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Fig. 1

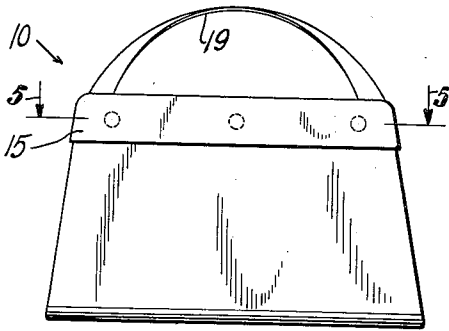


Fig. 2

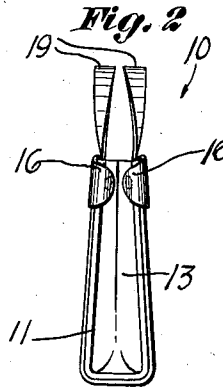


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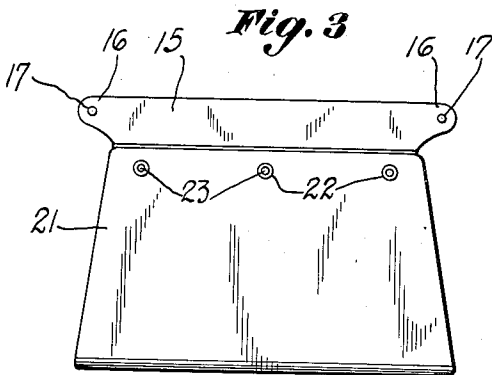


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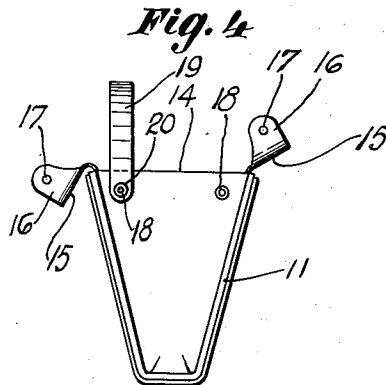
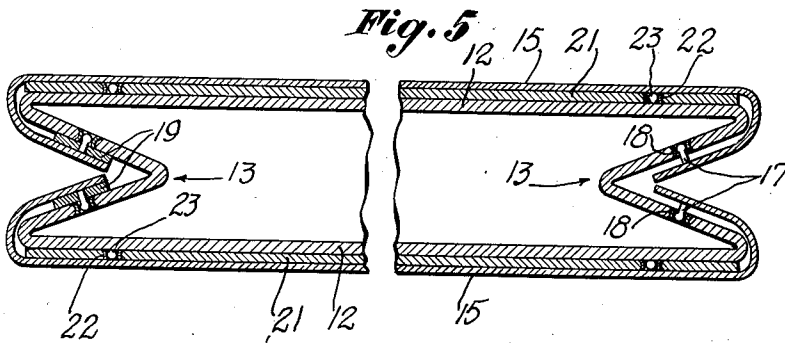


Fig. 5



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This invention relates to devices such as handbags and has particular reference to removable or reversible covers therefor.

One object of the invention is to furnish a device of the character described having improved flap means associated with an underlying removable cover to serve the combined purpose of holding the ends of the flaps so as to tend to prevent unsightly separation of the flaps and/or cover from the bag body, and to permit the latter to be used as a complete handbag without the cover but the flaps serving as a neat decorative feature that is securely held in place.

Another object of the invention is to provide an improved removable handle mounted in coordination with the cover overlying flaps or the ends thereof.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device of the type mentioned having few and simple parts, and which is neat and compact, especially in conjunction with open ended removable covers, and the device being durable, reliable and efficient to a high degree 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; the same may also be regarded as a view of a foundation bag with the cover removed.

Fig. 2 is a view in end elevation of the device.

Fig. 3 is a view in side elevation of the device with a flap upraised to show the construction.

Fig. 4 is a view in end elevation in open position thereof, with the flaps detached at their ends, and with one flap upraised, and one handle removed.

Fig. 5 is a horizontal fragmentary sectional view taken generally on the line 5—5 of Fig. 1, and showing the handles connected at one end and removed at the opposite end to disclose the alternative arrangements.

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, therefore, 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 foundation bag body 11 having side walls 12 and interconnecting inwardly folded recess forming gussets 13. The bag body may have a top opening or mouth as at 14, that may be closed in any suitable manner as by a slide fastener (not shown).

Connected to the side walls 12 as at the edges of the mouth 14 are a plurality of relatively narrow flaps 15 that extend longitudinally of the mouth 14 or bag body. These flaps 15 possess end projections 16 which extend in the longitudinal direction of the flaps and beyond the adjacent ends of the bag body so as to be foldable around the ends of the bag body adjacent to the mouth thereof and internally of the gusset formed recesses. Detachable fastener means may be provided to connect the projections 16 to the respective adjacent sides of the gussets; for instance, one fastener element 17 may be on a projection 16 and the companion fastener element 18 may be on one side of the gusset.

A pair of handles 19 may have their ends perforated as at 20 so as to removably engage around the fastener elements 17, 18, and the latter may be engageable through said perforation 20. Thus the handles connect with the gussets.

A removable cover 21 may consist of a strip element of different appearance on its opposite faces for reversibility. The cover may be folded under the bottom of the bag body 11 and extend upward along the side walls 12, with its end portions terminating adjacent to the bag mouth. The cover may extend the full width of the bag body but may be wholly open at the ends of the bag body.

The end portions of the cover may be disposed under the flaps 15 and may be secured between the latter and the bag body. Preferably the end portions of the cover are formed with eyelets or the like for removable reversible engagement with the studs 23 that are fixed on the side walls 12 of the bag body.

In use, the fasteners 17, 18 may be disengaged to thus release the projections or tabs 16 and

5 permit the flaps 15 to be upraised for easy removal of the cover 21 by disengagement of the fasteners 22, 23. The cover may now be reversed or discarded, and in either case, the flaps 15 may
 10 be downwardly folded to form a neat decorative cuff for the handbag or to conceal the end portions of the cover and the fasteners 22, 23. The tabs 16 may now be externally folded into the gusset recesses and secured at 17, 18. Handles
 15 19 may be used regardless whether the cover is employed or not. In Fig. 5, at the left the handles are shown secured at the fasteners 17, 18; at the right, the handles have been eliminated. Any suitable fastener means, such as long headed studs may be used for this purpose. Thus the
 20 handbag style can be readily varied to suit, and the handle connections are concealed.

In covers of the open ended type herein disclosed, there is always present the tendency for the covers to creep or bulge away from the bag body. This result is avoided by the tabs 16 which hold the cover snugly against the bag body at the ends of the cover, and tend to finish off the appearance of the handbag. The invention may
 25 be regarded as comprising the end tabs 16 as connected to the bag body 11 at the ends thereof, and as being thus interengaged, and the cover may be regarded as being interengaged around the ends of the bag body adjacent to the mouth
 30 thereof.

I claim:

1. A handbag including a foundation bag having side walls and recess forming end gussets interconnecting the same, a removable cover folded
 35 around the bottom of the bag and extending upward along the side walls thereof substantially to the mouth of the bag, means removably engaging the cover with the foundation bag adjacent to said mouth, flaps connected to the foundation bag adjacent to the said mouth and extending
 40 downward sufficiently to freely overlie and conceal the adjacent end portions of the cover in otherwise separate relation to the latter, said flaps having end portions extending beyond
 45 the ends of the foundation bag and being externally folded into the recesses of the gussets, and means connecting said end portions of the flaps with the gussets to thus prevent the flaps from swinging away from the foundation bag.

2. A handbag including a foundation bag body having side walls and inwardly folded recesses forming end gussets, and a mouth at the top of the bag body, a removable cover folded around the bottom of the bag body and extending upward
 5 along the sides thereof and terminating at the top opening, said cover being wholly open at the ends of the bag body, relatively narrow flaps connected to the side walls along the edges of the top opening and being downwardly folded
 10 over the adjacent edge portions of the cover, means releasably securing the edge portions of the cover to the side walls, the cover being free of the flaps, the latter having continuous integral longitudinally directed end projections adapted
 15 to extend beyond the ends of the bag body and being infolded into said recesses, and means releasably connecting said projections to the respective adjacent folds of the gussets.

3. A handbag including a foundation bag having a mouth at the top, side walls and inwardly folded recess forming end gussets, a removable cover for the bag body having ends adjacent to the said mouth and being open at the ends of the bag body, the latter having downwardly folded
 25 longitudinal flaps overlying the end portions of the cover, and means for releasably engaging the end portions of the flaps with the gussets in the recesses thereof, and supporting handles for the handbag removably connected to said means
 30 with the end portions of the flaps overlying the connections for the handles.

4. A handbag including a foundation bag having a mouth at the top, side walls and inwardly folded recess forming end gussets, a removable cover for the bag body having ends adjacent to the said mouth and being open at the ends of the bag body, the latter having downwardly folded longitudinal flaps overlying the end portions
 35 of the cover, and means for releasably engaging the end portions of the flaps with the gussets in the recesses thereof, and handles for the bag body, said handles having perforated end portions, and the last mentioned connecting means engaging through said perforations to releasably
 40 secure the handles.
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