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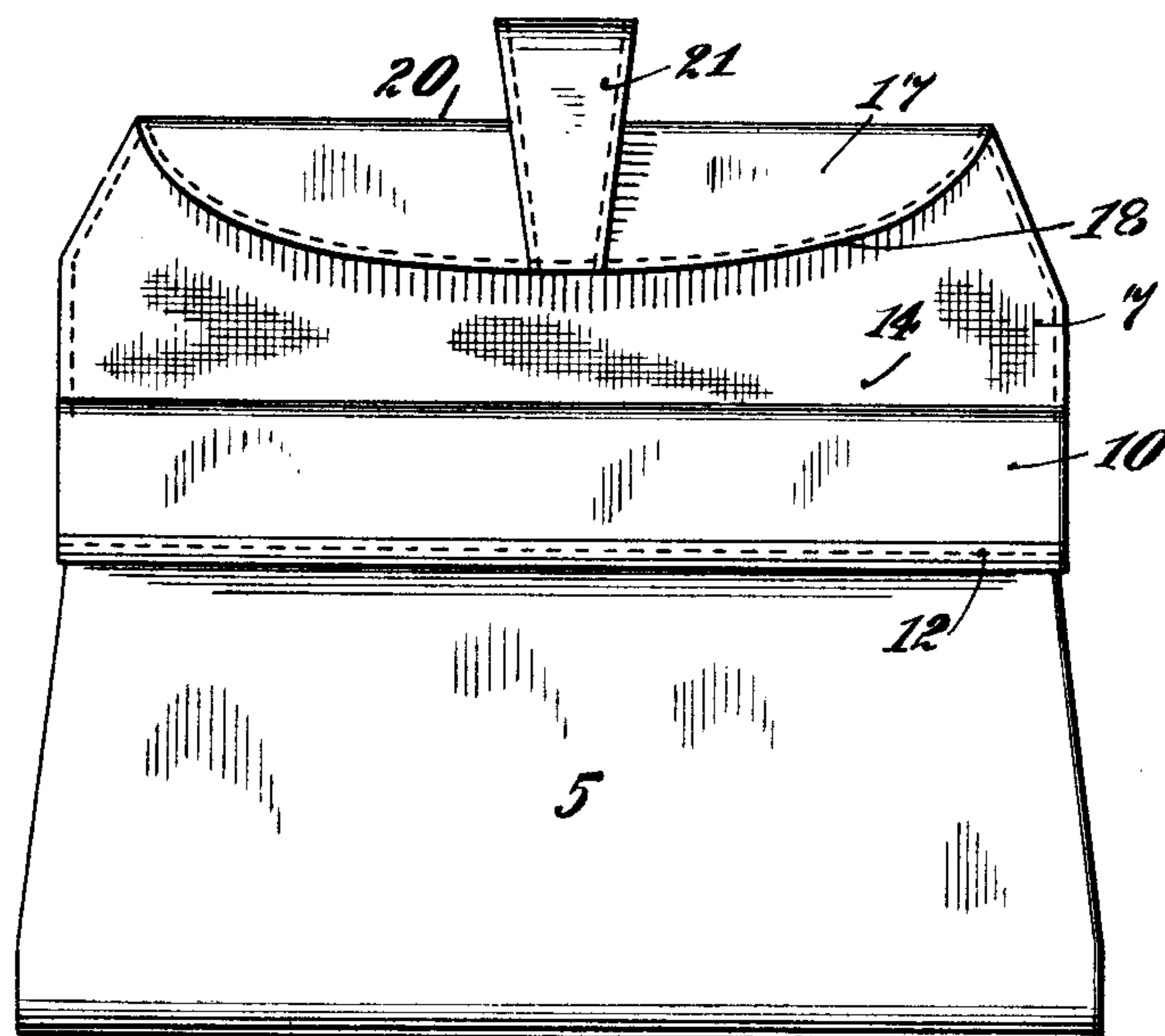


Fig. 1.

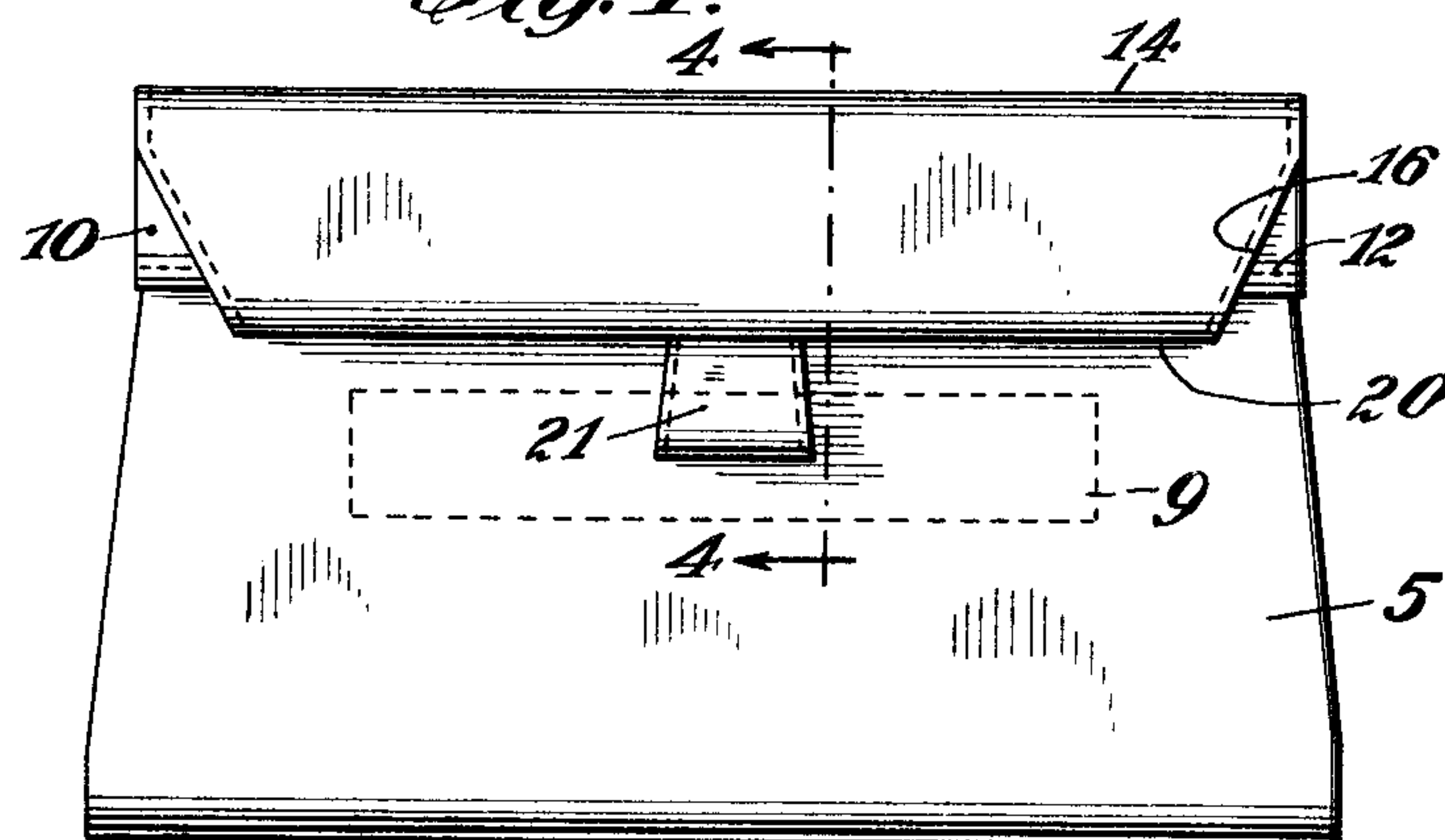


Fig. 2.

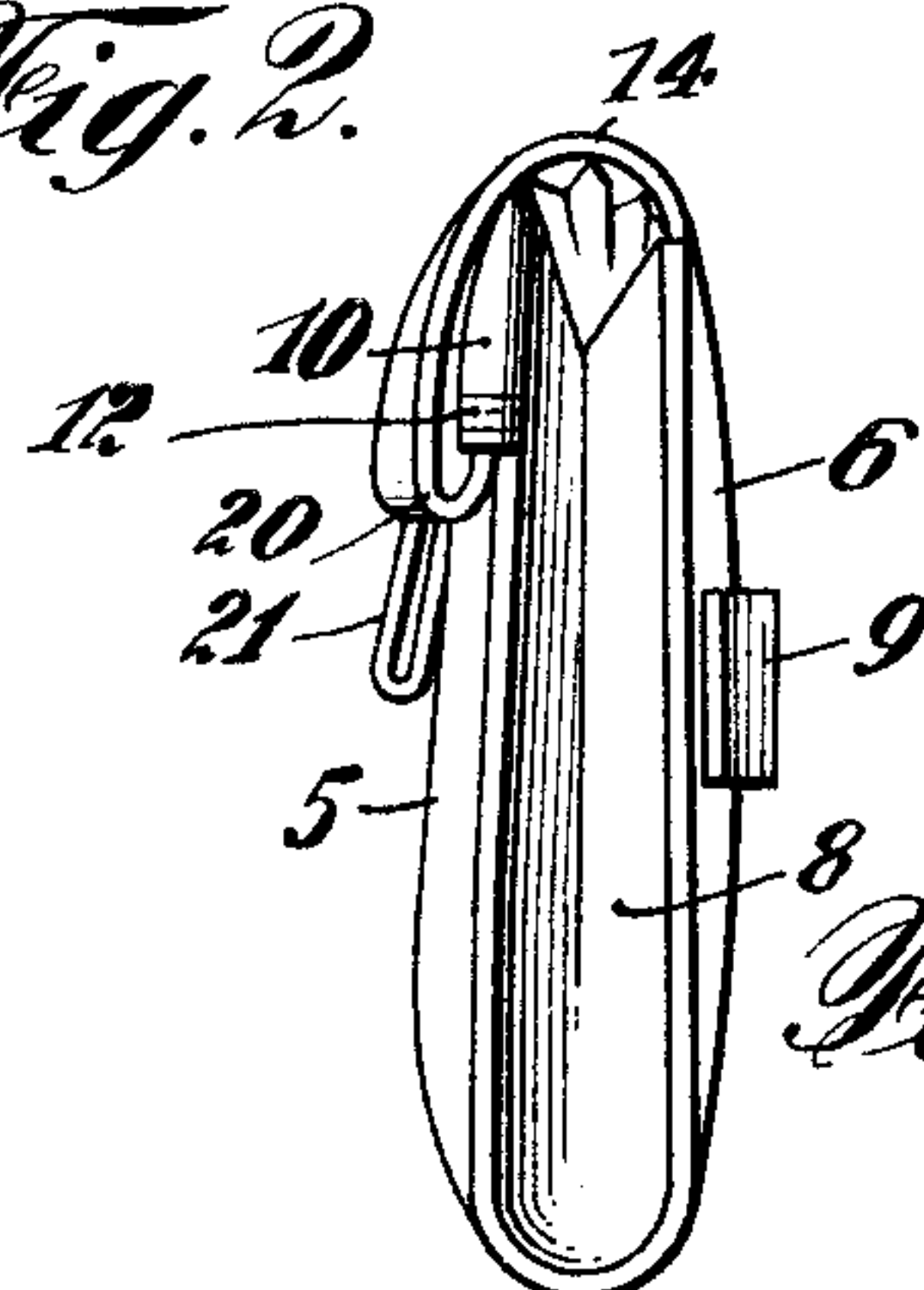


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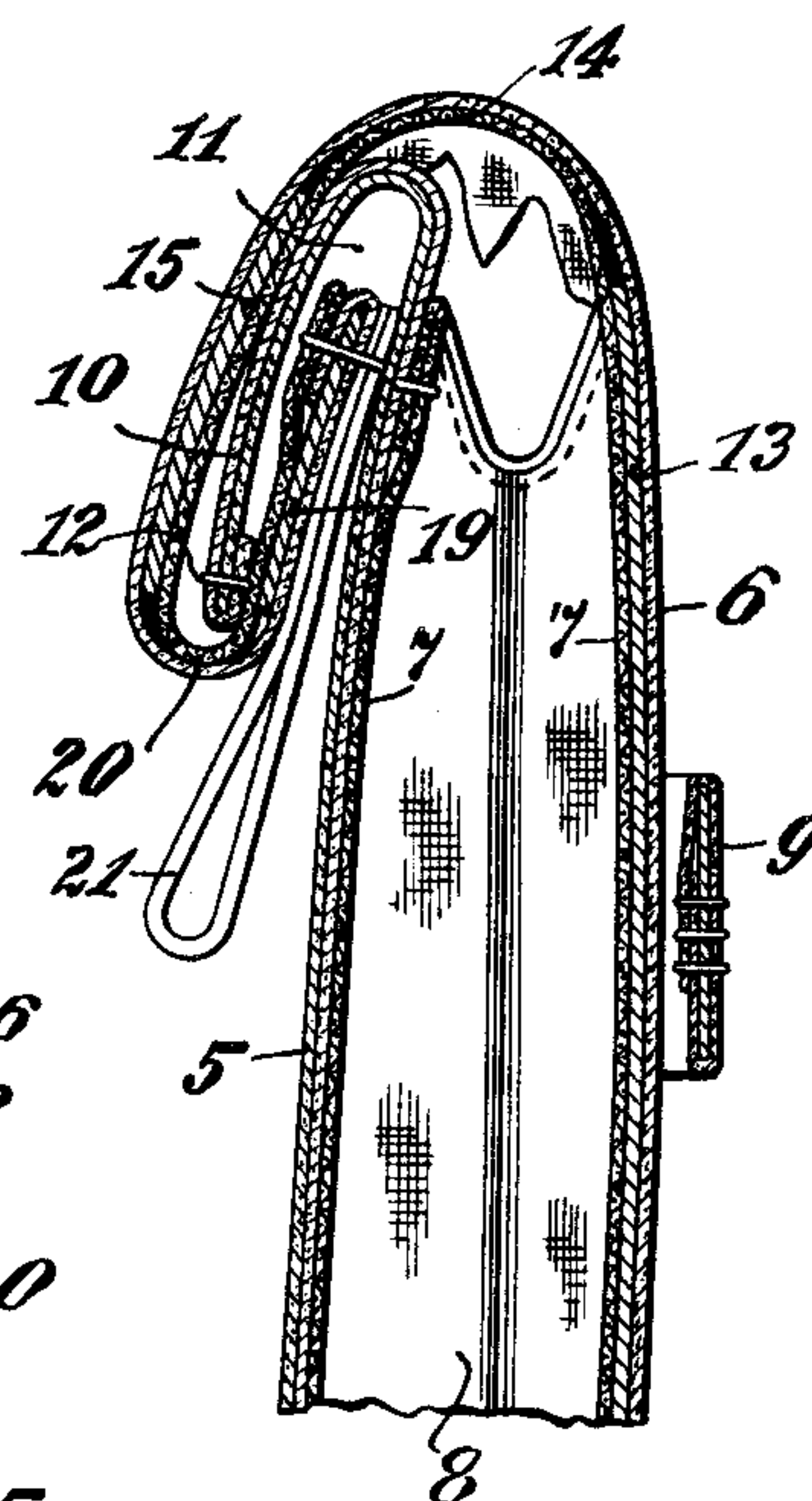


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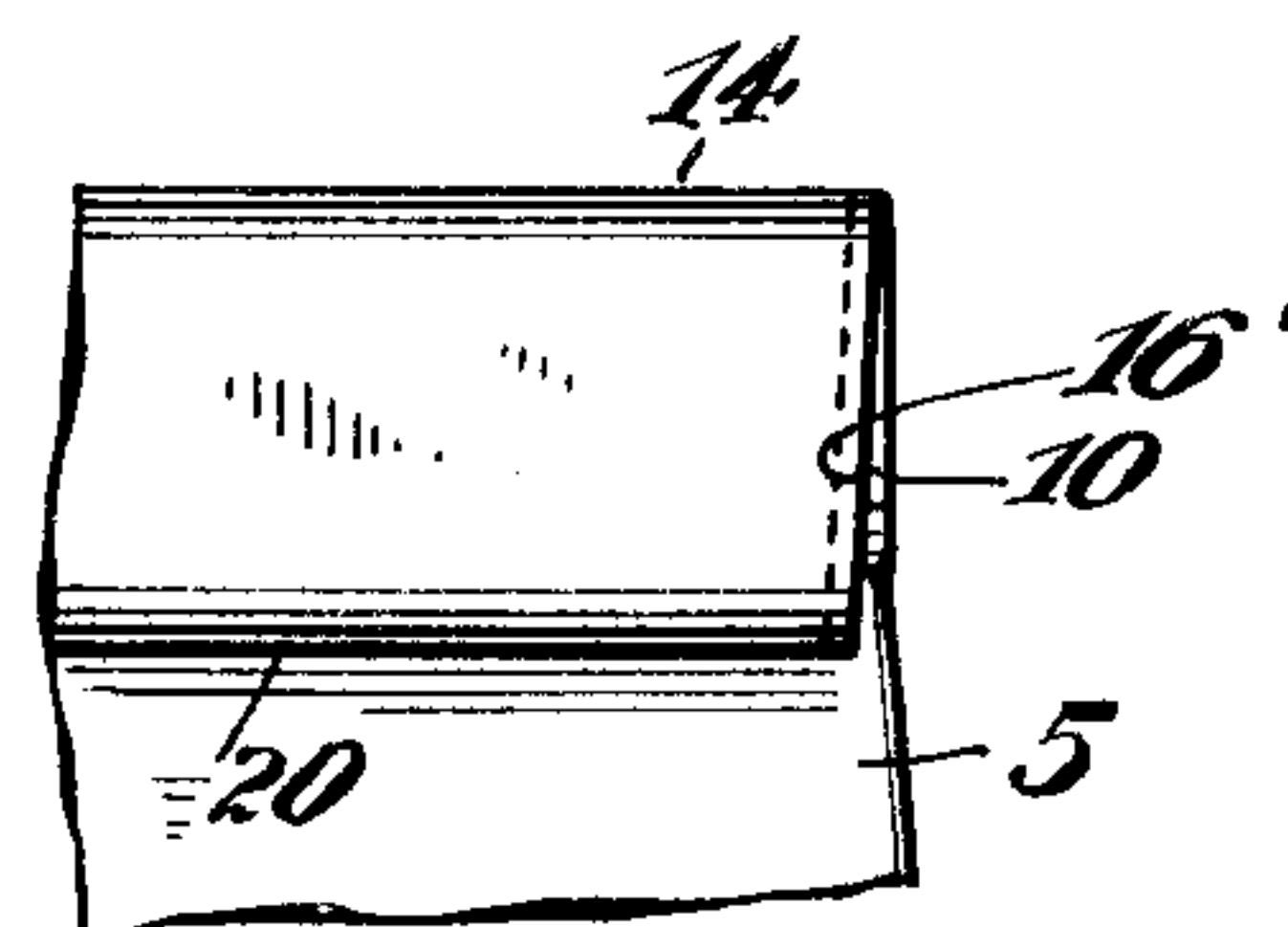


Fig. 5.

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This invention relates to hand bags and similar receptacles, and has for its primary object and purpose to provide a hand bag with simple, effective and easily operated means for securely closing the same, and whereby the use of metal knobs, clasps and similar latching devices may be dispensed with.

It is a more particular object of the invention to provide the front wall of the hand bag at its upper edge and on the outer side thereof, with a narrow downwardly opening pocket adapted to receive a foldable reinforced closure flap provided on an extension of the rear wall of the hand bag, which is foldable over the open top of the bag.

It is another general object of my invention to provide a closure means for hand bags as above characterized which may be easily operated to open or close the bag, and which will enable such hand bags to be produced in a great variety of ornamental and attractive forms.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention consists in the improved hand bag, and in the form, construction and relative arrangement of the several parts, as will be hereinafter more particularly described, illustrated in the accompanying drawing, and subsequently incorporated in the subjoined claims.

In the drawing wherein I have disclosed one simple and practical embodiment of the invention, and in which similar reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several views,—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved hand bag showing the same open;

Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the hand bag closed;

Fig. 3 is an end elevation;

Fig. 4 is an enlarged fragmentary sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2, and

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary elevation showing a slightly modified form of the device.

Referring in detail to the drawing, the body of the hand bag having the front and rear or back walls 5 and 6 respectively, is constructed in the usual manner of leather or other ornamental flexible material suitably

reinforced and provided with the internal lining sheet 7 of silk or fabric. The opposite ends of the bag between these side walls are closed by the bellows folds of leather indicated at 8. To the outer side of the back wall 6 of the bag a horizontally disposed hand strap or loop 9 is suitably attached at its opposite ends.

The front wall 5 of the body of the bag which comprises two relatively thin sheets of leather, has its upper end portion turned outwardly and downwardly as at 10, and secured at opposite ends thereof to the side edges of said body wall to form a downwardly opening pocket 11 extending across substantially the entire width of the bag. The two leather sheets of the back wall are stitched together at their longitudinal edges to provide an ornamental seam indicated at 12.

The back wall 6 of the hand bag embodies a reinforcing sheet of cardboard or other suitable material shown at 13, which terminates at its upper end at the upper edges of the end walls 8, the leather and the lining sheet of this back wall being extended beyond said reinforcing sheet 13 to provide the part 14 adapted to fold over the open top of the bag. In spaced relation to the reinforcement 13, said extension is provided with a relatively narrow reinforcement sheet 15 which is adapted to overlies the pocket-forming extension 10 of the front wall of the bag. The section of the rear wall extension which is provided with the reinforcement 15, is preferably tapered or inclined inwardly at its opposite ends as at 16. Beyond this part of the rear wall extension, the latter terminates in the closure flap 17, which preferably is provided with a curved or rounded edge 18, and also with the reinforcing sheet 19, which is spaced from the reinforcement 15 to thereby provide the freely flexing unreinforced part 20.

To the outer side of the closure flap 17 at the approximate center thereof, a suitable tab or finger piece 21 of leather or other suitable material is securely attached and projects beyond the fold 20.

In the use of a hand bag as above described,

to close the open top thereof, the back wall extension is folded forwardly and downwardly over the open top of the bag until the curved edge 18 of flap 17 bears against the outer surface of the front wall 5, below the pocket 11. By then applying an inward pressure against the projecting end of the tab 21, said curved edge 18 of the flap 17 rides freely on the surface of the wall 5, as the closure flap 17 folds upwardly into the pocket 11, as shown in Fig. 4 of the drawing. Thus, as indicated in Fig. 2, the part of the back wall extension of the bag having the reinforcement 15, is securely held in closely folded relation upon the part 10 of the front wall 5, which forms the outer side wall of the pocket 11. In this manner, the closure extension of the rear wall of the bag is securely retained in its folded closed position so that the accidental opening of the bag and loss of its contents are prevented. This result is obtained without the use of any metal parts in the bag construction, such as knobs or co-operating clasp elements on the upper edges of the bag walls. Also, it will be apparent that such a bag closing means readily lends itself to the production of hand bags of this type in a great variety of novel and ornamental forms.

In Fig. 5 of the drawing, I have shown the part of the closure extension of the rear wall having the reinforcement 15 of a somewhat different form, so that its end edges 16' extend nearly in parallel relation to the end edges of the wall 10 of the pocket 11. The flap 17 is of course of corresponding greater width and therefore, when disposed in the pocket 11, extends along substantially the entire lower open edge thereof.

I have herein described and illustrated a preferred and practical embodiment of my present improvements, although it is to be understood that in the further development of the invention, the essential features thereof may be suitably embodied in various other alternative structural forms. Accordingly, the privilege is reserved of resorting to all such legitimate changes therein as may be fairly considered as within the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

I claim:

1. A hand bag comprising a body having front and back walls of flexible material, said front wall at the top of the bag having an outwardly and downwardly folded part secured at its ends to said wall, and providing a downwardly opening pocket on the outer side thereof, said back wall of the bag having an extension at its upper end foldable over the open top of the bag, and part of said extension being reinforced and relatively rigid to overlie the downwardly folded upper end part of the front wall of the bag, and said extension in spaced relation to said reinforced part thereof terminating in a rein-

forced relatively rigid closure flap foldable upwardly against the front wall of the bag into said pocket to retain said back wall extension of the bag in its closed position.

2. A hand bag comprising a body having front and back walls of flexible material, said front wall at the top of the bag having an outwardly and downwardly folded part secured at its ends to said wall, and providing a downwardly opening pocket on the outer side thereof, said back wall of the bag having an extension at its upper end foldable over the open top of the bag, and part of said extension being reinforced and relatively rigid to overlie the downwardly folded upper end part of the front wall of the bag, and said extension in spaced relation to said reinforced part thereof terminating in a reinforced relatively rigid closure flap foldable upwardly against the front wall of the bag into said pocket to retain said back wall extension of the bag in its closed position, and a comparatively rigid finger tab fixed to said closure flap, and having a free end portion projecting beyond the flexible connection between said flap and the first named reinforced part of said back wall extension of the bag, and whereby said flap may be manipulated and positioned within or removed from said pocket.

3. An article of the kind described comprising a body of flexible material forming a pocket open at its top and having front and back walls, a flexible part extending horizontally across the outer side of said front wall at the upper end thereof and connected with said wall at its opposite ends and upper edge, the lower edge of said part being free to provide a downwardly opening pocket on said front wall having a closed upper end, said back wall having a closure extension at its upper end foldable over said open top of the article and provided with a relatively foldable flap at its free end, a finger tab secured to the outer face of said flap and extending transversely across the central portion thereof to stiffen and reinforce the same, whereby said flap may be manipulated and folded upwardly beneath the free edge of said flexible part and closely confined thereby against said front wall to retain said extension of the back wall in its closed position.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention, I have signed my name hereto.

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