

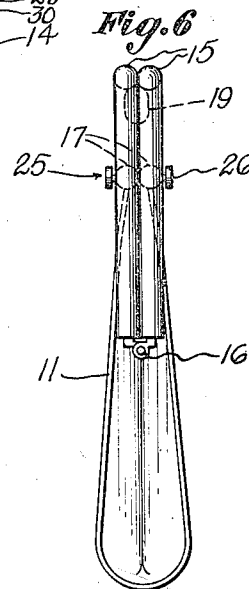
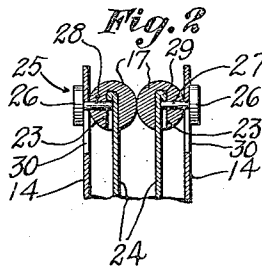
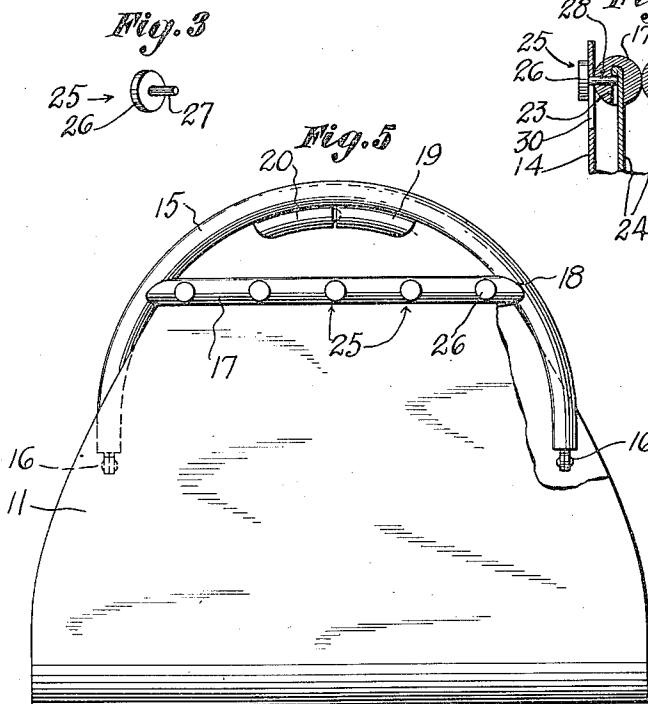
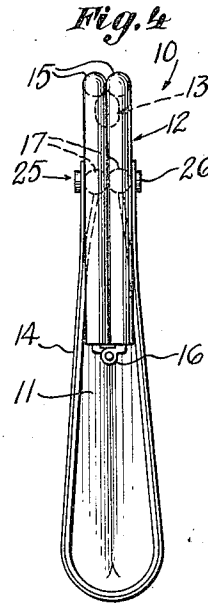
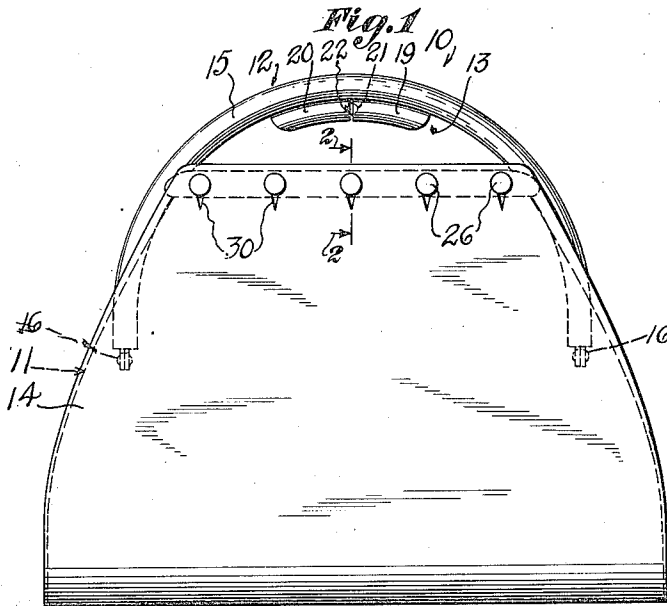
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This invention relates to devices such as ladies' handbags and has particular reference to handbag and cover combinations.

One object of the invention is the provision of a device having improved means for releasably mounting a cover on a handbag, such that the latter can be used in a particularly attractive manner without the cover as well as with the cover.

Another object of the invention is to provide improved means for the combined purpose of securing a bag to a frame and for removably supporting a cover, whereby clamping and gluing operations are avoided, and various locking arrangements may be dispensed with.

Another object of the invention is to furnish a device of the type mentioned having few and simple parts and which is inexpensive to manufacture and assemble, compact and neat in appearance, convenient in operation, and durable and reliable in use.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent as the specification proceeds.

With the aforesaid objects in view, the invention consists in the novel combinations and arrangements of parts hereinafter described in their preferred embodiments, pointed out in the subjoined claims, and illustrated in the annexed drawing, wherein like parts are designated by the same reference characters throughout the several views.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a view in side elevation showing a device embodying the invention.

Fig. 2 is a sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a bag locking and cover supporting pin.

Fig. 4 is a view in end elevation of the handbag.

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary view in side elevation of the device of Fig. 1 but with the cover removed.

Fig. 6 is a view in end elevation thereof.

The advantages of the invention as here outlined are best realized when all of its features and instrumentalities are combined in one and the same structure, but, useful devices may be produced embodying less than the whole.

It will be obvious to those skilled in the art to which the invention appertains, that the same may be incorporated in several different constructions. The accompanying drawing, there-

fore, is submitted merely as showing the preferred exemplification of the invention.

Referring in detail to the drawing, 10 denotes a device embodying the invention. The same may include a bag 11 secured to a frame 12 which may be releasably closed by a lock 13. Removably mounted on the frame 12 or on any other appropriate part of the device 10 is a cover 14 whose color or the like may be desirably different than that of the bag 11. It will be understood that the parts 11 to 14 may be conventional, and that those herein illustrated are intended to more clearly exemplify the invention.

The frame 12 may consist of handle bars 15 of suitably inverted U-shaped form, pivotally interconnected at their lower ends as at 16. Each frame member 15 may have a cross bar 17 rigidly connected thereto at its ends as at 18. The cross bars 17 may constitute the framing or assembling bars for the bag 11 as hereinafter described. The lock 13 may consist of a pair of blocks 19, 20, offset and secured to the individual handle bars so as to aline with each other when the handbag is closed. One of these blocks 19 may have an end recess 21 and the other may have a spring pressed end pin 22 adapted to engage in the recess 21 to lock the frame.

The frame members 17 may consist of metal or composition material, and may be channeled by having a groove or slot 23 formed or cut therein. According to the prior practise, the side walls 24 of the bag 11 were inserted at their upper edges into the grooves or channels; if the members 17 were metal they were clamped on the side walls, if the members 17 were of composition material, the side walls were glued thereinto. Either practise involved considerable labor, and where the members 17 were of composition or other nonbendable material, considerable care was also required to prevent mutilation of the handbag by the glue.

According to the present invention, I may utilize headed pins 25, each having a head 26 and a stem 27 and serving the combined purpose of securing the bag walls 24 in the frame members and releasably supporting the cover 14. Thus the frame members 17 may each have spaced holes 28 lateral to the channels 23 and in communication therewith for receiving the stems 27 of the pins 25. In these holes the pin stems may be press fitted or glued, with their inner ends tightly abutting or biting into the fabric of the walls 24 to strongly secure the latter. If desired, the walls 24 may have their free edges beaded as at 29 to rest upon the pins.

The length of the stems 27 may be such that the heads 26 are spaced from the sides of the frame members 17 so that the heads 26 may serve as buttons engageable in the corresponding buttonholes 30 of the cover 14.

The pins 25 may also be regarded as consisting of a relatively soft material so that the stems 27 may be deformable or expandable under pressure to powerfully lock in the holes 28. But the heads 26 afford a reliable way of exerting pressure on the pins without breaking or bending the same.

In use, the cover 14 may be secured on the pins 25 at the buttonholes 30 to thus obtain the device 10. The latter may be used in the conventional manner of a handbag. If the cover is removed, the foundation bag which results according to Fig. 5 may be used in a like manner, but with a different appearance. The heads 26 will project only so slightly as to appear to be a part of the handbag design, and they will cause no obstruction in the handling of the device. The appearance obtained can be well visualized by considering the frames 12 and the pins 25 as made of white celluloid, and thus producing a blended effect. The use of a series of the pins 25 enhances the decorative effect and serves to more smoothly support both the foundation bag 11 and the cover 14.

By reason of the button elements 26 being mounted on a rigid frame, the buttoning and unbuttoning is rendered more convenient, and the cover retained taut along the sides and at the bottom of the bag 11.

I claim:

1. A device including a bag, channeled frame members therefor, receiving upper edge portions of the bag, the frame members having perforations in a lateral flange of each, headed pins extended through and secured in the perforations with the ends of the pins securingly engaging the upper edge portions of the bag, the

heads of the pins lying in external spaced relation to said flanges, and a cover for the bag having holes for removable engagement with said heads.

2. A device including a bag, channeled frame members therefor receiving upper edge portions of the bag, the frame members having perforations in a lateral flange of each, headed pins extended through and secured in the perforations with the ends of the pins securingly engaging the upper edge portions of the bag, the heads of the pins lying in external spaced relation to said flanges, said heads being adapted for engagement with the buttonholes of a removable cover.

3. A device including a channel frame member, a bag having a wall having a portion disposed in the channel of the frame member, the latter having a flange having a perforation communicating with the channel, a pin extending through and secured in said perforation, said pin having an end portion in the channel pressing the bag portion therein against the opposite flange of the frame member, said pin having an external anchor member for supporting an article.

4. A device including a channel frame member, a bag having a wall having a portion disposed in the channel of the frame member, the latter having a flange having a perforation communicating with the channel, a pin extending through and secured in said perforation, said pin having an end portion in the channel pressing the bag portion therein against the opposite flange of the frame member, said pin having an external anchor member for supporting an article, and another member depending along a side of the bag and having a portion engageable with the anchor member whereby the depending member is supported.

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