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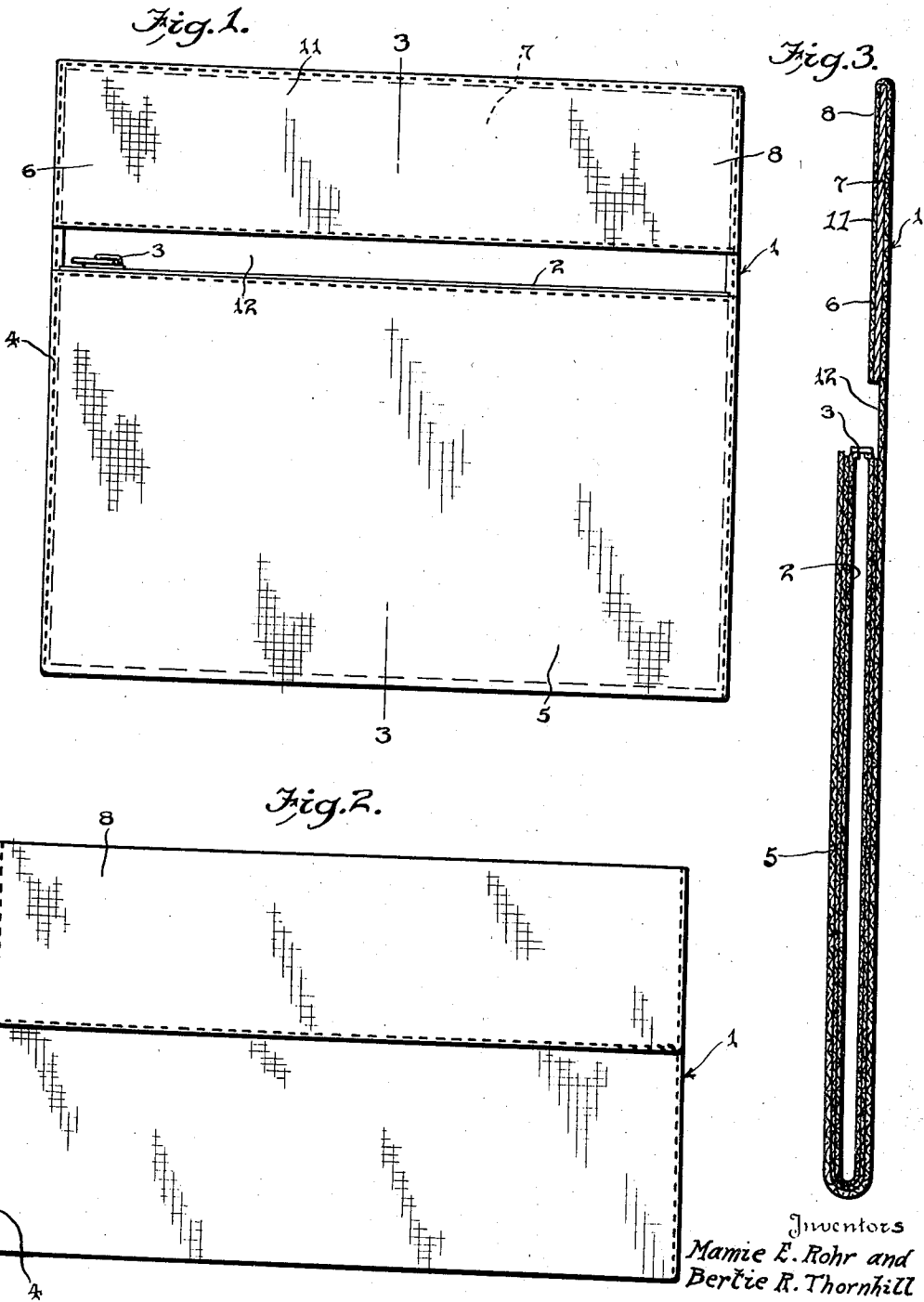
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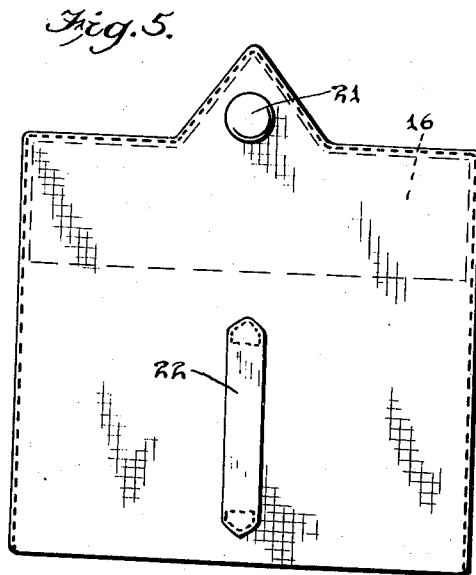
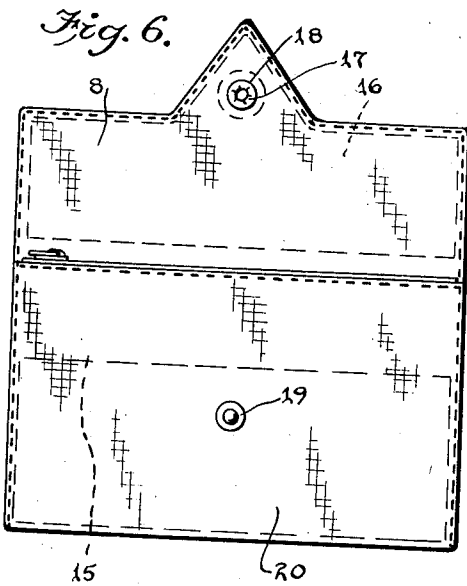
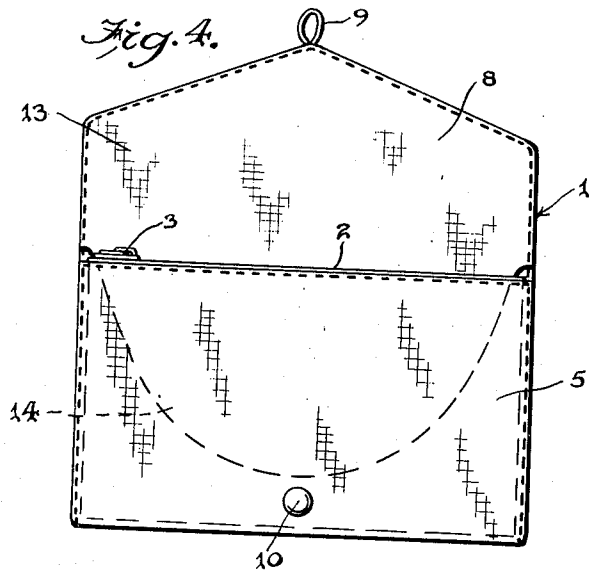
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Fig. 7.

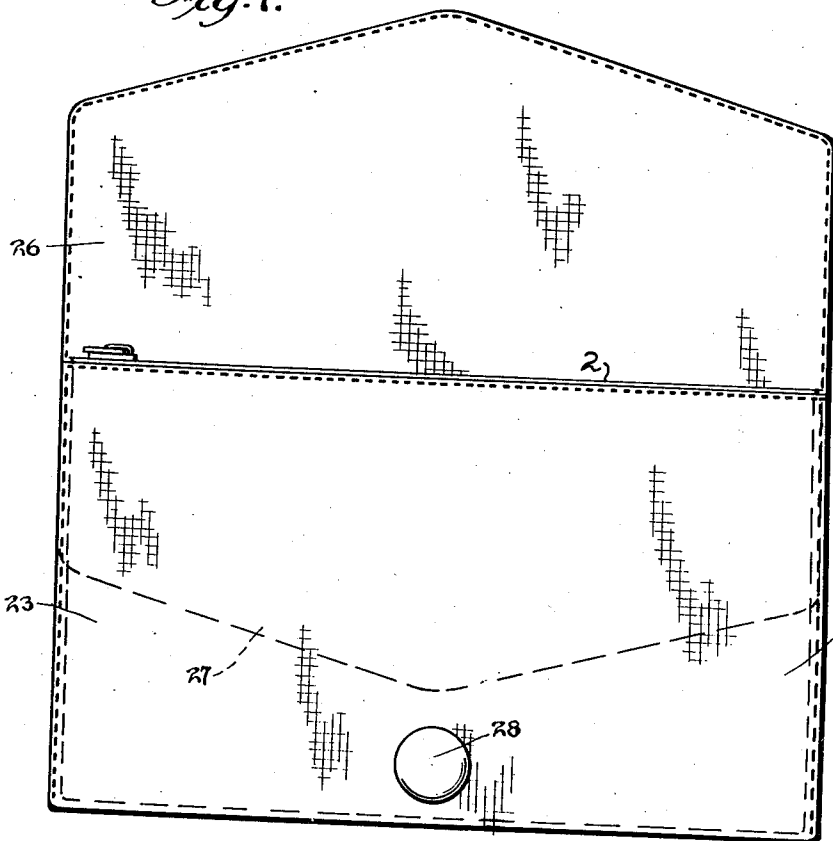


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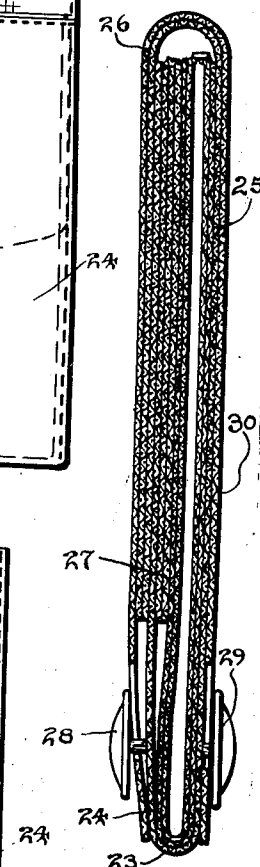
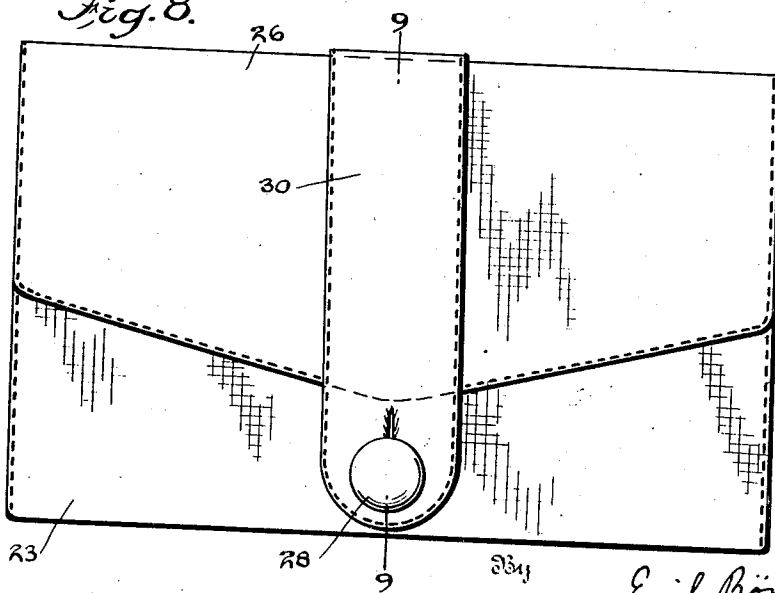


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## HANDBAG

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The present invention relates to handbags and particularly to such bags which are washable. More particularly the invention relates to such handbags or covers for handbags which are of the slip-cover type and which constitute an improvement over our covers for handbags as disclosed in our U. S. Patent No. 1,867,116, granted July 12, 1932.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a slip-cover for a foundation bag in which the flap closure for the bag is in the form of a pocket which may preferably receive a stiffening insert or be provided with other means to stiffen the flap closure. It is a further object of the invention to provide the inner side of the closure flap pocket with an extension to project down adjacent the foundation bag.

Other objects will be apparent from the following description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a view of the back of the entire handbag with the flap closure in raised position,

Fig. 2 is a similar view with the closure closed,

Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view of the bag of Figs. 1 and 2 taken on lines 3—3 of Fig. 1,

Fig. 4 is a view of the back of an entire handbag with the flap closure in raised position and showing a modified form,

Figs. 5 and 6 are views of the front and back sides, respectively, of another modified form of handbag,

Fig. 7 is a view of the back of a further modified form of handbag,

Fig. 8 is a similar view showing the bag of Fig. 7 with the flap closed and the strap in place, and

Fig. 9 is a cross-sectional view of the bag of Figs. 7 and 8 taken on line 9—9 of Fig. 8.

The handbag of Figs. 1 to 3 includes a cover 1 of any suitable material such as linen, and a foundation bag 2 which may be in any desired form and construction and preferably has a slide fastener closure 3. The cover 1 is preferably constructed by seaming the edges as indicated by the seams 4, and in this manner two pockets 5 and 6 are formed, the pocket 5 being adapted to receive the foundation bag 2 and the pocket 6 in the flap cover or closure 8 receiving a stiffening insert 7, if desired. It is obvious that if the cover 1 is made of a stiff material or if embroidery is stitched into the cover flap 8 through one or both layers thereof the insert may be dispensed with. The closure flap may be provided, if desired, with any type of closure means such as a snap fas-

tener or a loop 9 on the flap and a button 10 on the pocket 5, as shown in Fig. 4.

The pocket for the flap closure may terminate relative to its inner side 11 just above or on the fold 12 of the closure (as shown in Figs. 1 and 3). In Fig. 4 the inner side 13 of the flap closure 8 may be provided with an extension 14 which is of any desired shape and may be circular as shown. This extension is not seamed and extends down into the pocket 5 between the outer side of the cover and the foundation bag 2. The pocket in the flap closure 8 may receive a stiffening insert or the flap closure may be so made that it is sufficiently rigid in itself.

In the construction shown in Figs. 5 and 6 the flap closure pocket 8 has an extension 15 similar to the extension shown in Fig. 4. The pocket is adapted to receive a stiffening insert 16 to which a portion 17 of a snap fastener is secured, which projects through a perforation 18 in the linen of the pocket. The other portion 19 is secured to the pocket 20 which receives the foundation bag 2. The snap fastener may be just as well secured to the foundation bag and to the fabric of the flap closure, as desired, or any other type or combination of closure may be provided. Also the flap closure may have any configuration, and, as shown in Fig. 5, an ornamental button 21 and a strap handle 22 may be provided.

The handbag of Figs. 7 to 9 includes a pocket 23, each side portion 24 and 25 of which has a flap closure 26 and 27. The pocket 23 is adapted to receive a foundation bag 2, if desired, and each side portion may be suitably provided with a button 28 and 29. Either one or the other flap closure 26 or 27 may be used as the actual closure, the other closure as 27, Figs. 7 and 9, being turned into the pocket between the bag 2 and the side portion 24. Thus the two flap closures 26 and 27 can be made in two different colors, depending upon the color desired, as in matching the particular color of a dress and the like. A suitable strap 30 is provided around the handbag, each end of which has a button hole therein to cooperate with the buttons 28 and 29. This strap not only acts as a means for keeping the flap 26 or 27 closed, but it may be used as a handle for the handbag.

It is understood that any other fabric can be used instead of linen, such as leather and other materials or combinations, and furthermore the handbags may have any desired configuration including non-parallel edges, etc. Also the flap closures may have any configuration, and any designs and ornamentations may be applied

where desired. Any type of closure may be secured to the handbag and a handle may be applied wherever convenient or adaptable.

5 It is also to be understood that the various handbags illustrated on the drawings may or may not be provided with a foundation bag, as the materials of the cover may be stiffened as by starching or by other means so that the cover will hold its shape.

10 We claim as our invention:

1. A handbag assembly of the envelope type comprising, in combination, a flapless handbag body made of flexible material and provided with a slide fastener at its upper edge, and a removable cover, said cover including a single large open pocket dimensioned to receive and enclose the bag body, one side only of said pocket being extended to form a flap or closure for the handbag assembly, said flap being provided with a lining of similar material, and a backing between the flap and lining in order to add body to the flap or closure, said lining extending behind the bag body into the pocket.

2. A lady's handbag assembly of the envelope type comprising, in combination, a flapless handbag body openable at its upper edge, and a removable cover made of washable fabric, said cover including a single large open pocket dimensioned to receive and enclose the bag body, the back wall only of said pocket being extended to form a flap or closure for the handbag assembly, said flap being provided with a lining and said lining extending behind the bag body into the pocket.

3. A handbag comprising a removable cover having a pocket adapted to receive a foundation bag and a flap in the form of a pocket acting solely as a closure for the handbag, and stiffening means provided in the flap pocket, said pockets formed by outer and inner sides and the inner side of the flap closure pocket having an extended portion for insertion down into the pocket for the foundation bag between the latter and the outer side thereof.

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