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SHOPPING BAG

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Fig 1

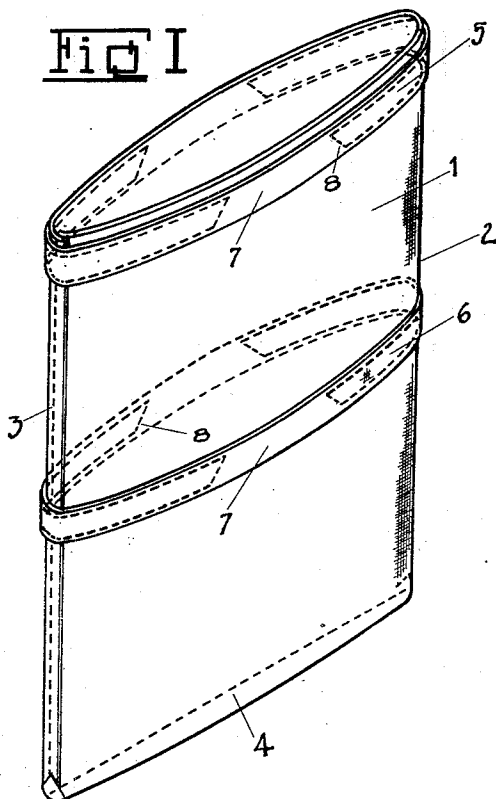


Fig 2

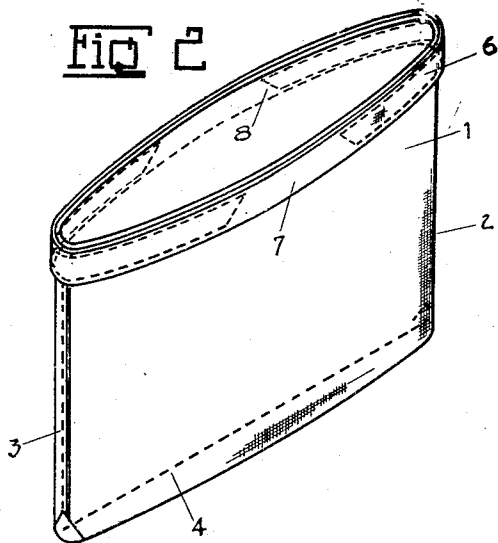


Fig 3

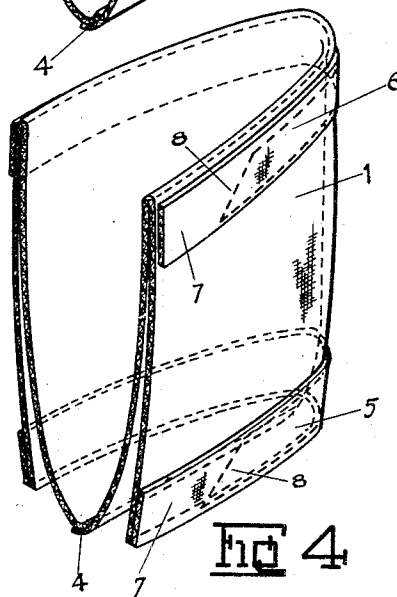
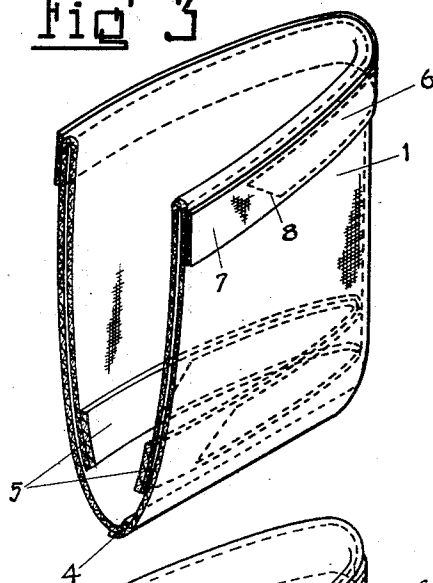


Fig 4

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This invention relates to improvements in shopping bags; and the objects of these improvements are to provide, first, an extensible or collapsible bag, the size of which may be varied to accommodate the same to the bulk of the articles carried; second, a bag which may be folded or rolled up when empty, so as to occupy very little space; third, a bag, the body of which is made of a single piece of material and is provided with handles in a manner to permit the body of the same to be reversed for use in either extended or collapsed position.

These objects are attained in the device illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Fig. 1 is an isometric view of the shopping bag in extended position;

Fig. 2 is a similar view of the bag in collapsed position;

Fig. 3 is an isometric view partly in section of the bag as shown in the collapsed position of Fig. 2; and

Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 3, but showing the bag as used in the reversed collapsed position.

Similar numerals refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

The body (1) of the bag is made of a single piece of fabric material, such as cloth, folded along one edge as at (2) and two of its three free edges stitched together in any well known manner, as at (3) and (4).

The body (1) of the bag is provided with two separate pairs of handles (5) and (6) at the top edge and at approximately the middle of the body, respectively. The handles are usually made of the same material as that of the bag body, but any flexible material may be employed. These handles are in the form of straps, as shown, and are stitched directly to the body of the bag leaving the portions near the middle of the bag unstitched, thus providing the portion to be grasped as a grip (7). The upper

and lower handle parts, (5) and (6), are identical in construction.

To provide for greater strength at the grip part, the stitches at the ends of the same are located at an angle, as at (8). Thus an upward pull upon the grip against the weight of the bag and its contents will be counteracted by as long a line of stitching as possible.

In use, when articles of large bulk are desired to be carried, the bag may be used fully extended, as in Fig. 1, in which case the grips (7) of the upper handle strap (5) are grasped. When it is desired to carry packages of small bulk, the portion above the handle strap (6) is tucked within the lower, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, and the grips (7) of the handle strap (6) used for carrying.

If desired, the bag may be reversed and the upper portion drawn out over the lower as shown in Fig. 4. This is a modified use of the bag and may be employed when it is desired to present a different surface on the exterior. This is not the preferred use, since the stitching (8) at the grip parts will be placed under great strain. The preferred use of the article is as shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3.

What I claim is:

1. A shopping bag comprising a tubular body formed of a strip of integral, uniform, flexible, fabric material, and having an open and closed end, handle members adjacent said open end, a second pair of handle members midway between said open and closed ends, both of said handle members being mounted on the same side of said body, each of said handle members consisting of a fabric strap parallelly disposed to the other and to said open and closed ends of said body, and partially stitched along its length to said body, whereby the unstitched portions form grips.

2. A shopping bag comprising a tubular body formed of a strip of integral, uniform, flexible, fabric material, and having an open and closed end, handle members adjacent said

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10 grips, said grips being reinforced by rows of
stitches disposed at an acute angle to the
length of said handle members.

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