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Fig. 3

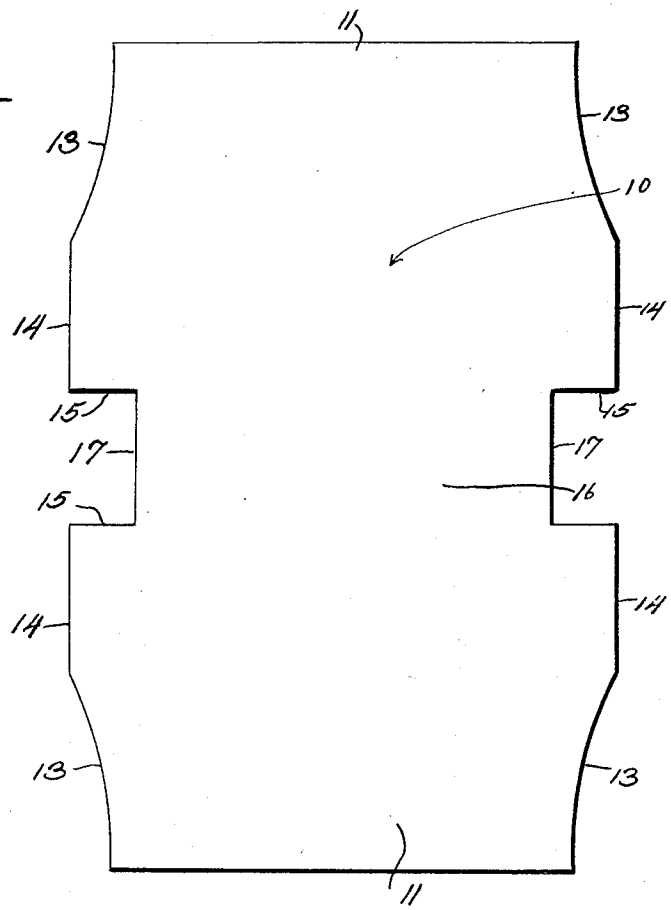


Fig. 1

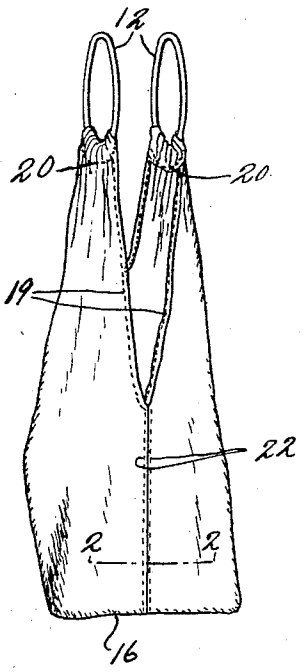
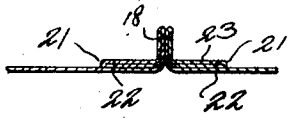


Fig. 2



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This invention relates to bags or carrying cases, and more particularly to a fabric shopping bag.

An object of this invention is to provide a bag of this kind which may be strongly manufactured and which is adapted to be made out of a single piece of material.

Another object of this invention is to provide a bag of this kind which may be stamped out of a single sheet of cloth or the like which, when folded and sewed together at the desired edges, will form a relatively large shopping bag.

A further object of this invention is to provide in a bag of this kind carrying loops which are sewed into the upper portion of the bag, the loops being mounted in such manner that the material of the bag will slidably engage the periphery of the ring so that the bag may be held in substantially closed condition by grasping the rings.

The above and various other objects and advantages of this invention will in part be described in and in part be understood from the following detailed description of the present preferred embodiment, the same being illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a detail perspective view of the device constructed according to the preferred embodiment of this invention;

Figure 2 is a fragmentary sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Figure 1, and

Figure 3 is a plan view of the blank sheet of material.

Referring to the drawings, and particularly to Figure 3, the shopping bag herein disclosed is adapted to be constructed or formed out of a single sheet of material 10 which is formed along two edges thereof with straight edges 11 which are parallel with each other, and these straight edges form the top portion of the bag within which rings or eyes 12 are loosely mounted. The sides of the material 10 are formed with outwardly curved portions 13 which terminate in a straight portion 14 which is disposed at substantially right angles to the upper edge portion 11. This straight edge portion 14 terminates in a cut out portion 15 which is substantially rectangular in configuration, which when properly sewed, as disclosed in Figure 1 will form the ends of the bag proper. The material disposed between the opposed cut out portions 15 forms the bottom 16 of the bag.

In the construction of this bag, the right angle corners of the cut out portion 15 are brought together, the opposed edges meeting at the central portion of the cut out portion 15, as at 17. The straight edges 14 on one side of the sheet 10 are brought into engagement with each other and sewed together so as to form a seam 18 which constitutes one end of the bag, and the curved portion 13 is folded over and a reinforcing strip 19 is sewed thereto, this strip 19 forming a binder for the open end portion of the bag. The loops or rings 12 are secured to the straight edge 11 by turning over the edge of the material and sewing this turned over portion, as at 20, so as to form an eye or loop for loosely receiving the loops 12.

In the sewing of the end portion 18, the edges 14 on one side of the sheet 10 are first folded over, as disclosed in Figure 3, and the inner edge portion 21 of the folded material is sewed by means of stitching 22. The folded portion 23 constitutes substantially a binder and when the two edges 14 are brought together, these binder portions 23 are sewed together so as to form the seam 18 for the closed end portion of the bag. By sewing the material in this manner, an exceedingly strong seam is provided which will not be readily torn open upon placing material within the body of the bag.

It will be obvious from the foregoing that a relatively simple shopping bag may be constructed out of a single sheet of material which is suitably formed and sewed together so as to provide an exceedingly strong bag structure.

It is, of course, understood that various changes and modifications may be made in the details of construction and design of the above specifically described embodiment of this invention without departing from the spirit thereof, such changes and modifications being restricted only by the scope of the following claims.

I claim:—

1. A shopping bag of the character described comprising a bag element formed from a single sheet of material, said material in blank form having parallel opposite end portions, outwardly curved portions extending inwardly from the ends, and parallel side portions, said side portions having a substantially rectangular cut out portion whereby to permit the material adjoining the cut out portion to be folded over and sewed together for forming the closed ends of the bag.

2. A blank sheet of material adapted to be formed into a shopping bag comprising a piece of material having straight opposite end portions, opposed outwardly curved portions extending inwardly from the ends, and opposed centrally disposed notched portions positioned substantially in the center of the sheet.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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