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Fig. 1

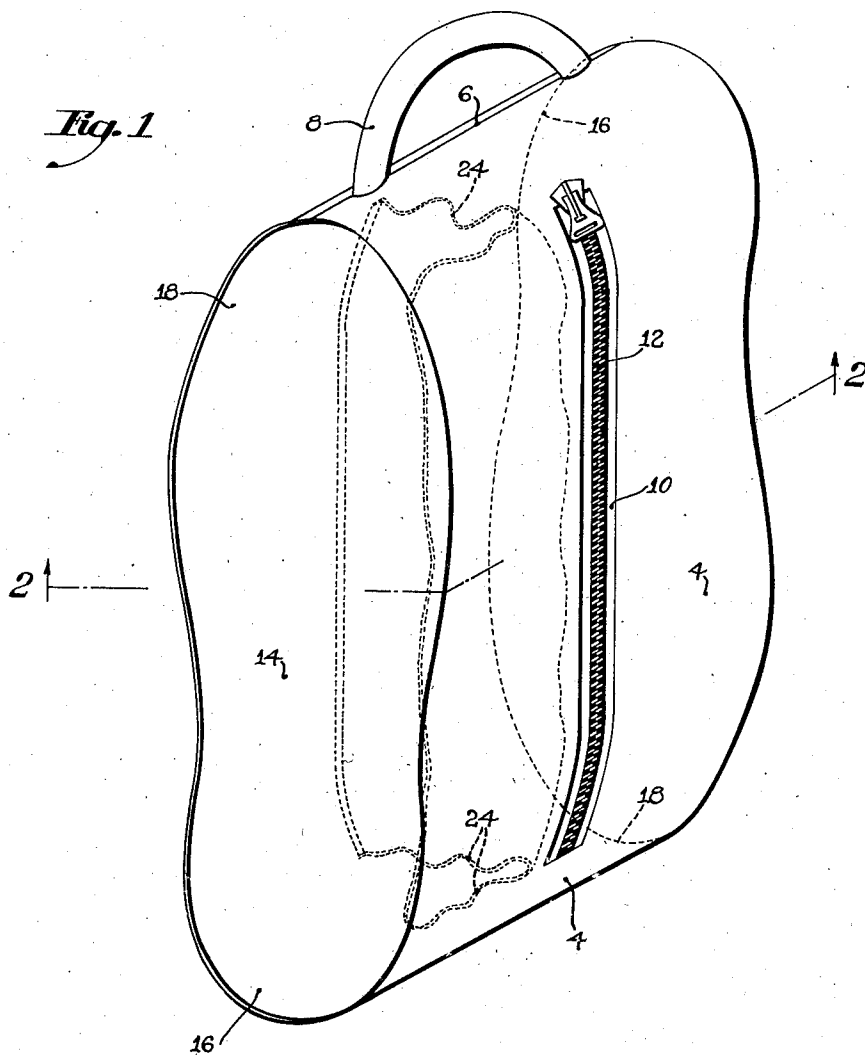
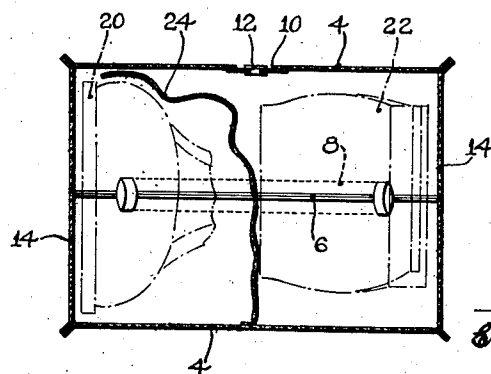


Fig. 2



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The present invention relates to shoe bags.

The object of the present invention is to provide a bag of neat form and appearance to hold and protect a pair of shoes and to permit convenient packing thereof for purposes of travel or storage.

To this end, the present invention comprises the shoe bag hereinafter described and particularly defined in the claims.

10 In the accompanying drawing, Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the preferred form of shoe bag according to the present invention, and Fig. 2 is a section on line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

15 The illustrated embodiment of the invention comprises a bag having a body consisting of a looped piece 4 of leather, fabric, or other suitable material, forming the front and rear sides and the top and bottom of the bag. The ends of the body or loop are joined by a top seam 6 into which a convenient carrying handle 8 of fabric covered cord is sewn.

20 Preferably the seam will be of the lapped type with the free edges turned inwardly and bound to prevent raveling and to stiffen the seam. The handle being sewn directly into the seam is securely attached to the bag and the carrying strain is more or less evenly distributed by the seam across the middle of the bag.

30 In the front face of the body or piece 4 is a longitudinal opening or slit 10 which may be closed by fastening means of any suitable type, illustrated as a hookless fastener 12.

35 At each end of the bag there is attached an end piece 14 of suitable material, such as leather or fabric, which is sewn to the loop 4 around its entire periphery. Where the material of the bag is fabric, or other relatively soft material, a lapped or piqué seam with overcast edges will be used in order to avoid raw edges and to give a neat and attractive appearance, if a woven material, and also to stiffen the seams so that they will tend to hold the bag in shape.

40 The end pieces 14 are preferably of the general shape of a shoe bottom with a heel portion 16 and a toe portion 18. It is not intended that each end piece conform exactly to the shape of the shoe but that the end pieces be of the general contour of the shoe so that the shoes may be neatly packed in the bag without forming excessive bulging or unsightly folds or wrinkles.

In the preferred form of the invention, the end pieces 14 are reversed end for end with respect to one another, one having the heel portion 16 at the bottom of the bag and the other having the heel portion at the top of the bag, as illustrated in Fig. 1, so that the shoes, indicated at 20 and 22 by the dot-and-dash lines in Fig. 2, may be packed fitted together in a similar reversed relation.

5 A longitudinal dividing flap 24 is sewn to the inside of the rear face of the looped piece 4, along the middle thereof, to form two separate compartments for the shoes so that they cannot contact with each other. This flap is preferably of such dimension as to fold more or less around one of the shoes.

15 The bag may be fabricated of any suitable material, but preferably a soft textile fabric will be used, which will not injure the finish of the shoes and which is sufficiently yielding to permit convenient packing in a traveling bag.

20 Although the preferred form of the invention has been illustrated and described, it will be understood that the invention is not to be considered as limited to this precise embodiment but may be varied within the scope of the appended claims.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:

1. A shoe bag comprising a looped fabric piece having its ends sewn together, pieces of fabric forming the ends of the bag and being of a shape corresponding to the general contour of a shoe bottom, said pieces being reversed end for end, the looped piece having a longitudinal slit in one face, a dividing flap of fabric secured to the looped piece opposite to the slit, and fastening means for closing the slit.

2. A shoe bag comprising a looped fabric piece having its ends joined by a lapped, overcast seam, a handle sewn into the seam, end pieces of fabric each of a shape corresponding to the general contour of a shoe bottom with a heel portion and a sole portion, the end pieces being attached to the looped piece with the heel portion of one at the handle end of the bag and the heel portion of the other at the opposite end of the bag, and a protective dividing flap to separate the shoes.

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