1. My invention relates generally to shopping bags. More particularly my invention is directed toward an improved combination pouch shopping bag.

One of the objects of my invention is to provide a novel combination pouch shopping bag of the character described which shall be so constructed and arranged that, when not in use, the bag may be turned into a pouch of relatively small size capable of being carried in a lady's handbag or a man's overcoat pocket.

Another object of my invention is to provide a novel, combination pouch shopping bag which shall be of woven or knitted construction so that it may be suitably expanded to accommodate many articles and which at the same time shall have a relatively sturdy supporting bottom wall, the said bottom wall being additionally adapted to serve as a pocket for the storage of papers or handkerchief while the bag is being used for shopping purposes.

A further object of my invention is to provide a combination pouch shopping bag which shall be characterized by the simplicity of construction and facility of use.

Other objects of my invention will become apparent as the description proceeds or will hereinafter be pointed out.

In the accompanying drawings,

Fig. 1 is an elevational view of a combination pouch shopping bag constructed and arranged in accordance with my invention and illustrating the same in effective shopping bag position;

Fig. 2 is an elevational view thereof, slightly in perspective, and illustrating a step in the process of converting the same into a pouch;

Fig. 3 is an end elevational view of a portion of the bag as shown in Fig. 2; and

Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 3 but illustrating my shopping bag completely converted into a pouch.

Referring now in detail to the drawings, I have shown a combination pouch shopping bag constructed and arranged in accordance with my invention and comprising a main body portion 10 of suitable material knitted or woven into a tubular member, and a pouch member 11. The said pouch 11 may also be made of suitable knitted or woven material and may be of generally circular shape, comprising a bottom circular outer wall 14 and an interconnecting circumferential rounded wall portion 15. It is noted that the tubular portion 10 is made of relatively wide open weave while the pouch member 11 is of relatively close weave. By such construction the tubular portion is rendered readily expandable to accommodate articles carried therein while the pouch member serves as a sturdy supporting bottom wall to the pouch member.

The said pouch member 11 is provided with a mouth portion by slitting the rounded interconnecting wall 15 for approximately one-half of the circumference thereof to form the two interconnecting lips 18 and 17. A loop 16 is provided at the outer end of the lip 17, which is designed to receive therein a button 19 at the outer end of the lip 16.

The bottom edge of the tubular member 10 is connected to only the said upper outer circular wall 14 at the peripheral circumference thereof by any suitable connecting means, such as by being knitted or woven directly into the fabric of the said pouch 11 or by stitching in the manner well known in the art.

The upper edge of said tubular member 10 is provided with a reinforcing strip 20 to prevent raveling or other mutilation of the fabric and to serve as a support for a pair of hand carrying loops 22 suitably connected. The loops 22 may also be of closely woven or knitted construction or they may be of any other suitable handle material.

In Fig. 1 of the drawings I have shown the combination pouch shopping bag of my invention in effective position for use as a shopping bag. Articles may be inserted into the tubular main body portion 10 from the open end at the top and held in the bag by the relatively rigid bottom consisting of the pouch 11. The button 19 and loop 18 effectively lock the open mouth of the pouch. It is noted that certain papers, such as bills, shopping lists or the like may be protectively housed within the pouch 11, being inserted through the mouth thereof.

When the bag is not in use for shopping it may be collapsed and received within the pouch for storage in the following manner:

The button 19 is first released from the loop 18 and the lips 16 and 17 of the pouch spread apart. Then the pouch is reversed so that the outer walls 12, 14 and 15 are turned inside so that it appears as in Figs. 2 and 3 where it is noted that the inner surfaces 12a, 14a and 15a of the walls 12, 14 and 15 respectively are now outermost, while the said walls 12, 14 and 15 are now inside. While in this position the tubular member 10 is gradually inserted inside the pouch until it is entirely enclosed within the pouch, as shown in Fig. 4. In this position the lips 16 and 17 may be held closed by the button 19 and the loop 18,
and the result is a relatively small, compact pouch containing the tubular member 10, as shown.

To again effectively make use of my novel device as a shopping bag it is merely necessary to 

unlock the button 19 from its loop 18, and pull 

the tubular member from within the bag, after 

which the pouch is again turned inside out and 

releasably locked as in Fig. 1.

It will thus be seen that there is provided a 

device in which the several objects of this inven 
tion are achieved, and which is well adapted to 

meet the conditions of practical use.

As various possible embodiments might be 

made of the above invention, and as various 

changes might be made in the embodiments above 

set forth, it is to be understood that all matter 

herein set forth or shown in the accompanying 

drawing is to be interpreted as illustrative and 

not in a limiting sense.

Having described my invention, what I claim 

and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

A combination pouch shopping bag comprising 

an axially elongated substantially hollow main 

body portion formed of relatively open-work net 

like fabric, a substantially annular upper mouth 

end marginal portion surrounding said main body 

portion and formed of relatively closely crocheted 

fabric, a pair of curved normally upstanding 

mutually spaced handles carried by said upper mar 

ginal portion and formed of similar fabric, a sub 

stantially circular floor member formed of rel 

atively closely crocheted fabric and secured at its 

periphery to the lower extremity of said cylin 
drical hollow main body portion to form a floor 

thereof, a second substantially circular member 

of size, shape, and fabric similar to that of said 

first circular floor member, means continuously 

securing said first and second circular members 
together along their perimeters in face to face 

position along an arc of more than about 180 de 
grees but less than about 260 degrees, leaving said 

abutting perimeters of said circular members un 

secured continuously together along an arc which 
is more than about 100 degrees and less than 

about 180 degrees, button and buttonhole means 
carried jointly upon said unsecured perimeters of 
said circular members for closing the open 

lower mouth thus formed, said lower mouth aff 

ording access to a lower chamber thus formed 
between said two circular members for the recep 
tion of articles therein, and whereby, upon open 
ing and turning inside out, said lower chamber 

and inverting the same, and grasping the then 

upturned lower mouth sides thereof, said widely 

opened lower mouth is constructed and arranged 
as aforesaid, to receive, freely and without fur 

ther expanding said lower mouth, the entire said 

main body portion, upper annular portion and 
pair of handles, whereupon said button and but 

tonhole means may be mutually engaged to close 

the said lower mouth thereupon, and whereby, 

upon disengaging said button and buttonhole 

means, and inverting said lower mouth, said con 

tents thereof are free to fall by gravity force 

alone, out of said lower mouth until in extended 

positions relative thereto.

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