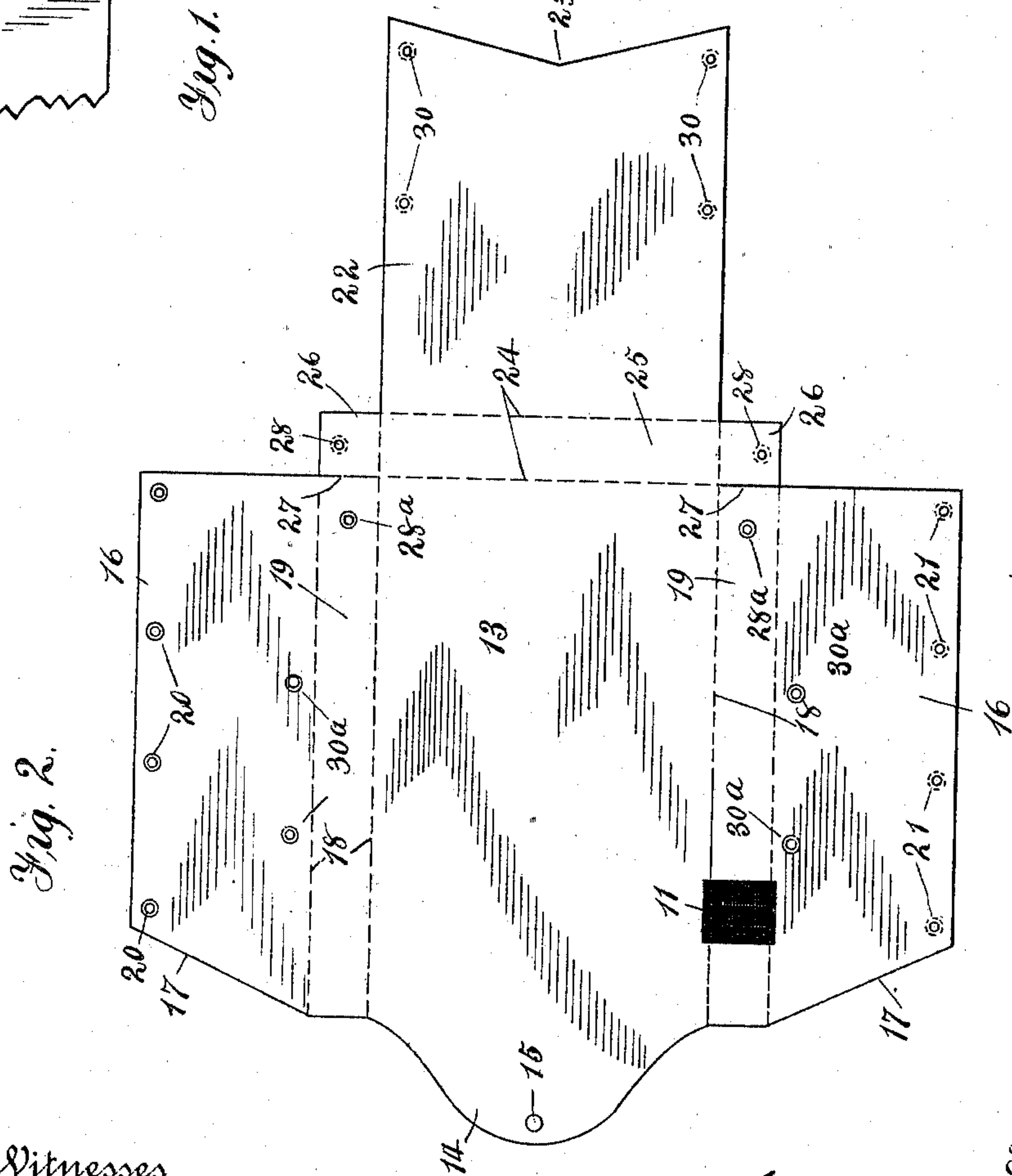
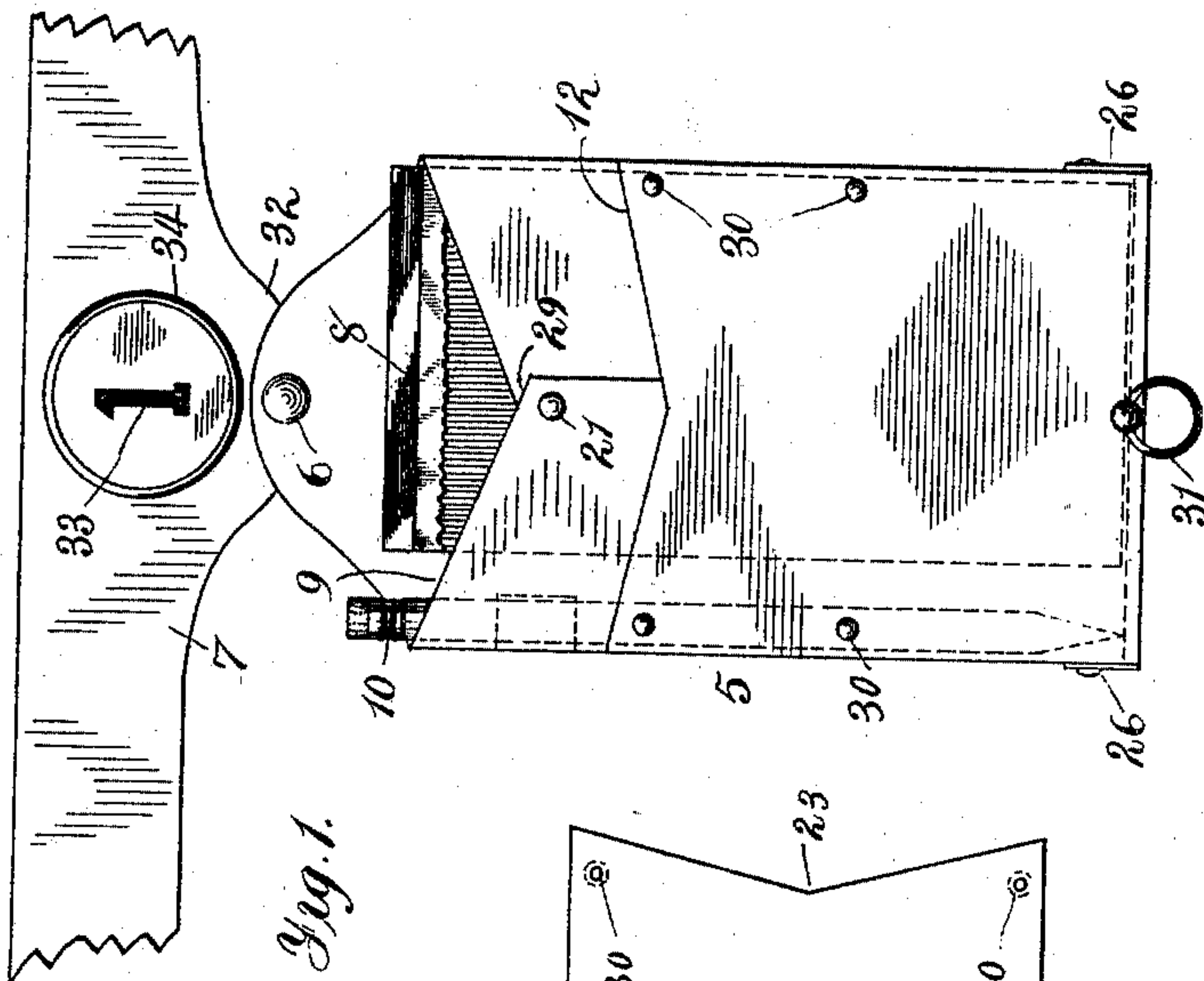


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GERTRUDE BAKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Portland, in the county of Multnomah and State of Oregon, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Saleswomen's Pockets, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to pockets or bags designed for holding a number of articles, and is especially adapted for use by sales clerks.

The chief objects of the improvements which form the subject matter of this application are to provide a convenient receptacle for articles that may be in frequent demand; to furnish means for attaching the device to the person of the user, and to support the implements in positions that will permit them to be readily grasped and removed from their pockets.

Other objects of this invention are to furnish in connection with the container an identification character or number, so placed as to be conspicuous and easily read, and supply means for readily attaching any small article to the pocket by means of a flexible cord to prevent the said article from becoming misplaced.

Further important objects relate to the construction and manufacture of the complete device. Thus I have arranged the special pockets in such shape and relation that they can be fashioned by folding or bending the material upon itself, suitable flaps or sections being formed for this purpose and supplied with fastening means by which they can be detachably secured together. In furtherance of this design I construct that portion containing the compartments or pockets of a single piece of the material selected, for which I prefer leather or cloth and for the fastenings I use the common type of separable or snap button. The detachable fastenings will be especially advantageous since the pocket flaps may be disconnected and the entire bag or pocket laid out flat so that it may be washed or cleansed by usual methods when soiled, and this feature will permit the article to be shipped in a flat form, and may then be easily put together by an unskilled person.

In order to accomplish the above results I make use of the device illustrated in the accompanying drawing, which forms a part of this application, the details of con-

struction being disclosed in the following views:—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved sales-book pocket pivotally attached to a supporting belt or band, and Fig. 2 is a plan view of the material entering into the construction of the pockets, showing the manner of forming the flaps, the location of the folds or bends being indicated by broken lines.

Referring to the details of the drawing the numeral 5 designates a bag or receptacle pivotally attached by a suitable clasp or button 6 to a belt or band 7 of suitable length to encircle the body of the user, only a portion of the said belt being shown in the drawing. The receptacle or pocket 5 is preferably constructed of a single piece of the material employed, so shaped that it may be folded and bent to form a plurality of compartments in which may be removably inserted the implements for which they are designed, two such articles of particular importance in the service of a sales clerk being shown in their respective pockets, the numeral 8 indicating a sales book, occupying an inner pocket 9, and 10 a pencil supported in the same pocket by means of an elastic band or strap 11, secured to the inside of the pocket in any convenient manner. In front of the pocket 9 is an outer shallower pocket 12, for the reception of transfers, address slip, and other papers or cards that it may be found desirable to have conveniently at hand.

The construction of the bag with its multiple pockets will be best understood by reference to the plan view shown in Fig. 2. The numeral 13 represents a rectangular portion which constitutes the body or back of the receptacle and has its upper end rounded to form an attaching flap 14, provided with a hole 15 through which passes the stem of the separable pivot bottom 6. The body or back 13 is extended at each side to form oblong wings or pocket flaps 16 having their upper outer corners cut on an incline as indicated at 17. These wings or flaps are folded or bent upon the front of the back plate or body 13 to form the said rear pocket 9, the location of the bends being indicated by double parallel broken lines 18 located at the junction of the flaps with the back. The spaces 19 between the lines 18 are equal upon each side and represent, approximately, the depth or thickness

of the pocket formed by the interval between the back and said flaps when properly bent and secured, the side margins of the flaps being provided with spaced eyelets 20 for the engagement of suitable fastening clasps for which I prefer to use snap buttons 21. The lower end of the plate 13 is extended to form an external pocket flap 22, oblong in shape and having its end margin cut with a reëntrant angle 23 to form a suitable margin or mouth for the convenient insertion or removal of such articles as it may be desirable to place therein, this pocket being especially adapted to hold papers or cards. The lines of bend for this flap are shown at 24 and the space 25 therebetween is extended laterally beyond the side margin of the flap 22 to form ears 26 separated from the space 19 by a cut 27 each ear being furnished with a snap button 28, adapted to engage spring eyelets 28^a in the portions 18 thus lending additional strength by forming a support for the part 25 which will constitute the bottom of the pocket or receptacle. The construction of the bag from the plate when thus fabricated will be readily understood by those skilled in the art, it being only necessary to fold the side flaps on the lines 18 until they lie substantially parallel with the plate 13, when their margins, being properly proportioned will slightly overlap in the median line, as indicated at 29, the inclined cuts 17 combining to form a suitable mouth to give convenient access to the pocket. The flap 22 is then bent on the lines 24 and brought up in front of the side flaps to make the shallow pocket 12 and secured by buttons 30 which engage spring eyelets 30^a in the flaps 16. The ears or clips 26 are then bent upwardly against the edge plates 19 and fastened by means of the buttons 28^a. Near the lower margin of the outer pocket is secured a suitable eye or ring 31 to afford an attachment for a cord to which may be fastened any desired implement such as a knife or a pair of scissors. The belt 7 is furnished with an extension or flap 32 which serves the double purpose of supporting the pocketed receptacle by means of the button 6, the stem of which passes

loosely through the hole 15 in the flap 14 and thus permits the bag or receptacle to swing freely as on a pivot and also presents a suitable surface upon which to affix an indicating character or numeral 33, to represent the clerk's number which may be imprinted or embossed directly upon the leather or other fabric comprising the belt, or it may be stamped upon a separate piece 34 of metal or other material secured in any convenient manner to the belt or flap.

The manner of using the device thus described will be readily understood. It is intended to be worn upon the person of the user by securing the belt about the body, so that the bag or receptacle will be suspended within reach of the hands, the conspicuous position of the sales clerk's number rendering it easily seen. The flap 14 from the back plate, and the extension 32 together form a shield adapted to protect the garment of the user from contact with the hand when articles are placed in or removed from the receptacle pockets.

Having thus described my invention what I claim, is:—

In a device of the character stated, the combination with a supporting belt bearing a designating character, of a receptacle removably attached to said belt, said receptacle being formed of a single piece of material comprising a back having integral lateral flaps adapted to be folded in front of said back and having their margins overlapping, means for securing said margins together, an integral front flap adapted to fold upon said lateral flaps, means for securing the margins of said front flap, and clips formed integral with the front flap, each clip adapted to be folded upon the corresponding lateral flap, and means for securing said clips.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in the presence of witnesses.

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