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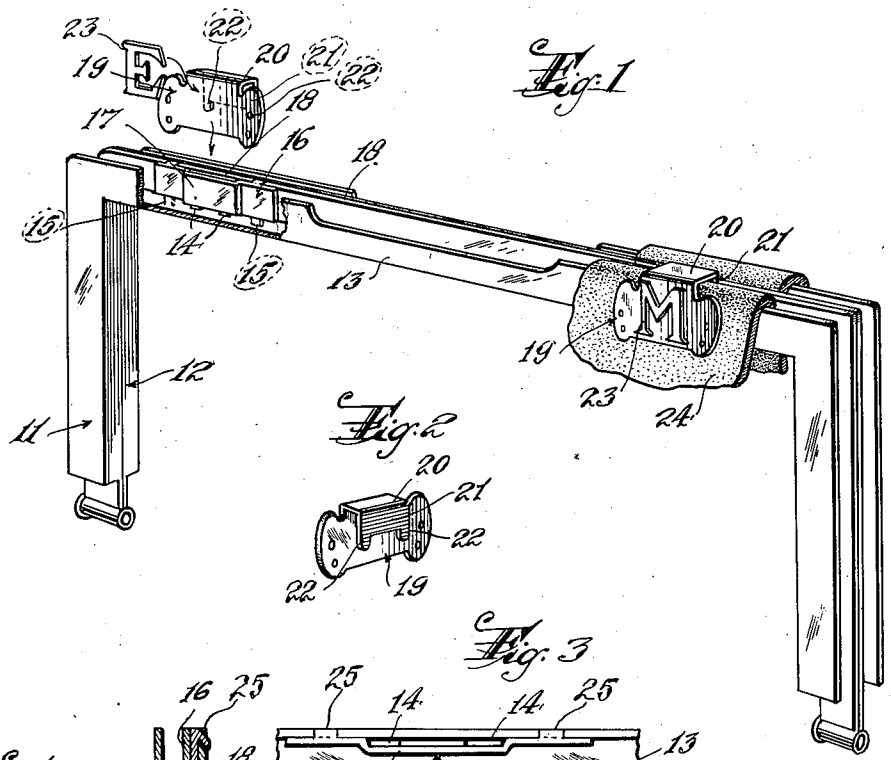


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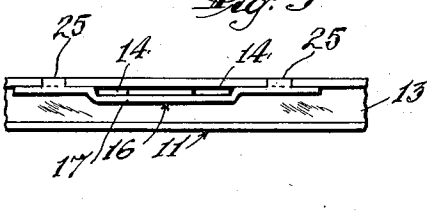


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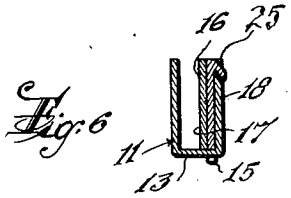


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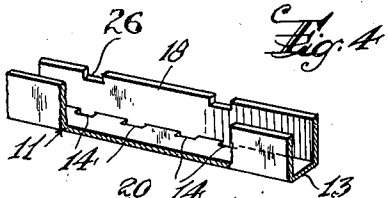


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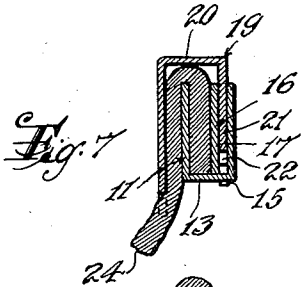


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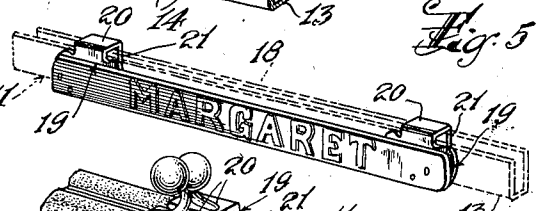


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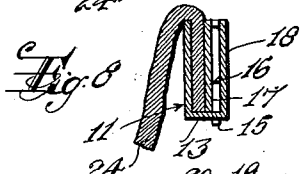


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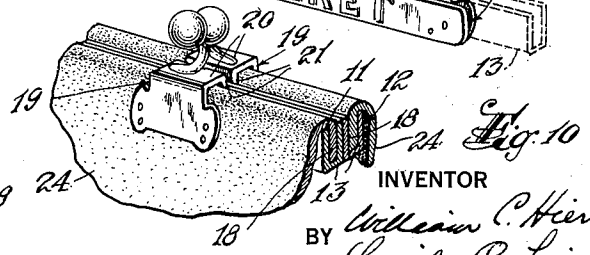


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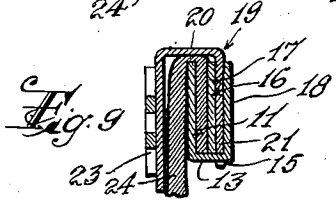


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This invention relates to hand bags, and more particularly to devices for attaching initial letters and other ornamentations to the frame members used in hand bags.

As a means of ornamentation and also of identification, it is the practice, at present, to attach to hand bags the initial letters of the owner.

A number of expedients for this purpose have been devised, but such expedients are objectionable in that they are inconvenient and require an appreciable amount of time to attach a letter to a bag, especially since the attaching is generally performed by a person who is not mechanically skilled, such as a clerk in the store where the hand bag is purchased. It is the custom of storekeepers to have on hand ornamental letters of the alphabet so that he can accommodate any customer who might desire initial letters attached to a bag.

It is an object of this invention to provide a simple device which can be conveniently and readily attached directly to a frame member of a hand bag by unskilled persons.

A further object of this invention is to provide a device capable of being attached to a frame member of a hand bag, said device carrying initial letters or other ornamentation.

These and other advantageous objects which will later appear, are accomplished by the simple and practical construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and exhibited in the accompanying drawing, forming part hereof, and in which:

Fig. 1 represents a perspective view of a hand bag frame embodying my invention,

Fig. 2 represents a perspective view showing the ornament carrying device which is attached to a frame member,

Fig. 3 represents a plan view of a portion of a frame member embodying my invention,

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a portion of a frame member showing apertures in the bottom thereof to receive an element of my attaching device,

Fig. 5 is a perspective view showing the manner in which two of the attaching devices can be used to support a relatively long bar carrying a name or other ornamentation,

Figs. 6, 7, 8 and 9 show steps of the process of attaching my device to a hand bag, and

Fig. 10 is a perspective view of a modified form of my invention, having knobs thereon for bag fastening purposes.

Referring to the drawing, in Fig. 1 is shown a bag frame having a pair of hingedly connected bag frame members 11 and 12, having outwardly opening channels. One of the frame members, for example the member 11 in Fig. 1, has, in the bottom of the longitudinal section 13 thereof, four slots 14.

The two outermost slots receive tangs 15 which can be soldered into holes 14 or passed through holes 14 and bent over the underside of the bottom of the channel, said tangs being integral with the flat strip 16, which has a bowed or U-shaped portion 17 to provide, with the inner wall 18 of the frame member, a pocket for a purpose hereinafter explained.

The strip 16 may be attached to the inner wall 18 by means of solder; or the strip may be provided with hooks 25 on its upper edge, which fit in recesses 26 in the upper edge of the inner wall 18 and engage thereover (see Fig. 6).

In Fig. 2 is shown a perspective view of the attaching device which comprises a plate 19 having a right-angularly directed flange 20 at its upper edge, which flange in turn has a downwardly directed flange 21 provided with a pair of tangs 22, the latter being adapted to enter a pair of the holes 14 in the bottom of the frame member.

An initial letter 23, or any other ornamentation, can be attached to the plate 19 by any suitable means, such as by soldering or a metal cement or by rivets; the particular mode of attaching the ornament is not shown herein as it forms no part of this invention.

The mode of attaching the device is shown in Figs. 6, 7, 8 and 9. In Fig. 6 is shown the plate 16 in the channel frame member before bag covering material has been attached thereto.

In Fig. 7 is shown a downwardly directed flange 21 inserted in the pocket in plate 16 and wall 18 and also bag covering material 24 inserted in the channels.

This operation is performed by the bag manufacturer, who inserts the flange 21 merely for the purpose of preserving the space between plate 16 and wall 18 while the bag covering material is being clamped in the channelled frame member.

After the bag covering material has been securely clamped to the frame member, the manufacturer of the bag removes the flange 21 and the shop-keeper, who sells the bag directly to the customer, receives the bag as shown in Fig. 8.

When a customer purchases the bag and desires an initial or other ornamentation placed thereon, the shop-keeper attaches a device as shown in Fig. 2 to the frame by passing the tangs 22 through the apertures 14 of the frame member and then bending the tangs over.

The last operation is very simple and can be readily and conveniently performed by unskilled persons.

In some instances a purchaser might desire the attachment of a relatively long name plate to the bag. In such a case two of the attaching devices, as shown in Fig. 2, are applied to a frame member as shown in Fig. 5.

It is necessary, in all handbags, to provide some sort of fastening device for maintaining the bag in a closed position. In Fig. 10, I have shown my attaching device provided with a knob which will cooperate with the knob fixed to the other frame member or a knob on a similar, adjacent attaching device, to maintain the bag in a closed condition, in a manner well-known.

From the above description, it will be seen that there has been provided a simple ornament carrying device which can be readily and conveniently attached to a frame member of a hand bag, and which in no way alters the structure or appearance of the frame member.

The attaching device is provided with a plate which depends on the outside of the bag covering material as shown in Fig. 1, and to this plate can be attached initials or any other type of ornamentation as may be desired.

The foregoing disclosure is to be regarded as descriptive and illustrative only, and not as restrictive or limitative of the invention, of which obviously an embodiment may be constructed including many modifications, without departing from the general scope herein indicated and denoted in the appended claims.

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

1. In combination with an outwardly opening channelled bag frame member having covering material attached thereto, said frame member having a plurality of apertures in the bottom wall thereof, a strip having tangs passing through said apertures, said strip being attached to the inner wall of the frame member and having a U-shaped portion to form a pocket with said inner wall, a plate depending downwardly on the outside of the bag covering, said plate having, at its upper edge, a right angularly directed flange, said flange having a downwardly depending portion provided with tangs, said tangs passing through certain of the apertures in the bottom wall of the channel, and an initial letter or other ornamentation attached to said plate.

2. In combination with an outwardly opening channelled bag frame member, said frame member having apertures in the bottom wall thereof, a plate having attached thereto an initial, letter or other ornamentation, said plate having a flange at its upper edge provided with a downwardly directed portion, tangs on said downwardly directed portion of the flange passing through said apertures and bent over the underside of the bottom of the frame member, and means attached to the inner wall of the frame member to hold said downwardly directed portion in a definite position.

3. In combination with an outwardly opening channelled bag frame member, a strip attached to the inner wall thereof and having a bowed portion to form a pocket with said inner wall, a plate having attached thereto an initial letter or other ornamentation, said plate having a flange at its upper edge, said flange being provided with a downwardly directed portion positioned in said pocket, said frame member having apertures in the bottom wall thereof, and tangs on said downwardly directed portion of the flange passing through said apertures and bent over the underside of the bottom of the frame member.

4. In combination with a pair of hingedly connected outwardly opening bag frame members having bag covering material attached thereto, a device for carrying initial letters or other ornamentation comprising a unitary channel-shaped body portion secured to one of the frame members between the bag covering material and the wall thereof, said channel shaped body portion being secured to the outwardly opening bag frame in a position to open inwardly relatively thereto and directly overlying the bag covering material and having initial letters or other ornamentations attached thereto, an element of a bag fastening means mounted on said body portion, and a cooperating bag fastening element attached to the other frame member.

5. In combination with a bag frame member, a U-shaped strip secured to said frame and forming, with the frame, a pocket and an ornament plate immovably positioned in said pocket.

6. In combination with an outwardly opening bag frame member, a strip secured to said frame, said strip, with said frame, defining a pocket, and an ornament plate positioned in said pocket and immovably secured to said frame.

7. In combination with an outwardly opening channelled bag frame, a unitary channelled plate secured at one end within the frame member, the other end of said plate straddling the outer wall of the frame member and directly overlying the bag covering material secured in the frame member and adapted to have an initial letter or other ornamentation attached thereto.

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