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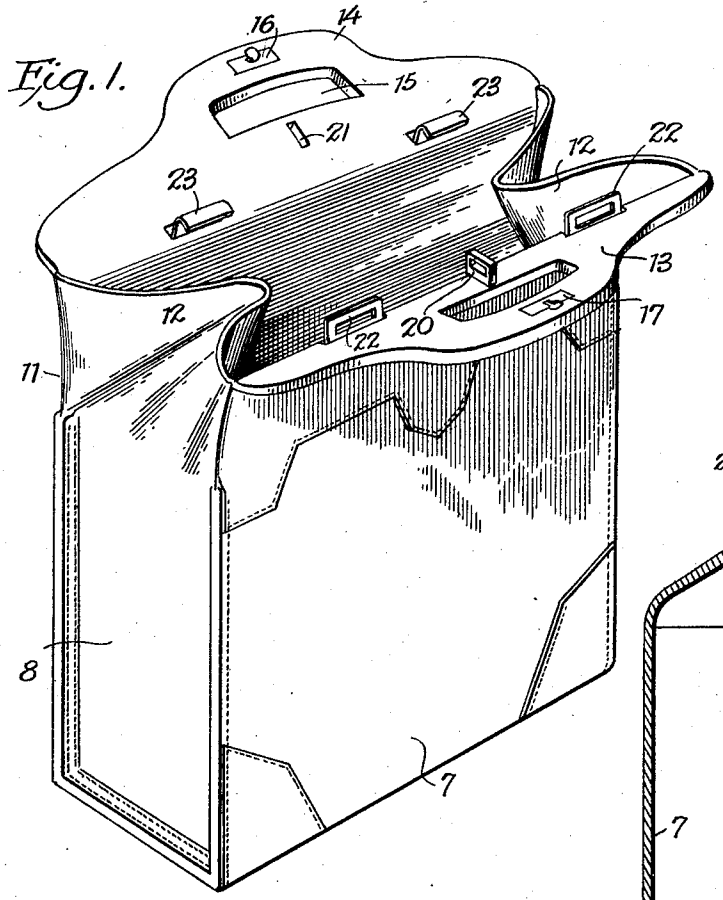


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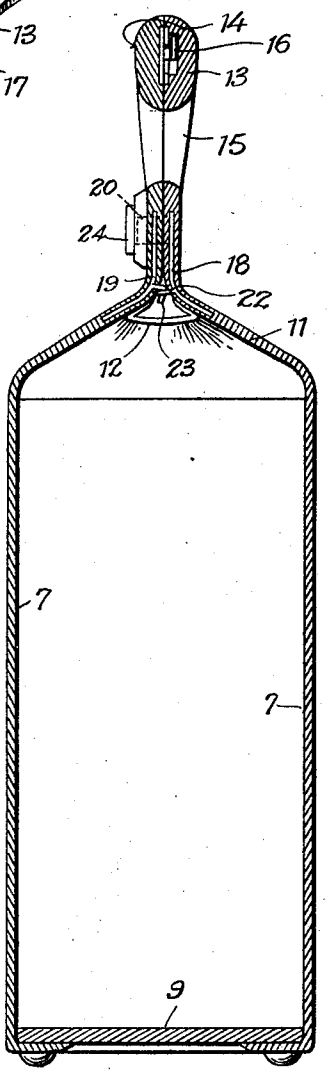
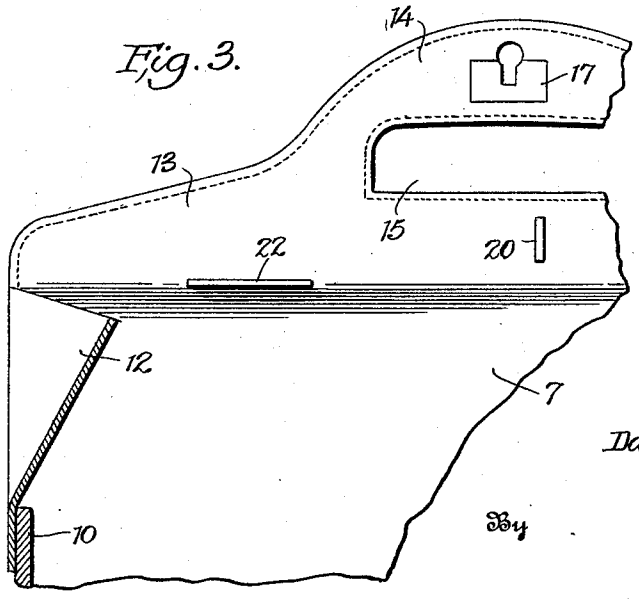


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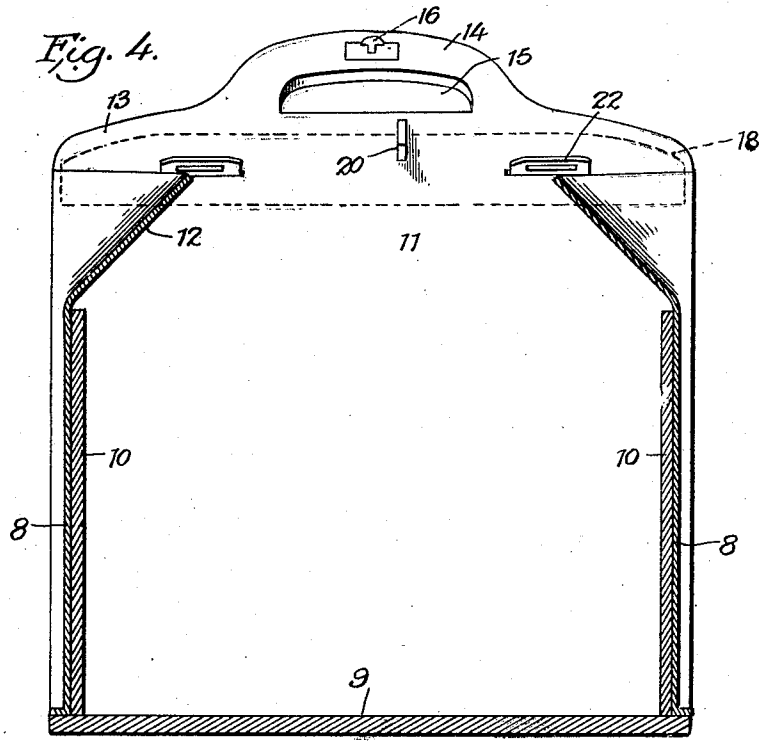


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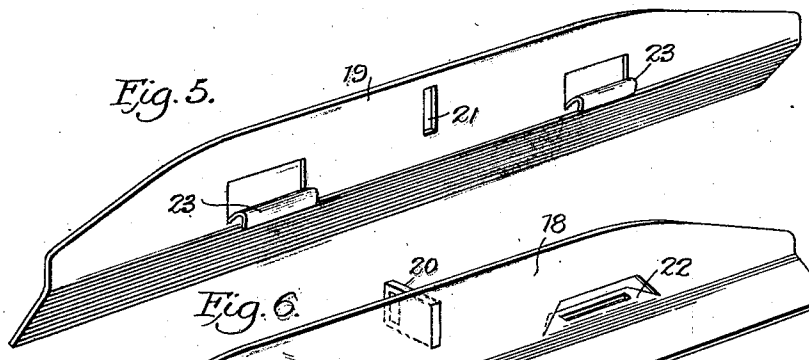
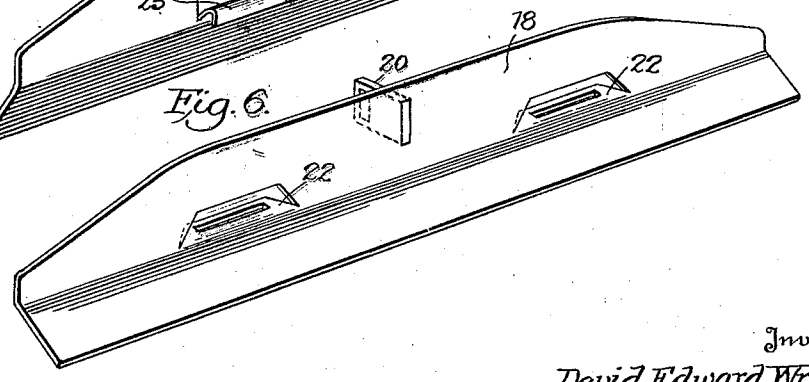


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The present invention relates to traveling hand-bags and consists in the combinations and arrangements of elements hereinafter described and particularly set forth in the accompanying claims.

The invention has for its purpose to provide a hand-bag of the type usually carried by travelers wherein durability, security of contents, facility of locking and unlocking, ease of opening and closing, and economy of space when traveling are the principal qualities desired.

A further purpose is to produce a specially designed hand-bag embodying the above mentioned features which is of the closed type as distinct from the kind which opens fully along a medial line, or having an opening side. And the invention further contemplates producing this style and type of bag embodying the minimum amount of material in its make-up, and which may be manufactured at small cost.

The invention is shown by way of illustration in the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the bag complete.

Figure 2 a transverse sectional view thereof.

Figure 3 an enlarged detailed view showing a portion of one of the side flaps.

Figure 4 a central, longitudinal, sectional view of the bag, and;

Figures 5 and 6 show perspective views of the two side reinforcing and locking bars.

Referring to the construction in further detail and wherein similar reference characters designate corresponding parts in the different figures shown, the bag consists of a main body portion comprising sides 7, end pieces 8, a bottom section 9, and reinforcing pieces 10 for the respective end portions. The two side members 7 have inturned portions 11 at the top and with the inturned or foldable portions 12 at the ends provide the top closure for the bag. The side portions 11 form the handle sections 13 and 14 having the hand opening 15 providing a grip. The exterior surface of the handle is rounded to provide for easy handling as shown.

A locking device (16 and 17) is suitably set within the gripping portion of the handle, and at the juncture or meeting line of the side portions 11, are located a pair of metal reinforcing and locking plates or bars 18 and 19, extending for the entire length of the bag. Said plates have inter-engaging parts 22 and 23 and are also provided with fastener or latch elements 20, 21 and 24. Said reinforcing and interlocking bars or plates 18 and 19 extend for the full length of the bag, and are adapted to be readily engaged or released by slightly tilting the handle portion to one side a distance sufficient to remove the hooks 23 from engagement with the openings 22.

It will therefore be seen the completed bag is provided with reinforcing elements having the locks (22 and 23) which securely closes the receptacle portion of the bag, and this in turn is additionally secured by the locking element 24. The hand-gripping portions or handle members, 13 and 14, are fastened together by the locking element 16, and thus secured the bag may be readily handled or carried, and when desired to open the bag it is necessary only that the handle portion be tilted slightly to one side which releases the locking element 16. In like manner a similar tilting or bending of the lower portion of the handle will cause the elements 22 and 23 to be disengaged as above stated.

It will be understood that the invention as herein disclosed is not limited to the details of constructions shown and described, but that these may be varied widely without departing from the scope of the claims.

What is claimed as new is:

1. A traveling hand-bag comprising a body having side portions extending above its mouth with the adjacent surfaces thereof lying in close contact for the full length of the bag, said side portions formed with registering openings providing a handle, and devices for holding said handle portions in the aforesaid close contact substantially as set forth.

2. A traveling hand-bag comprising a body having side portions extending above its mouth with the adjacent surfaces thereof lying in close surface contact over an ap-

preciably wide area, said side portions formed with registering openings providing a handle, and devices for holding said handle portions in the aforesaid close surface contact substantially as set forth.

3. A traveling hand-bag comprising a body portion opening at the top and having upwardly extending sides and inwardly folding ends, said sides extending above the mouth of the bag and having their respective inner surfaces lying in intimate contact for the full length thereof and over a substantially wide area, and formed with registering openings providing a handle, and devices normally holding said handle portions in the aforesaid close surface contact substantially as set forth.

4. A traveling hand-bag comprising a body portion and a handle portion, said handle portion being formed by side extensions of the body portion above the mouth of the bag and having flat and closely contacting surfaces, the exterior surfaces of the handle portion being grounded to provide a hand grip, and devices normally holding said handle portions in the aforesaid close surface contact substantially as set forth.

5. A traveling hand-bag comprising a body portion having meeting side portions above the mouth of the bag providing a handle, and reinforcing and interlocking bars extending substantially the length of the bag and holding said handle portions in close contact, substantially as set forth.

6. A traveling hand-bag comprising a body portion having meeting side portions above the mouth of the bag providing a handle, and concealed rigid reinforcing and interlocking bars secured to said side portions, and holding said handle portions in close contact substantially as set forth.

7. A traveling hand-bag comprising a body portion and a handle portion, said handle portion above the mouth of the bag being formed by extensions of the body portion and having flat and closely contacting surfaces, and rigid reinforcing and interlocking bars extending substantially the length of the bag and holding said handle portions in close contact, substantially as set forth.

8. A traveling hand-bag comprising a body portion and a handle portion, said handle portion being formed by extensions of the body portion above the mouth of the bag and having flat and closely contacting surfaces, devices holding said handle portions together and rigid reinforcing and interlocking bars extending the full length of and secured to said side portions, substantially as set forth.

9. A traveling hand-bag comprising a body portion having upwardly sides extending above the mouth of the bag and lying in intimate surface contact providing a handle, rigid interlocking and reinforcing bars securing the side portions for the full length of the bag, and a separate locking device for the handle, substantially as set forth.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at Washington, District of Columbia, this sixth day of September, A. D. nineteen hundred and thirty.

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