

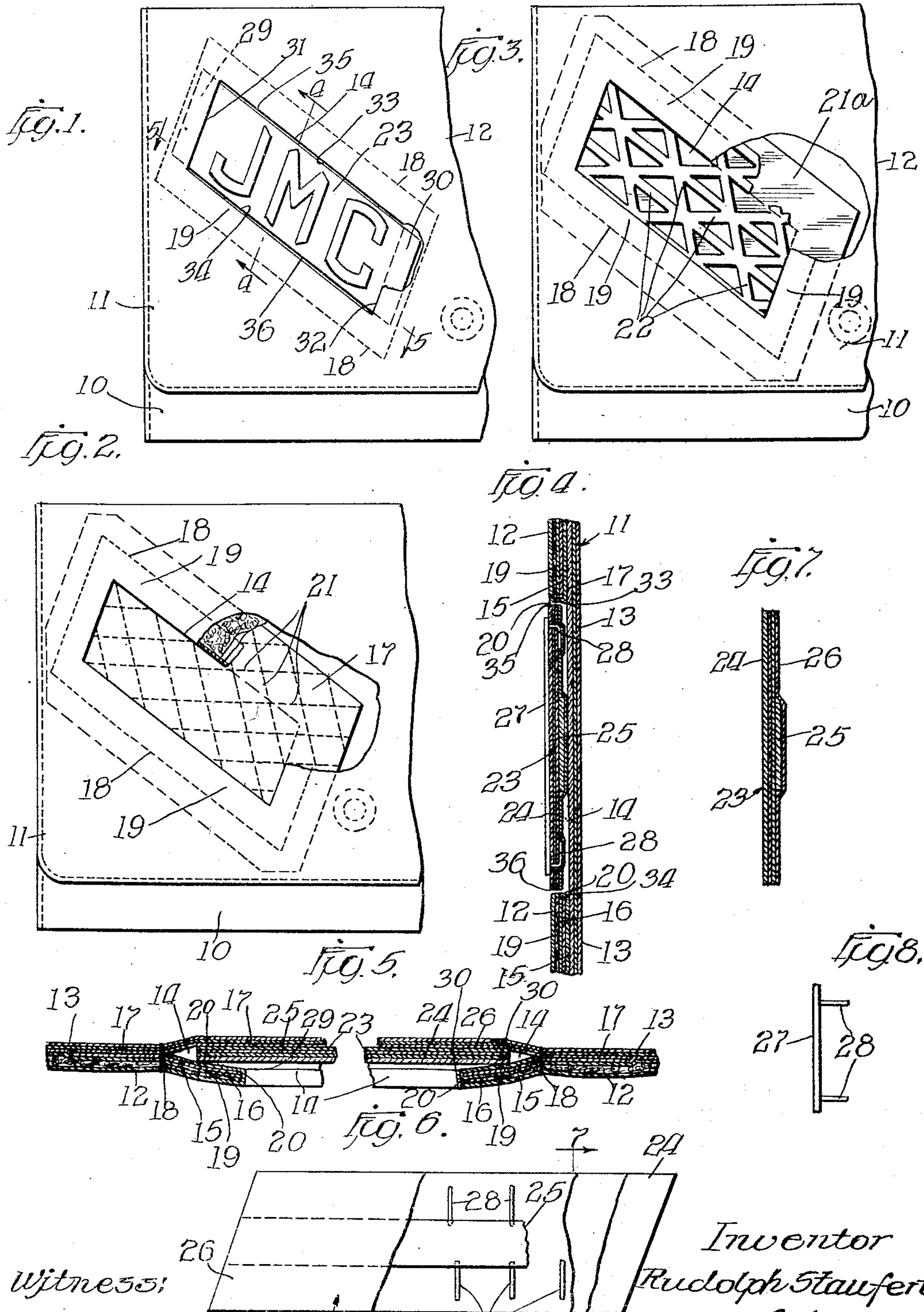
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The invention relates to initial or ornament holder for women's hand-bags, and other articles.

One of the important objects of the invention is to construct a woman's hand-bag with a finished backed and framed opening into which may be inserted a separate member upon which is secured initials, monogram, ornaments, or the like, the separate member being readily removed from the opening, and leaving the opening in as finished a condition as though it did not require the insert.

It is an important object of the invention that the insert be readily inserted in the framed opening, or be removed therefrom, and that the hand-bag always present a finished and complete appearance, showing no lack of any element, even though the insert is not in place.

A further object of the invention is to provide a woman's hand-bag with means whereby the owner of the bag, any member of her family, or anyone else, may place an insert bearing other initials than those of the owner, or other identifying means, ornaments, or the like, in position in the bag, thus permitting the hand-bag to be interchangeable in its use by various persons who may use a multiplicity of initialed inserts at different times with the same hand-bag.

Another object of the invention is to construct the hand-bag with its insert in such a manner that a contrasting color scheme may be utilized, this being accomplished by having the bag of one color, or material, the finished backing of the opening in another color, or material, and the insert of a third color, or material, the difference in material sometimes being sufficient to make the color contrast.

An additional object of the invention is to construct the hand-bag in such a manner that the insert bearing the initials, monogram or the like, will be held in position in the opening in the bag without danger of sliding, slipping or falling out, since the insert is made longer longitudinally than the opening in the bag, and the holding material of the bag is secured around its entire perimeter,

whether that perimeter be rectangular, square, oval or otherwise.

It is another object of the invention to construct the insert with a stiffening member, which nevertheless is flexible, such as whale bone, spring steel, cardboard or other material, so that the insert may be flipped or snapped into place underneath the extending edges surrounding the insert opening in the bag, and constituting the frame of the opening.

A further object of the invention is to enable the owner of the bag to have a multiplicity of inserts bearing initials, ornaments, various society or sorority emblems or other indicia, and also of a character to suit various dresses or costumes, so that the bag may be satisfactorily used on various occasions.

Another object of the invention is to provide the bag with a double ornamentation feature, in that the finished insert or backing of the opening may itself be ornamental, and in addition thereto the insert carries an ornament or other device, and since the facing or backing is itself ornamental, the additional ornament or device may be attached directly to the facing without the use of the insert, in that case.

An additional object of the invention is to construct the bag with an opening and its associated insert in any position or at any angle, and either on the outside or the inside portions of the bag.

It will be understood that the invention may be used with other structures than women's hand-bags, for instance, on suitcases, grips and other luggage, conductors', motormen's and policemen's hats and other articles where identifying means may be required.

The invention will be explained and more readily understood when read in conjunction with the accompanying drawing which illustrates the bag and its insert with various forms of ornamental backing, it being obvious that various changes and modifications in the structure may be made without departing from the spirit of the invention, as expressed in the appended claims forming a part hereof.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is an elevational view of the end portion of a woman's hand-bag showing a stitched frame in the flap of the bag, the frame containing the removable initialed insert,

Figure 2 illustrates the portion of the flap of the bag with the insert removed and revealing a backing having stitched ornamentation,

Figure 3 is an elevational view of a portion of the bag illustrating a finished backing with different ornamentation and with the removable insert removed,

Figure 4 is a transverse sectional view on the line 4—4 of Figure 1, and illustrates the flap of the bag, the frame for carrying the removable insert and the insert bearing initials,

Figure 5 is a longitudinal sectional view on the line 5—5 of Figure 1, and illustrates the flap of the bag with the framed opening therein and the removable insert within the frame,

Figure 6 is a view taken from the rear of the insert, parts being broken away to show the flexible stiffening member and the manner of securing the initials or other indicia,

Figure 7 is a transverse sectional view of the removable insert on the line 7—7 of Figure 6, and

Figure 8 is a side elevation of the initial or other indicia showing its fastening prongs.

The woman's hand-bag, of leather or other suitable material, has the body portion 10 to which is secured the flap 11. The flap 11 is constructed with the outer portion 12 and the inner lining 13 with a supporting member or filler between.

The flap 11 is cut and a portion thereof removed to form an opening 14. The edge portions of the outer flap portion 12 adjacent the opening 14 are turned inside and folded back against themselves as shown at 15, with intervening filling 16.

A finished backing piece 17 is placed back of the opening 14, the edge portions of which are stitched to the flap 11 by means of the stitching 18. The stitching 18 extends around the entire edge portion of the backing piece 17 and secures it to the front portion 12 of the flap of the bag at a line within the folded edge portions of the portion 12, to form the insert supporting frame 19.

The stitching 18 extends through the front portion 12 of the flap, the finished backing piece 17, the inner lining 13 and all the intermediate fillers, but does not catch or hold the inturred portion of the frame 19.

It will thus be seen that the frame 19 extends from the stitching 18 above the separate finished backing piece 17 and is more or less flexible because its inner end is tucked under but is not fastened to the backing piece. There is a certain amount of give in the frame

because the end portion 15 is disconnected and not stitched to the other parts of the bag. The rounded edge of the frame, as shown at 20, presents a finished appearance.

The finished backing piece 17 which forms the facing for the opening 14, between the surrounding stitching 18, is shown in Figure 2, as an ornamental feature in the flap 11 of the bag. The backing piece 17 extends beyond the stitching 18 on all sides, to the desired extent. The ornamentation in this instance is secured by the cross stitching 21 extending throughout the backing piece 17, and as shown, presents a multiplicity of diamond shapes. It will be obvious that any form of stitching may be employed in the backing piece 17, and that the backing piece 17, which always presents a finished appearance, may be of any ornamental form, or have directly attached to it any added ornament, emblem or device.

In Figure 3 there is shown a different form of ornamental backing in the opening 14. The backing piece in this case is a piece of material 21a which has fastened to it an additional piece of material 22 which has been cut out to form an ornamental design showing a number of triangles with cross bars. Any cut-out design or character of material may be used. In other respects the construction of Figure 3 is identical with that of the other figures of the drawing.

The removable insert 23 which is placed in the opening 14 of the flap back of the flexible frame 19 is constructed with the face portion 24, the whale bone, spring steel, or other flexible stiffening means 25, the backing or lining 26 and intermediate fillers. The initial or other ornament 27 having the fastening prongs 28, 28 is secured to the outer insert strip 24.

It will be seen that the removable insert 23 is longer at its narrow ends 29 and 30, than the distance between the corresponding ends 31 and 32 of the opening 14, and that the insert is narrower than the distance between the edges 33 and 34 of the frame 19. Because of this narrowness of the insert, a small space 35 is left between the edge 20 of the frame portion 33 and the top of the insert 23, and a corresponding small space 36 is left between the edge 20 of the lower frame portion 34 and the bottom of the insert 23.

Because of the construction just described it will be seen that when the insert 23 is placed in the opening 14 against the backing piece 17, the insert is bent because of the flexibility of the material 24, 26 and the whale bone 25, so that the insert 23 at the ends 29 and 30 may be slipped or snapped into place under the frame portions 31 and 32, and held in place in the opening 14 when the insert straightens itself. In order to remove the insert and exchange it for another in the same bag, to obtain a different color, initial or

ornament, the finger nail is inserted in the space 35 or 36, and the insert is raised out of the opening 14, and its ends 29 and 30 raised from the flexible frame portions 31 and 32.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. In an article of the class described, the combination of a main body member, an aperture in said body member, stitching entirely surrounding said aperture, the stitching being outside the perimeter of said aperture to form a frame which entirely surrounds the aperture, and a removable, flexible element adapted to be inserted in said opening from above the said opening, the side and end stitching not permitting the sliding into said opening of said removable element.

2. In an article of the class described, the combination of a main body member, an aperture in said body member, an ornamental finished facing member placed against the back of said body member, said finished facing member completely covering said aperture, stitching through said body and facing members, said stitching entirely surrounding said aperture.

3. In an article of the class described, the combination of a main body member, an aperture in said body member, an ornamental finished facing member placed against the back of said body member, said finished facing member completely covering said aperture, stitching through said body and facing members, said stitching entirely surrounding said aperture, said stitching being away from the perimeter of said aperture to form a frame around said aperture, the material of the body member at said aperture being turned in and under to form a finished edge at the perimeter of said aperture.

4. In an article of the class described, the combination of a main body member, said body member having an aperture, a backing piece secured to said body member, said backing piece completely filling the aperture and extending beyond the perimeter of the aperture on the under side of the body member, stitching connecting said body member and backing member, said stitching entirely surrounding the aperture, said stitching being sufficiently far from the perimeter of said aperture to form a frame, the exposed face of the backing being finished in as high a degree as the exposed face of the body member, and a removable flexible insert adapted to be snapped into and held in place within said frame, said finished backing piece and said removable insert each being ornamented thus causing said body member to have a double ornamental feature.

5. In an article of the class described, the combination of a main body member, said body member having an aperture, a backing

piece secured to said body member, said backing piece completely filling the aperture and extending beyond the perimeter of the aperture on the under side of the body member, stitching connecting said body member and backing member, said stitching entirely surrounding the aperture, said stitching being sufficiently far from the perimeter of said aperture to form a frame, the exposed face of the backing being finished in as high a degree as the exposed face of the body member, a removable insert adapted to be snapped into and held in place within said frame, said finished backing piece and said removable insert being adapted to be ornamented thus causing said body member to have a double ornamental feature, said removable insert being provided as a part thereof with springy material to give the insert flexibility.

In witness whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name this 12th day of October, A. D. 1932.

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