

Description

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The invention relates to an article made of leather or woven material having two opposite walls assembled together by their edges and comprising a decoration applied to one of its walls and to a method
5 for applying such a decoration to the article.

The articles made of leather or woven material may be, in a manner known per se, equipped with decorative or protective decorations, in particular in the form of small pieces of metal. One of the means of
10 fixing such a decoration on a wall is to equip the decoration with semi-rigid flaps which pierce the wall and are folded back behind this wall, in the manner described, for example, in DE-A-3,037,822 or US-A-1,897,341. Another means is to fasten the decoration on the
15 edge of the wall: in this manner, metal corners are fixed in the angular areas of a wall, the edge of these corners gripping that of the wall.

These different means of fixing, and others, have the drawback of being visible, of covering up certain
20 parts of the wall, such as the stitching line or a border edging the wall in the case of metal corners. Moreover, they require a certain set of tools for executing the folding, crimping, riveting operations, and the like.

One of the aims of the invention is to propose
15 an article having two opposite walls and on which a decoration is fixed at any location on one of the walls, called the carrier wall, the other wall being called the non-carrier wall.

Another aim of the invention is to propose such
20 an article whose means of fixing the decoration on the carrier wall are not visible.

An additional aim of the invention is to propose such an article whose decoration may be fixed in the vicinity of the assembly area between the two walls,
25 without covering this area, so as to leave the stitching line or a border provided at this location visible.

Another aim of the invention is to propose an article whose means for fixing the decoration require virtually no tools.

-To this end, the invention relates to an article made of leather or woven material having two opposite walls assembled together by their edges, one of them forming a carrier wall on which a decoration is fixed on its face opposite the other wall. This decoration comprises a rigid tab folded back on the decoration to form therewith a grip, this tab penetrating, through an incision in the carrier wall, between the two walls in order to grip the carrier wall, a rigid small plate, having dimensions slightly greater than those of the tab, being located against the face of the non-carrier wall turned towards the carrier wall, opposite the tab.

Preferably, the small plate is fixed by glueing to the non-carrier wall.

The invention also relates to a method for fixing a decoration on an article made of leather or woven material having two opposite walls assembled together by their edges, this method consisting in:

- placing a rigid small plate on the face of one of the walls located opposite the other wall, before assembly of the two walls,
- assembling the two walls,
- making an incision in the wall, which does not carry the small plate, opposite the small plate and near to one of its edges, and
- sliding a rigid tab, provided on the decoration and folded back on it, through this incision and against the small plate.

The expression "rigid small plate folded back on the decoration" covers several embodiments. In particular, it may involve a tab applied parallel to and near to the decoration, in particular by welding of one of its edges to the decoration. It may also involve a tab which is integral with the decoration and which is brought back against it by folding. The tab may also be machined or moulded at the same time as the decoration in its required position. This "rigid" tab has, however, a slight elasticity which enables it to be slightly separated from the decoration.

Other details and advantages of the invention will emerge during the following description of an embodiment which is given by way of non-limiting example, with regard to the appended figures, amongst which:

5 Figure 1 is a partial perspective view of a wallet comprising a rigid corner, arranged according to the invention, in an angular area;

 Figure 2 is a partial perspective view of a wallet on which a rigid small plate has been placed,
10 before stitching, between its external wall and its lining with a view to providing it with a rigid corner;

 Figure 3 is a plan view of the angular area of the wallet of Figure 2 after stitching and incision;

 Figure 4 is a view from below of a metal corner
15 intended to be fixed on the wallet;

 Figure 5 is a view in section along the line V - V of Figure 1.

 Figure 1 shows a wallet comprising two flaps 1, 2 of a generally rectangular shape. Each flap has an
20 internal face turned towards the other flap and an external face. On the external face of the flap 1, and in one of its two angular areas 3, there is fixed a metal corner 4, the aim of which is to decorate or to reinforce the angular area 3. The metal corner 4 may
25 comprise, on its external face opposite to that of the flap 1, a decorative motif 5. According to this embodiment, the metal corner 4 is triangular and comprises a right angle whose edges are arranged parallel to the adjacent edges of the flap 1 but at a distance from the
30 latter so as to leave a stitching line 6 or a decorative border edging the flap 1 visible.

 The flaps 1 and 2 of the wallet of Figure 2 comprise an external wall 7 and an internal wall 8, called hereinafter a "lining", attached to each other. The
35 external wall 7 and the lining 8 are joined by stitching along their edges. Before stitching the external wall 7 with the lining 8 and with a view to equipping the angular area 3 of the flap 1 with a metal corner, a small metal plate 9 is glued in this area against the

face of the lining 8 located opposite the wall 7. The small plate is triangular and comprises a right angle. The right angle of the small plate 9 is arranged opposite the right angle of the flap 1 but is nonetheless slightly offset towards the inside of the flap 1.

Figure 3 represents the flap 1 of the wallet once the external wall 7 and the lining 8 have been sewn together along the stitching line 6 in the angular area 3. The stitching line 6 is parallel to the edge of the flap 1 and it is inserted between this edge and the right angle of the small plate 9. After stitching, an incision 12 is made in the external wall 7, opposite the small plate 9, along a line which is parallel to the edge of this small plate 9 not adjacent to the stitching line 6 and which is located near this edge.

Figure 4 represents a metal corner 4 intended to be fixed on the wallet. Its shape and dimensions are substantially identical to those of the small plate 9. The metal corner 4 is provided on its external face with a covering or a decorative motif and on its internal face with a metal tab 13. The tab 13 is similar in shape to the small plate 9. However, its dimensions are slightly less than those of the small plate 9 and they enable it to pass through the incision 12 made in the external wall 7. The tab 13 is joined to the metal corner 4 by its edge 15 opposite the right angle, in particular by welding, this edge 15 being arranged parallel to the corresponding edge of the triangular metal corner 4. The tab 13 is folded back on the metal corner 4 and forms a grip therewith.

The corner 4 equipped with the tab 13 is then fixed on the wallet (Figure 5). Its tab 13 is slid through the incision 12 and against the small plate 9. In this operation, the presence of the small plate 9 is essential because it greatly facilitates the introduction of the tab 13 and prevents any deformation of the latter following wedging. Moreover, the small plate 9 which extends beyond the tab 13 gives the lining 8 a very plane contact surface by covering the area for

fixing the tab 13 on the corner 4. As for the external wall 7, it is gripped elastically between the corner 4 and its tab 13 which guarantees effective immobilization of this corner 4 on the wallet, in particular if
5 the corner 4 is provided with a peripheral edge 10 projecting towards the wall 7 and fastening on the latter.

As a variant to the embodiment described above, it is possible to fasten the corner on the lining of the article so that it is visible from the inside of the
10 article. The corner may be made from any rigid or even non-rigid material provided that its tab has sufficient rigidity for gripping the wall in association with it. With respect to the article on which the corner is
15 fixed, it may be produced in leather, in natural or synthetic woven material, and even in semi-rigid elastomer or plastic.

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CLAIMS

1. Article made of leather or woven material having two opposite walls (7, 8) assembled together by their edges, one of them forming a carrier wall (7) on which is fixed, on its face opposite the other wall (8), a decoration (4) comprising a tab (13), characterized in that the said tab (13), which is rigid, is folded back on the decoration (14) (sic) to form therewith a grip and penetrates, through an incision (12) in the carrier wall (7), between the two walls (7, 8) in order to grip the said carrier wall (7), a rigid small plate (9), having dimensions slightly greater than those of the said tab (13), being located against the face of the non-carrier wall (8) turned towards the carrier wall (7), opposite the said tab (13).

2. Article according to Claim 1, characterized in that the said small plate (9) is fixed by glueing to the said non-carrier wall (8).

3. Method for fixing a decoration (4) on an article made of leather or woven material having two opposite walls (7, 8) assembled together by their edges, characterized in that it consists in:

- placing a rigid small plate (9) on the face of one of the walls (8) located opposite the other wall (7), before assembly of the two walls,

- assembling the two walls (7, 8),

- making an incision (12) in the wall (7), which does not carry the small plate (9), opposite the said small plate and near to one of its edges, and

- sliding a rigid tab (13), provided on the said decoration (4) and folded back on it, through the said incision (12) and against the said small plate (9).



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Lasche (13) durch den Einschnitt (12) und gegen
die versteifende Platte (9).

Patentansprüche

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1. Artikel aus Leder oder Gewebe, der zwei
zueinander gekehrte Flächenseiten der an ihren
Rändern aneinander befestigten Flachmaterialien
aufweist, wobei das eine von ihnen eine tragende
Fläche für einen mit einer steifen, zungenartigen
Lasche versehenen Besatz bildet, dadurch
gekennzeichnet, daß die Lasche (13) derart auf
den Besatz (4) zurückgefaltet ist, daß sie mit ihm
eine Klemme bildet, die durch einen Einschnitt
(12) in der tragenden Fläche (7) zwischen den
zwei Flachmaterialien (7, 8) einführbar ist und die
tragende Fläche einklemmen kann, wobei eine
versteifende Platte (9) von etwas größeren
Abmessungen als die der genannten Lasche
gegen diejenige Seite der nicht tragenden Fläche
(8) anliegt, die zu der tragenden Fläche (7)
gegenüber der genannten Lasche gekehrt ist.

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2. Artikel nach Anspruch 1, dadurch
gekennzeichnet, daß die Platte (9) durch Kleben
auf der nichttragenden Fläche (8) befestigt ist.

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3. Verfahren zum Befestigen eines Besatzes auf
einem Artikel aus Flachmaterial, wie Leder oder
Gewebe, der zwei zueinander gekehrte, an den
Rändern miteinander verbundene Flächenseiten
der Materialien aufweist, dadurch
gekennzeichnet, daß es die folgenden Schritte
umfaßt:

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- Aufbringen einer versteifenden Platte (9) auf
die Seite eines gegenüber einem anderen
Flachmaterial (7) angeordneten Flachmaterials (8)
vor der Befestigung der beiden Flachmaterialien
aneinander,

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- Aneinanderbefestigen der beiden
Flachmaterialien (7, 8),

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- Herstellen eines Einschnittes (12) in dem nicht
mit der versteifenden Platte (9) versehenen,
anderen Flachmaterial (7) gegenüber der Platte
und in der Nähe einer ihrer Ränder, und

-Einschieben einer steifen, auf dem Besatz (4)
vorgesehenen und auf ihn zurückgefalteten

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