

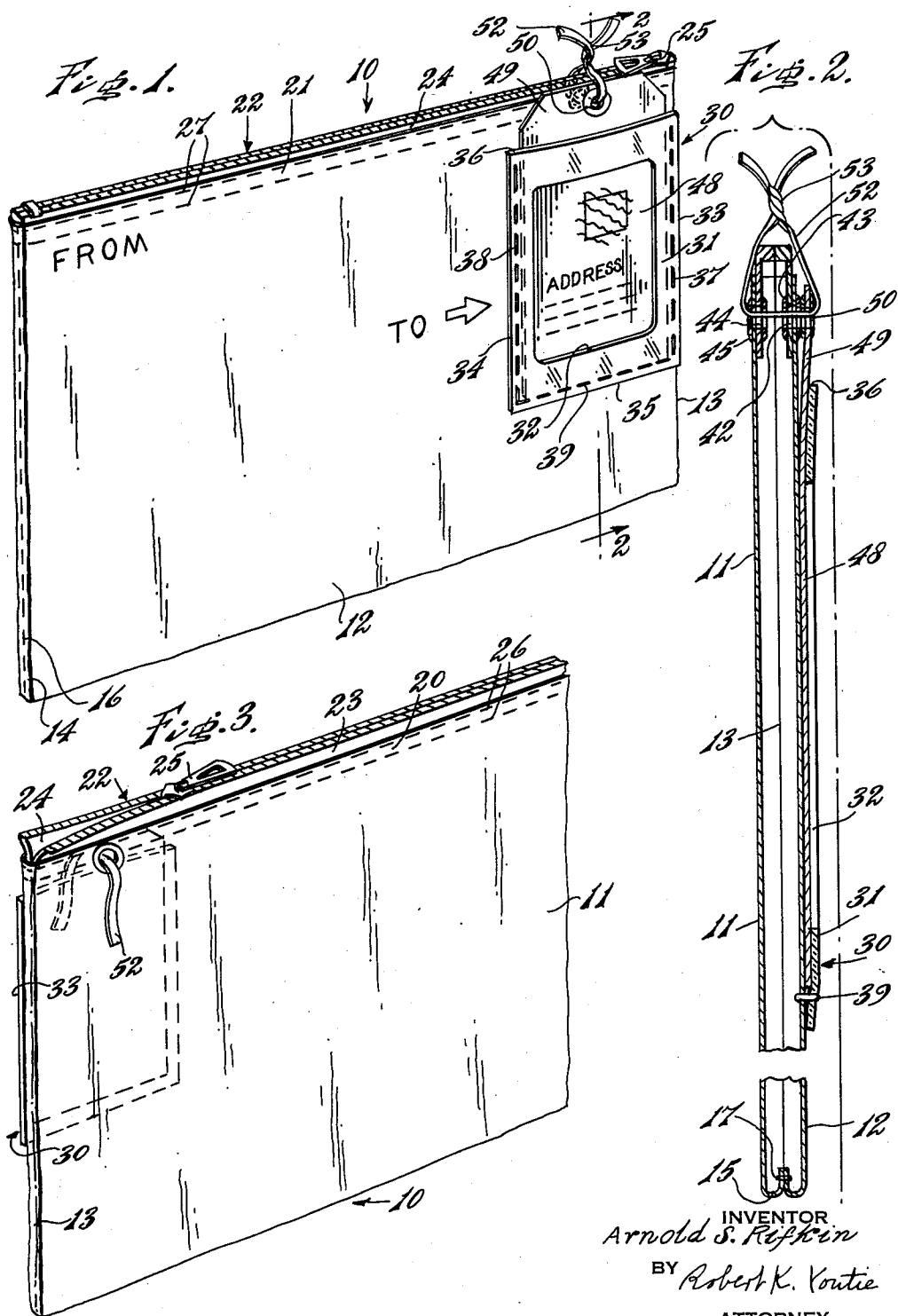
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This invention relates generally to bags, and is especially concerned with a novel construction of transit bag.

It is one object of the present invention to provide a transit bag especially well-adapted for interdepartmental and interplant handling of transit items, which bag may be repeatedly reused to effect substantial economies in use, and which is admirably well-suited for the transportation of correspondence and miscellaneous items of all shapes, even in loose condition.

It is a further object of the present invention to provide a transit bag of the type described which is extremely quick and easy to use, both in filling and closing of the bag, as well as opening and emptying of the bag, to effect substantial savings in the handling costs of transit items and materials.

It is still another object of the present invention to provide a transit-bag construction having the advantageous characteristics mentioned in the preceding paragraphs which is extremely strong and much more secure than prior transit containers, entirely safe and durable throughout a long useful life, which is acceptable for mailing purposes, and which can be economically manufactured for sale at a reasonable price.

Other objects of the present invention will become apparent upon reading the following specification and referring to the accompanying drawings, which form a material part of this disclosure.

The invention accordingly consists in the features of construction, combinations of elements, and arrangements of parts, which will be exemplified in the construction hereinafter described, and of which the scope will be indicated by the appended claims.

In the drawings:

FIGURE 1 is a front perspective view showing a transit bag constructed in accordance with the teachings of the present invention, and shown in its closed, transit condition;

FIGURE 2 is a sectional elevational view taken substantially along the line 2-2 of FIGURE 1, somewhat enlarged for increased clarity, and broken away to conserve drawing space; and

FIGURE 3 is a rear elevational view showing the bag of FIGURE 1 in an intermediate stage of being opened or closed.

Referring now more particularly to the drawings, the transit bag shown therein is generally designated 10, and may be of generally rectangular or other preferably polygonal configuration. The bag 10 includes a generally rectangular rear wall 11, and a similar generally rectangular front wall 12. The rear and front walls 11 and 12 may be fabricated of any suitable flexible sheet material, such as woven textiles or plastic, and the walls may have their bounding side and lower edges secured together, as by stitching or otherwise, to define an upwardly opening or open-top bag. Of course, the walls 11 and 12 may be formed of a single sheet folded upon itself, as along one side edge 13, and may have its opposite side 14 and lower side 15 secured together by any suitable means, such as stitching 16 and 17, respectively.

The upper bounding edges 20 and 21, of the rear and front walls 11 and 12, respectively, are not stitched or secured directly to each other. Rather, a slider fastener, generally designated 22, which includes stringers 23 and 24 and a slider 25, is secured along the upper or top edges 20 and 21, being substantially coextensive therewith.

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More specifically, the stringer 23 is secured along the rear upper edge 20, as by stitching 26, and the stringer 24 is secured along the upper or top edge 21 of the front wall 12, as by stitching 27. The slider 25 is, of course, movable along the stringers 23 and 24 between opposite ends thereof, toward the side edge 14 to open the bag 10 and toward the side edge 13 to close the bag.

Externally on the front wall 12, adjacent to the side edge 13, there is provided a pocket, generally designated 30. The pocket 30 includes a generally rectangular sheet 31 advantageously fabricated of flexible transparent material, such as plastic, and having a central cutout or through opening defining a front window for the pocket. The window opening 32 is preferably generally rectangular and of substantial size relative to the pocket. The pocket piece or sheet 31 may be located with one side edge 33 generally vertical and extending closely along the side edge 13 of the walls 11 and 12. The other side edge 34 and the lower edge 35 of the pocket piece 31 are respectively parallel to and spaced from the side edge 14 and lower edge 15 of the bag. The upper edge 36 of the pocket piece or sheet 31 extends in substantial parallelism with the upper edges 20 and 21 of the rear and front walls 11 and 12, being adjacent to but spaced below the upper wall edges. Any suitable means may be employed to secure the pocket piece 31 to the front wall 12, such as lines of stitching 37, 38 and 39 respectively extending along the pocket-piece edges 33, 34 and 35. The upper-edge region of the pocket piece 31 remains unsecured or free of the wall 12, so that the pocket 30 opens upwardly generally toward the slide fastener 22, and is spaced below the upper bag edges.

Formed in the front wall 12, located between the upper edge 36 of pocket 30 and the upper front-wall edge 21, is a through opening or hole 42. The hole 42 may extend both through the front wall 12 and the adjacent region of stringer 24, as best seen in FIGURE 2; and, the hole or opening 42 may be bounded by an annular member or eyelet 43. Similarly, the rear wall 11 and its secured stringer 23 is formed with a through opening 44 in substantial alignment with the through opening 42 and having a bounding annulus or eyelet 45. Thus, the aligned holes or openings 42 and 44 extend through both the front and rear walls 12 and 11, and are located between the pocket 30 and upper edges of the walls.

Removably inserted in the pocket 30 is a generally rectangular member or card 48, which is preferably substantially conformably received in the pocket and has its upper region 49 extending beyond the upper pocket edge 36 and terminating proximate to the slide fastener 22. The upper card region 49 is provided with a preferably reinforced through hole or opening 50 adapted to lie in substantial registry with the aligned holes 42 and 44 when the card is conformably seated in the pocket 30. The card may be provided with suitable indicia, such as an address and postage, preferably visibly exposed and manually accessible through the window 32. Also, the front wall 12 may be suitably marked with mailing directions or other indicia.

With the bag 10 in the closed condition of FIGURE 1, an elongate element or tie member 52 is extended through the aligned openings 50, 42 and 44 and over the upper wall edges 20 and 21 and the slide fastener 22, where it may be secured by twisting or tying, as at 53. The elongate element or tie 52 may be of plastic-covered wire, or other similar tie material.

With the tie 52 engaged about the slide fastener 22 in the closed condition of FIGURES 1 and 2, it is seen that the slider 25 is retained closed as it may not pass the tie, and the card 48 is retained in the pocket 30 as the card may not move upward out of the pocket.

However, in order to open the bag 10, it is only neces-

sary to untwist the tie member 52, whereupon the slider 25 may be slid to the side edge 14 and the top of the bag opened for access to the interior thereof.

In use between different departments or plants of a company, the bag 10 may be filled and returned by changing or reversing the card 48 to expose the desired address through the pocket window 32. Filling and closing of the bag is equally simple, the slider 25 being moved to its closed position at the side 13, and the elongate element or tie member 52 extended through the aligned holes 42, 44 and 50 and tied about the slide fastener 22.

From the foregoing, it is seen that the present invention provides a transit bag which fully accomplishes its intended objects and is well-adapted to meet practical conditions of manufacture and use.

Although the present invention has been described in some detail by way of illustration and example for purposes of clarity of understanding, it is understood that certain changes and modifications may be made within the spirit of the invention and scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A bag construction comprising a rear wall, a front wall having bounding edges secured to bounding edges of said rear wall to define an upwardly opening bag, a slide fastener secured to the upper edges of said front and rear walls for selectively closing and opening the top of said bag, an external upwardly opening pocket on said front wall, a card removably inserted in said pocket, and an elongate element removably inserted through said card and said front and rear walls and engageable about said slide fastener when the latter is closed, to thereby releasably retain said fastener closed and hold said card in said pocket.

2. A bag construction according to claim 1, said pocket being provided with a front window for exposing indicia on said card.

3. A bag construction according to claim 1, said front

and rear walls being fabricated of flexible sheet material, and said pocket comprising a transparent sheet secured to the exterior of said front wall and having a central opening defining said window.

4. A bag construction according to claim 1, said pocket being located adjacent to and spaced below said slide fastener, and said front and rear walls being formed with aligned holes located in the space between said pocket and slide fastener for receiving said elongate element.

5. A bag comprising a pair of generally polygonal front and rear walls fabricated of flexible sheet material and secured together along their edges to leave one side open, a slide fastener secured to the wall edges at said one side for selectively closing and opening said one side, and a pocket on said front wall opening toward said one side and having a front window for exposing an indicia-carrying card removably inserted in said pocket, said walls being formed with aligned through holes adjacent to the opening of said pocket for receiving a tie member carried by a card in said pocket and engaged about said slide fastener.

6. A bag according to claim 5, said pocket comprising a transparent sheet having a central opening defining said window and secured exteriorly to said front wall adjacent to and spaced from said slide fastener, and said aligned through holes being located between said transparent sheet and slide fastener for alignment with a card portion extending from said pocket.

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