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HANDBAG CASING STRUCTURE

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1. The present invention relates to new and useful improvements in handbags and more particularly to a rigid case for enclosing and supporting the sides of a collapsible handbag so that the walls of the handbag will be held against collapsing movement.

An important object of the invention is to provide a case of this character constructed of transparent plastic material whereby handbags of various colors and designs may be enclosed in the case to harmonize with the costume of the wearer.

A further object of the invention is to provide a case of this character which protects the sides of the handbag from becoming soiled and including quick detaching means for securing the handbag in the case whereby the handbag may be easily and quickly positioned in the case and removed therefrom for cleaning, when desired.

An additional object is to provide a rigid case for the handbag to maintain the shape of the bag and in which the case may be used for other purposes, such as a bowl for containing flowers, fruit and for other purposes when the handbag is removed therefrom.

A still further object is to provide an article of this character of simple and practical construction, which is neat and attractive in appearance, relatively inexpensive to manufacture and otherwise well adapted for the purposes for which the same is intended.

Other objects and advantages reside in the details of construction and operation as more fully hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming part hereof, wherein like numerals refer to like parts throughout, and in which:

Figure 1 is a top plan view of the case with the handbag removed therefrom.

Figure 2 is a side elevational view.

Figure 3 is a vertical sectional view taken on a line 3—3 of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a group perspective view showing the case and snap rings for holding the handbag in position therein.

Figure 5 is an enlarged fragmentary sectional view of the upper edge of the case and showing the upper internal groove therein for receiving the upper snap ring.

Figure 6 is a top plan view with a handbag positioned in the case.

Figure 7 is a side elevational view thereof.

Figure 8 is an enlarged fragmentary vertical sectional view taken on a line 8—8 of Figure 6, and

Figures 9 and 10 are side elevational views of the case with the handbag removed therefrom and illustrating use of the same as a fruit or flower bowl.

Referring now to the drawings in detail wherein for the purpose of illustration 1 have disclosed a preferred embodiment of the invention, the numeral 5 designates a case of substantially cylindrical construction provided with a bottom 6. The case is preferably constructed of transparent Lucite or other molded plastic material and is formed with upper and lower internal annular grooves 7 and 8.

The main purpose of the case is to receive a handbag 9 of cloth material and of a shape conforming generally to that of the case, the handbag being provided with an opening 10 at its upper end equipped with a drawstring 11 for closing the opening, the drawstrings serving as a carrying handle for the handbag.

The handbag is secured in position in the case by means of upper and lower snap rings 12 and 13 which are placed inside the handbag to clamp portions of the side walls 14 of the handbag in the upper and lower grooves 7 and 8 of the case as shown in Figure 8 of the drawings, the side walls 14 of the handbag thus being arranged as a lining inside the case 5 and which may be viewed through the transparent walls of the case.

From the foregoing it will be apparent that the snap rings 12 and 13 will firmly secure the handbag in position in the case so that the case will be carried with the handbag, the case forming a rigid support for the side walls 14 of the handbag as well as protecting the sides and bottom of the handbag from becoming soiled.

The handbag may be easily and quickly removed from the case by releasing the snap rings 12 and 13 so that handbags of various colors may be secured in the case and to also provide means for removing the handbag for cleaning, when desired.

When the case is not used for enclosing a handbag, the case may be used as a bowl for containing fruit as shown at 15 in Figure 9 or for use in holding flowers as shown at 16 in Figure 10.

In view of the foregoing description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings it is believed that a clear understanding of the construction, operation and advantages of the device will be quite apparent to those skilled in this art. A more detailed description is accordingly deemed unnecessary.

It is to be understood, however, that even though there is herein shown and described a
preferred embodiment of the invention the same is susceptible to certain changes fully comprehended by the spirit of the invention as herein described and the scope of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A holder for handbags comprising a rigid container of transparent material, a handbag of flexible material, positioned in the container, and expanding means in the handbag securing the sides of the bag to the inner walls of the container, said container having an open top and said handbag including carrying means extending outwardly of the top of the container for carrying the container and handbag as a unit.

2. A holder for handbags comprising a rigid annular container of transparent material, a handbag of flexible material positioned in the container, said container having an annular internal groove, and a snap ring positioned in the bag and clamping a portion of the material of the bag in said groove, said container having an open top and said handbag including carrying means extending outwardly of the top of the container for carrying the container and handbag as a unit.

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