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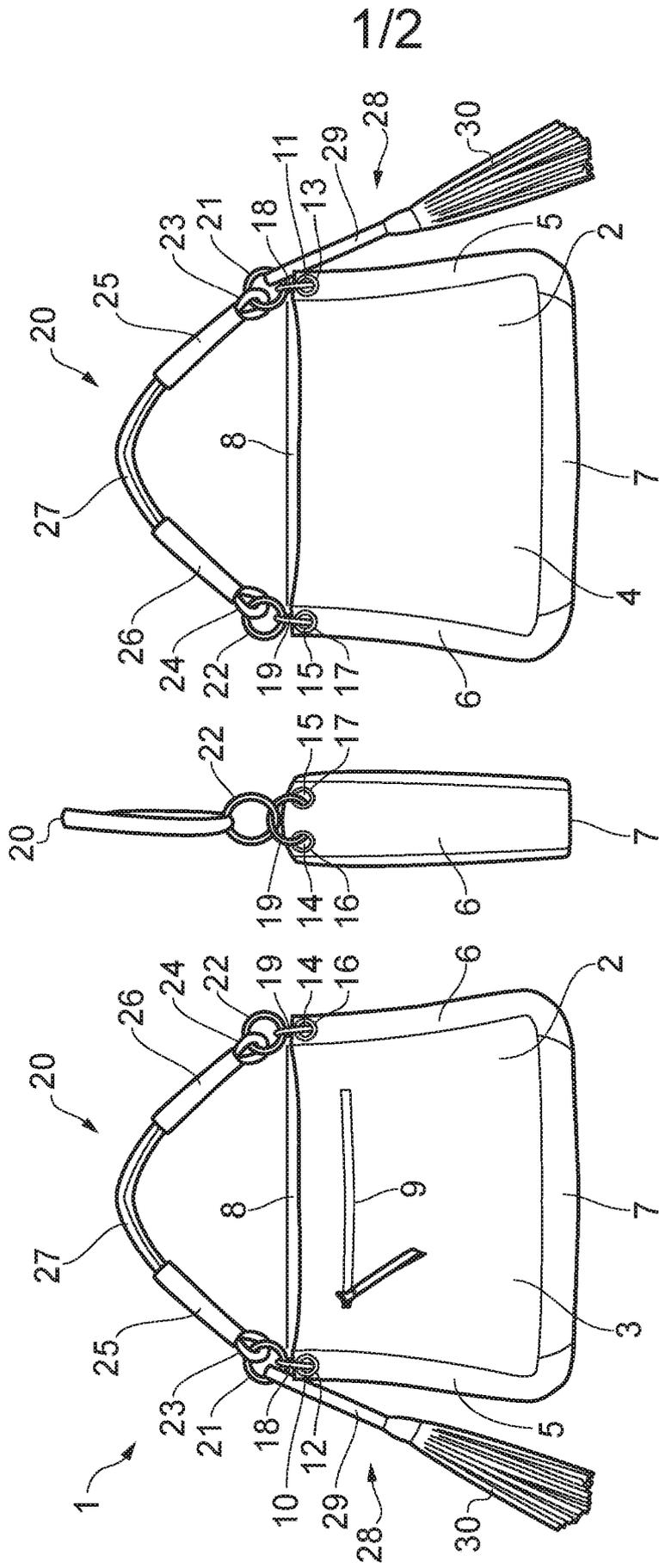


FIG. 1A

FIG. 1B

FIG. 1C

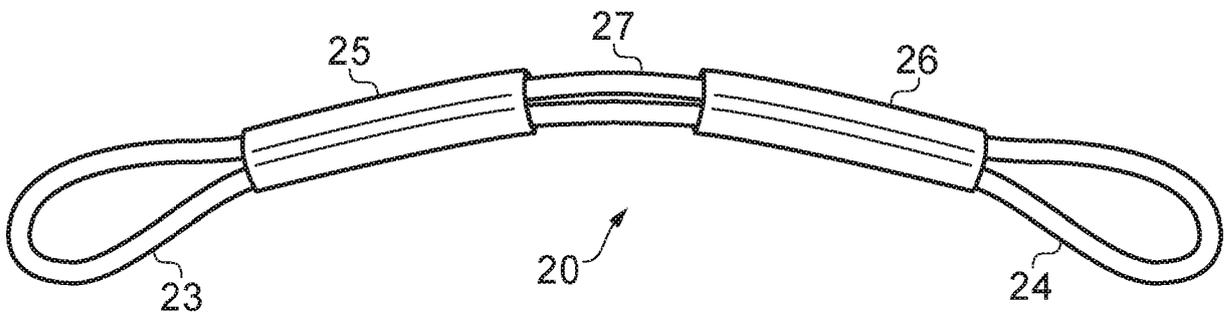


FIG. 2

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## HANDBAG

5           This invention relates to a handbag, and in particular to a handbag with one or more detachable handles. Handbags with detachable handles are known, as exemplified by published US patent application 2010/0252152. However, the present invention attempts to provide a handbag in which the detachable handles are capable of other uses, outside of being part of the handbag itself.

10           Accordingly, there is provided a handbag comprising;

          i) a bag body including at least front, back and bottom portions connected to form a receptacle capable of containing portable items,

          ii) at least one detachable component, and

          iii) connection means by which the at least one detachable component is  
15 detachably connected to the bag body,

          characterised in that the at least one detachable component comprises a handle for the handbag, and includes first and second loop portions, and adjustment means for varying the size of the first and second loop portions, the connection means includes first and second bag clasps attached to the bag body, wherein the first and second bag  
20 clasps comprise O-rings; the connection means includes first and second handle clasps attached to the at least one handle, wherein the first and second handle clasps comprise O-rings; and wherein the O-rings constituting the first and second handle clasps are provided with a hinged portion such that they can be selectively connected to and disconnected from the O-rings constituting the bag clasps and from the at least one  
25 handle.

          By the term “handbag” there is hereby meant to include any bag capable of being carried by one person, including bags, holdalls and cases. However, primarily the invention is directed at the ubiquitous ladies’ handbag, a fashionable bag in which personal items such as purses, gloves and make-up is carried.

30           Since the enormous success of the novel “50 Shades of Grey” by E L James, there has been a huge increase in the interest in bondage and S&M activity, even among the more mainstream members of society. The handbag of the present invention has one or more detachable components which are designed to be suitable as restraints,

even though they appear most conventional when present in their original role as part of the handbag. Thus, the handbag of the present invention can be carried without appearing in any way unusual, yet can be used in bondage play when desired.

The at least one detachable component comprises at least one handle for the handbag. In this way, the handbag has one or more handles which can be detached from the handbag and used as restraints. The connection means includes first and second bag clasps attached to the bag body, by which the one or more handles can be attached and detached from the bag body. The connection means also includes first and second handle clasps attached to the at least one handle. Conveniently, the first and second handle clasps are engageable with the first and second bag clasps so as to selectively connect and disconnect the at least one handle to and from the bag body.

The first and second bag clasps comprise O-rings. The first and second handle clasps also comprise O-rings. The O-rings constituting the first and second handle clasps are provided with a hinged portion such that they can be selectively connected to and disconnected from the O-rings constituting the bag clasps. In this way, the handle or handles can easily and quickly be detached from the bag body for use as restraints, and re-attached afterwards.

Preferably, the adjustment means comprises first and second sleeve portions slideable with respect to the at least one detachable component so as to vary the size of the first and second loop portions. The sleeve portions can be slid to widen the first and second loop portions so as to receive the wrists or ankles of a willing collaborator, and then slid in the opposite direction to narrow the first and second loops around the wrists or ankles accordingly. The first and second sleeve portions are retained in place purely by the friction with the remainder of the detachable component, meaning that the person restrained is able to release themselves from the restraints should they wish to change the situation.

The handbag according to the invention may also be provided with a tassel, preferably detachably connected to the bag body, such that it can be used as a whip. Once again, the tassel appears stylish and conventional when attached to the handbag, but can be detached and used for its alternative purpose if desired. The tassel preferably includes a loop, and the loop is detachably connected to one of the first and second handle clasps, thereby providing easy attachment and detachment from the rest

of the handbag. Typically, the tassel is formed of leather, or alternatively PVC, as can be the bag body and/or the one or more detachable handles. Conceivably, more than one tassel can be provided.

The invention will now be further described, by way of example only, with  
5 reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figures 1A, 1B & 1C are front, side and back views respectively of a handbag in accordance with the present invention, and

Figure 2 is a pictorial view of the handle of the handbag of Figure 1, detached therefrom.

10 Referring to Figures 1A, 1B & 1C, a handbag is shown generally at 1, and comprises a bag body 2 including a front panel 3, back panel 4, side panels 5 & 6, and a bottom panel 7. The panels 3 to 7 are each formed of leather. The bag body is open at the top so as to provide an entrance 8 to the bag body, open and closed by means of a zip (not visible in the Figures). The front panel 3 also includes a smaller zip 9  
15 providing an entrance to a side pocket (also not visible in the Figures).

The side panel 5 has two apertures 10 & 11, defined by eyelets 12 & 13. Similarly, the side panel 6 also has two apertures 14 & 15, defined by eyelets 16 & 17. O-rings 18 & 19 are located on the bag body 2, the O-ring 18 passing between the apertures 10 & 11, while the O-ring 19 passes between the apertures 14 & 15. A handle  
20 20 is attached to the bag body 2, the handle having hinged O-rings 21 & 22. Hinged O-ring 21 passes through O-ring 18, while hinged O-ring 22 passes through O-ring 19. Each of the O-rings 21 & 22 can be opened and closed so as to be connected to, and disconnected from, the O-rings 18 & 19. In this way, the handle 20 can be connected and disconnected from the bag body 2.

25 The handle 20 is also formed of leather, and includes a first loop 23 and a second loop 24, the loops 23 & 24 being one at each end of the handle. O-ring 21 passes through loop 23, while O-ring 22 passes through loop 24. The handle 20 also includes leather sleeves 25 & 26, which are slideable along a central portion 27 of the handle. The handbag 1 also includes a tassel 28, the tassel including a stem portion 29  
30 and strands 30 depending therefrom. The stem portion 29 is formed into a loop, which is also received within hinged O-ring 21, such that the tassel 28 can be detached from the handbag and used as a whip if desired.

Figure 2 shows the handle 20 detached from the bag body. The sleeves 25 & 26 can be slid towards the middle of the central portion 27 in order to increase the size of the loops 23 & 24, or alternatively slid towards the ends of the central portion 27 to decrease the size of the loops 23 & 24. In this way, the loops 23 & 24 can be placed  
5 over the wrists or ankles of person, and the sleeves 25 & 26 moved to reduce the size of the loops such that the handle 20 acts as a restraint. Alternatively, one loop 23 may be placed over the wrist or ankle of a person, and the other loop placed over a stationary object, such as a bedpost or headboard.

It will be appreciated by those skilled in the art that many changes to the above-  
10 described handbag embodiment can be made without departing from the scope of the present invention. For example, while the described handbag has only a single handle 20, a handbag with multiple handles is a possibility. Conceivably, rather than one or more handles forming the at least one detachable component, this could be constituted by another part of the handbag, such as a detachable buckle strap or other adornment.  
15 Adjustment mechanisms other than the sliding sleeves 25 & 26 will be apparent. Whichever arrangement is employed, the handbag presents a conventional image in daily use, while being versatile for use in adult play when desired.

## Claims

1. A handbag comprising;
  - i) a bag body including at least front, back and bottom portions connected to form a receptacle capable of containing portable items,
  - ii) at least one detachable component, and
  - iii) connection means by which the at least one detachable component is detachably connected to the bag body,

characterised in that:

the at least one detachable component comprises a handle for the handbag, and includes first and second loop portions, and adjustment means for varying the size of the first and second loop portions, the connection means includes first and second bag clasps attached to the bag body, wherein the first and second bag clasps comprise O-rings;

the connection means includes first and second handle clasps attached to the at least one handle, wherein the first and second handle clasps comprise O-rings;

and wherein the O-rings constituting the first and second handle clasps are provided with a hinged portion such that they can be selectively connected to and disconnected from the O-rings constituting the bag clasps and from the at least one handle.

2. A handbag according to any preceding claim, characterised in that the adjustment means comprises first and second sleeve portions slideable with respect to the at least one detachable component so as to vary the size of the first and second loop portions.

3. A handbag according to claim 1 or claim 2, characterised in that the handbag further comprises a tassel.

4. A handbag according to claim 3, characterised in that the tassel includes a loop.
5. A handbag according to claim 4, characterised in that the loop is detachably connected to one of the first and second handle clasps.
6. A handbag according to any one of claims 3 to 5, characterised in that the tassel is formed of leather.
7. A handbag according to any preceding claim, characterised in that the bag body is formed of leather.
8. A handbag according to any preceding claim, characterised in that the at least one handle is formed of leather.