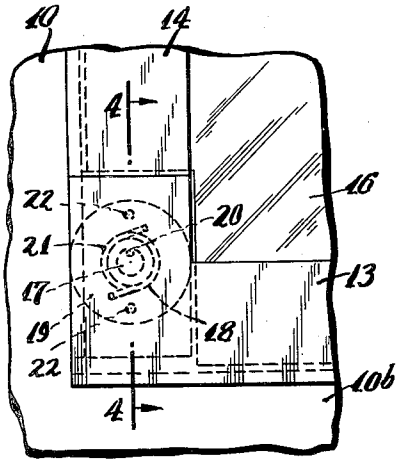


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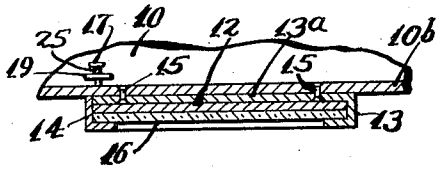


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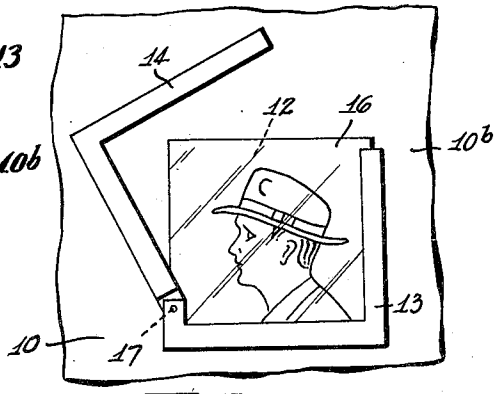


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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in a picture frame for handbags.

More specifically, the invention proposes the construction of a picture frame for handbags characterized by a frame for receiving a picture or similar object and including a pair of frame sections one of which is stationarily mounted on the outside of said handbag and the other is pivotally supported thereon in a manner to be moved to an open position to permit said picture or object to be removed and interchanged with other pictures or objects when desired.

Still further the invention proposes the construction of a resilient means for urging the pivotally mounted frame section into a closed position with relation to the stationarily mounted frame section.

Still further the invention proposes the construction of a means controlled from the interior of the handbag for latching the pivotally mounted frame section in its closed position with relation to the stationarily mounted frame section in a manner to prevent the accidental opening thereof and so prevent the loss of the picture located thereon.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawing, and to the appended claims in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawing forming a material part of this disclosure:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a lady's handbag having picture frames constructed according to this invention mounted on the outside wall thereof.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged horizontal sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged detailed view of the corner of one of said frames.

Fig. 4 is a vertical sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

Fig. 5 is an enlarged elevational view of a portion of Fig. 1 with the pivotally mounted frame section in its open position.

The picture frame for handbags is adapted to be used in combination with a conventionally constructed lady's handbag 10 having a handle 11 and an open top 10a.

The picture frame is adapted to be mounted upon one wall 10b of the handbag 10 and is characterized by a frame for a picture 12 or other object and includes a pair of frame sections 13 and 14. The frame section 13 is integrally formed with a back wall 13a which extends parallel to the wall 10b of the handbag and is securely attached thereto. This attachment is accomplished by means of a plurality of rivets 15 which are extended through the back wall 13a and the wall 10b of the handbag 10. A piece of glass 16 or other similar transparent material is adapted to be located within the frame and positioned across the front face of the picture 12 for the purpose of protecting the same from being marred and against inclement weather.

The frame section 13 is provided with an integral stud 17 which extends through the wall 10b of the handbag and which pivotally supports the frame section 14 to move in a plane parallel to the wall 10b of the handbag, as shown in Fig. 5. The frame section 14 is provided with an aperture 14a through which the stud 17 extends and the handbag wall 10b is provided with an aperture in an aligned position with the aperture 14a.

A resilient means is provided for urging the pivotally mounted frame section 14 into a closed position with relation to the stationarily mounted frame section 13. This means comprises a spring 18 coaxially mounted on the stud 17. This spring 18 has one of its ends attached to the face of the pivotally mounted frame section 14 and the other of its ends attached to the adjacent face of the stationarily mounted frame section 13. This spring 18 is attached to the adjacent faces of the frame sections under tension and the tension is so arranged that it tends to normally urge the pivotally mounted frame section into its closed position with relation to the stationarily mounted frame section 13.

The handbag is also provided with a means located on the stud for latching the pivotally mounted frame section fixedly in its closed position with relation to the stationarily mounted frame section 13. This means comprises a disc 19 slidably but non-rotatively mounted upon the stud 17 and located within the handbag 10. The slidable and non-rotative mounting of the disc is accomplished by means of a key 20 formed on the disc 19 and which slidably engages a groove 21 formed in the stud 17. The face of the disc 19 adjacent the wall 10b of the handbag is provided with a pair of outwardly extended pegs 22. The pegs 22 are slidably extended through openings 23 formed in the handbag wall 10b and through aligned openings 24 formed in the pivotally mounted frame section 14. The free ends of the pegs 22 are adapted to contact and rest against the inside face of the stationarily mounted frame section 13.

A spring 25 is coaxially mounted on the inner end of the stud 17 and operates between a head 17a formed on the stud 17 and the adjacent face of the disc 19 for urging the disc 19 into a position in which the studs 22 will maintain their engaged position with the apertures 24 of the pivotally mounted frame section 14. The spring 25 bears against the face of the disc 19 opposed to the face carrying the studs 22.

The operation of this invention is as follows:

Normally, the picture frame 10 will be in the position shown in Fig. 1 and will retain the glass 16 and the picture 12 in position therein to be viewed from the front thereof. However, when it is desired to inter-change the picture 12 or remove the same therefrom, it is merely necessary to open the handbag 10 and project one's hand into the interior thereof to grip the disc 19 and pull the same inwards against the holding action of the spring 25 to disengage the pegs 22 from the apertures 24 of the pivotally mounted frame section 14. This will free the frame section 14 and permit the same to be pivoted away from the frame section 13 against the holding action of the spring 18. In the pivoted position of the frame section 14 the frame is open along two sides permitting the glass 16 and picture 12 to be withdrawn from the open side thereof. When the desired picture has been positioned within the frame it is merely necessary to release the pivotally mounted frame section 14 and the tension of the spring 18 will urge the frame section back to its closed position. When reaching its completely closed position the spring 25 will then urge the disc 19 outwards to re-project the pegs 25 through the openings 24 to again latch the pivotally mounted section 14 in its closed position. It is to be understood that the size and shape of the picture frame, also that of the handbags may be changed as desired.

The picture frame may be used in connection with all sizes and types of ladies' handbags, valises, portfolios, etc., and the frame may be made of metal, composition or any other suitable material.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiments of my invention, it is to be undertsood that I do not limit myself to the precise constructions herein disclosed and the right is reserved to all changes and modifications coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

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

1. In combination with a wall of an article of the class described, a frame for a picture or other similar object and including a pair of frame sections on the outside of said wall one of which is stationarily mounted on the outside of said wall and having a stud extending through said wall to its inner side and pivotally supporting the other of said sections to move relative to said stationarily mounted frame section, resilient means urging said pivotally mounted frame section into a closed position, and means on said stud on the inside of said wall for latching said pivoted section in its closed position.

2. In combination with a wall of an article of the class described, a frame for a picture or other similar object and including a pair of frame sections on the outside of said wall one of which is stationarily mounted on the outside of said wall and having a stud extending through said wall to its inner side and pivotally supporting the other of said sections to move relative to said stationarily mounted frame section, resilient means urging said pivotally mounted frame section into a closed position, and means on said stud on the inside of said wall for latching said pivoted section in its closed position, said frame sections being constructed of metal or other similar material.

3. In combination with a wall of an article of the class described, a frame for a picture or other similar object and including a pair of frame sections on the outside of said wall one of which is stationarily mounted on the outside of said wall and having a stud extending through said wall to its inner side and pivotally supporting the other of said sections to move relative to said stationarily mounted frame section, resilient means urging said pivotally mounted frame section into a closed position, and means on said stud on the inside of said wall for latching said pivoted section in its closed position, said stationarily mounted frame section being provided with a back wall extending across the back face of said picture and securely attached to said wall.

4. In combination with a wall of an article of the class described, a frame for a picture or other similar object and including a pair of frame sections on the outside of said wall one of which is stationarily mounted on the outside of said wall and having a stud extending through said wall to its inner side and pivotally supporting the other of said sections to move relative to said stationarily mounted frame section, resilient means urging said pivotally mounted frame section into a closed position, and means on said stud on the inside of said wall for latching said pivoted section in its closed position, said resilient means comprising a spring coaxially mounted on said stud and having its ends attached to the adjacent portions of said frames under tension for urging said pivotally mounted frame closed.

5. In combination with a wall of an article of the class described, a frame for a picture or other similar object and including a pair of frame sections on the outside of said wall one of which is stationarily mounted on the outside of said wall and having a stud extending through said wall to its inner side and pivotally supporting the other of said sections to move relative to said stationarily mounted frame section, resilient means urging said pivotally mounted frame section into a closed position, and means on said stud on the inside of said wall for latching said pivoted section in its closed position, said latter mentioned means comprising a disc keyed to said stud to slide longitudinally thereof and prevent rotation, pegs mounted on one face of said disc and projected through aligned apertures formed in said wall and the adjacent portion of said pivotally mounted frame and bearing against the inside face of said stationarily mounted frame, and means for urging said disc into a position in which said pegs will retain their engaged position with said apertures.

6. In combination with a wall of an article of the class described, a frame for a picture or other similar object and including a pair of frame sections on the outside of said wall one of which is stationarily mounted on the outside of said wall and having a stud extending through said wall to its inner side and pivotally supporting the other of said sections to move relative to said stationarily mounted frame section, resilient means urging said pivotally mounted frame section into

a closed position, and means on said stud on the inside of said wall for latching said pivoted section in its closed position, said latter mentioned means comprising a disc keyed to said stud to slide longitudinally thereof and prevent rotation, pegs mounted on one face of said disc and projected through aligned apertures formed in said wall and the adjacent portion of said pivotally mounted frame and bearing against the inside face of said stationarily mounted frame, and means for urging said disc into a position in which said pegs will retain their engaged position with said apertures, said latter-mentioned means comprising an expansion spring coaxially mounted on the inner end of said stud and acting between a head mounted thereon and the adjacent face of said disc.

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