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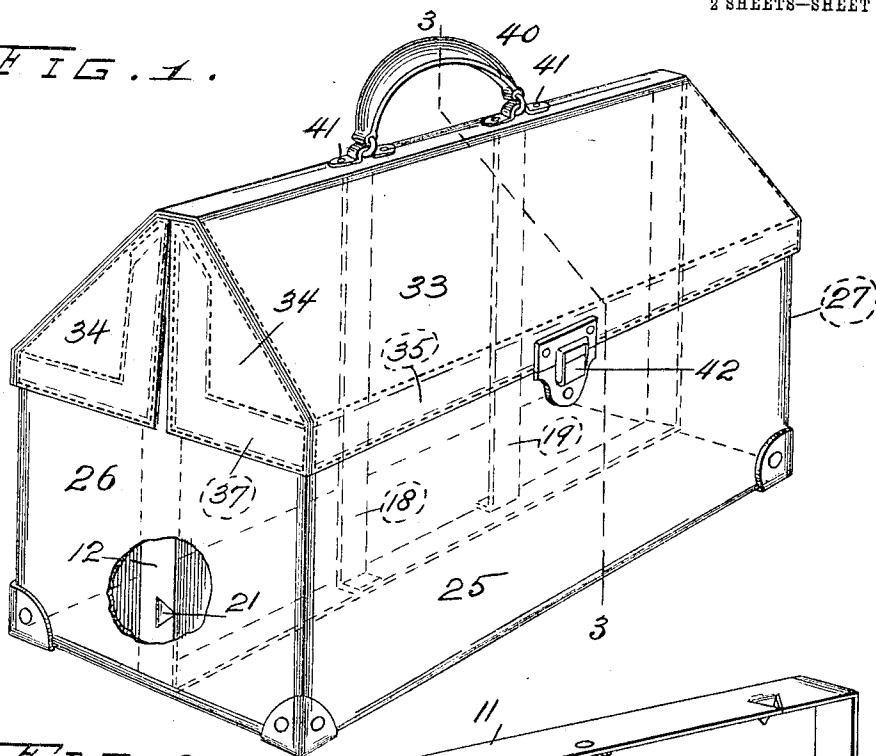
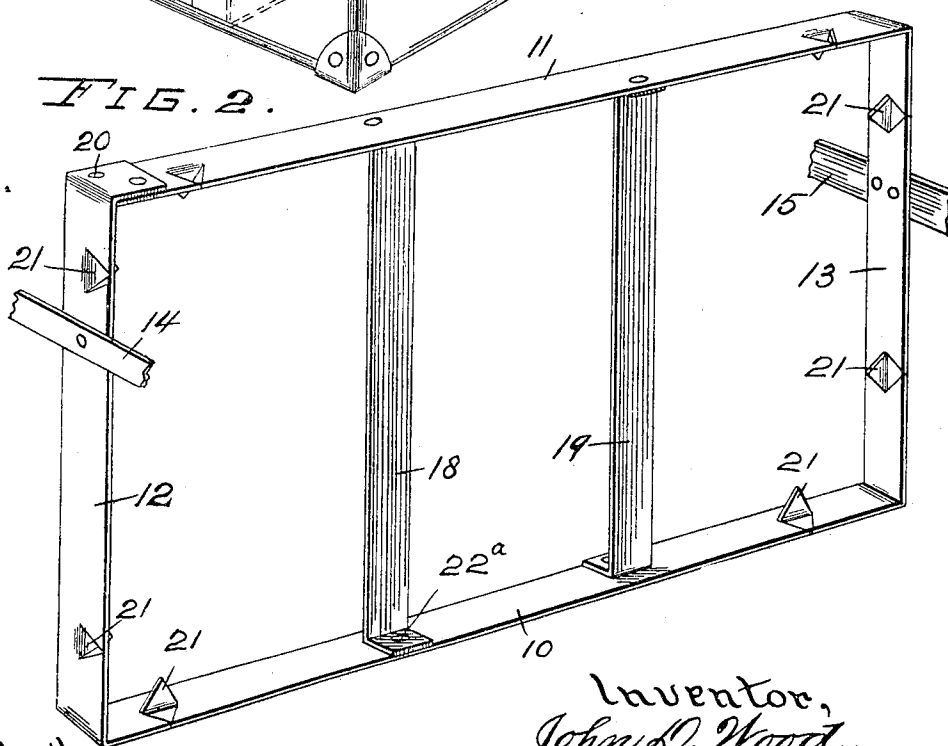


FIG. 2.



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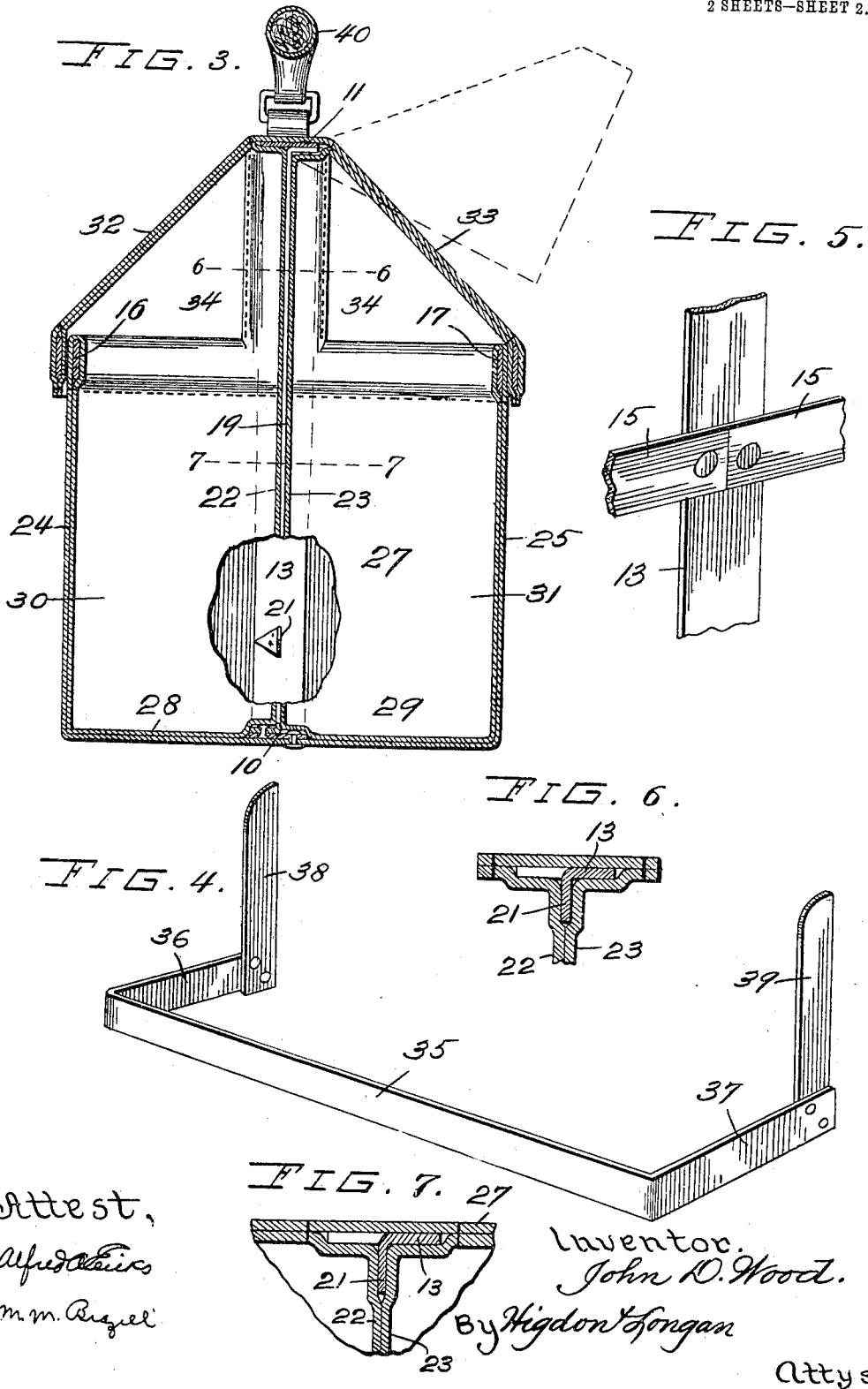
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN D. WOOD, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of St. Louis, Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hand-Bags, of which the following is a specification containing a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

My invention relates to improvements in hand-bags; and it consists of the novel features herein shown, described, and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective of a hand-bag embodying the principles of my invention. Fig. 2 is a perspective of the metallic frame, parts being broken away to economize space. Fig. 3 is a cross-section on the line 3 3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a perspective of the stiffening-bars used in the covers. Fig. 5 is a perspective, upon an enlarged scale, of one of the joints of the frame shown in Fig. 2. Fig. 6 is a horizontal sectional detail on the line 6 6 of Fig. 3. Fig. 7 is a horizontal sectional detail on the line 7 7 of Fig. 3.

Referring to the drawings in detail, the main metallic frame is formed of metal straps and comprises the lower bar 10, the upper bar 11, the end bars 12 and 13, connecting the ends of the upper and lower bars, the end cross-bars 14 and 15, secured to the end bars 12 and 13, the side bars 16 and 17, connecting the ends of the cross-bars 14 and 15, and the braces 18 and 19, connecting the intermediate parts of the upper and lower bars 10 and 11. The upper and lower bars 10 and 11 and the end bars 12 and 13 are constructed of a single piece of metal strap bent into the form of a rectangle, the ends of the strap being secured together by rivets 20. Stop-lugs 21 are punched out of the bars 10, 11, 12, and 13, said lugs extending inwardly. The braces 18 and 19 are parallel with the end bars 12 and 13, the ends of said braces being bent at right angles and secured to the upper and lower bars 10 and 11 by rivets 22^a. The body of the hand-bag is built upon the metallic frame and is constructed of suitable leather or cloth or imitation material, and said body comprises the partition-sections 22 and 23, placed in position with the braces 18 and 19 between the sections, the stop-lugs 21 being in alinement with the braces 18 and 19 and extending between the edges of the partition-sections 22 and 23 to hold the edges of said sections from lateral movement relative to the frame, the outer and inner sec-

tions secured to the side bars 16 and 17 and forming the side walls 24 and 25, outer and inner sections secured to the cross-bars 14 and 15 and forming the end walls 26 and 27, and outer and inner sections forming the bottoms 28 and 29, thus forming the compartments 30 and 31, one upon each side of the partition-sections.

The outer and inner sections of material are secured to the upper bar 11 and extend outwardly and downwardly at approximately forty-five (45) degrees to form the covers 32 and 33. End flaps 34 extend from the ends of the covers 32 and 33, said end flaps being triangular. The stiffening-bars of the covers comprise the side portions 35, the horizontal end portions 36 and 37, and the vertical end portions 38 and 39, and said stiffening-bars are inserted between the outer and inner sections and at the edges of the covers 32 and 33 and the flaps 34 to stiffen the material.

The carrying-handle 40 is secured by rivets 41, inserted through the body material and through the upper bar 11, said rivets being located at or near the upper ends of the braces 18 and 19. Suitable catches or locking devices 42 are placed in position to hold the covers closed.

Especial attention is called to the fact that the end bars 12 and 13 and the braces 18 and 19 are in vertical positions at the longitudinal center of the hand-bag, that the handle 40 is secured directly to this central frame, and that the body of the hand-bag is built upon this frame extending equally upon both sides, so as to balance the hand-bag.

I claim—

1. In a hand-bag, a centrally-arranged metallic frame, cross-bars secured to the ends of said frame, a body built upon the frame and cross-bars and extending equally upon both sides of the frame, lids hinged to the top of the frame and arranged to close the open upper ends of the body, and a handle secured to the top of the center of the frame; substantially as specified.

2. In a hand-bag: a metallic frame comprising a lower bar, an upper bar, end bars connecting the ends of the lower and upper bars; cross-bars attached to the end bars and side bars connecting the ends of the cross-bars; substantially as specified.

3. In a hand-bag: a metallic frame comprising a lower bar, an upper bar, end bars connecting the ends of the lower and upper bars; cross-bars attached to the end bars; side

bars connecting the ends of the cross-bars; a body built upon said frame; and covers connected to the upper bar and extending outwardly and downwardly over the side bars; substantially as specified.

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10 4. In a hand-bag: a metallic frame comprising a lower bar, an upper bar, end bars connecting the ends of the lower and upper bars; cross-bars attached to the end bars; side bars connecting the ends of the cross-bars; a body built upon said frame; covers connected

to the upper bar and extending outwardly and downwardly over the side bars; and metallic stiffening-bars in said covers; substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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