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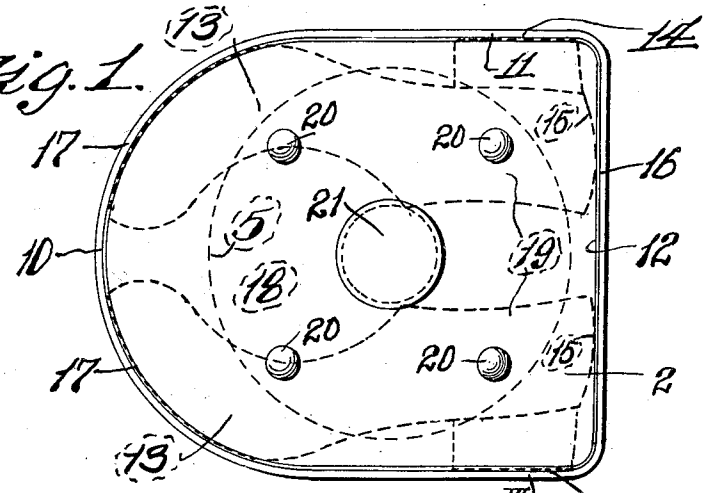


Fig. 2.

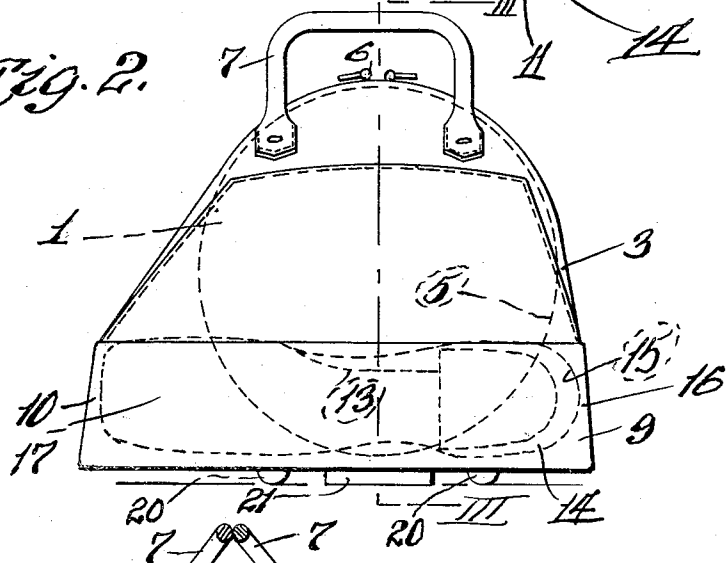
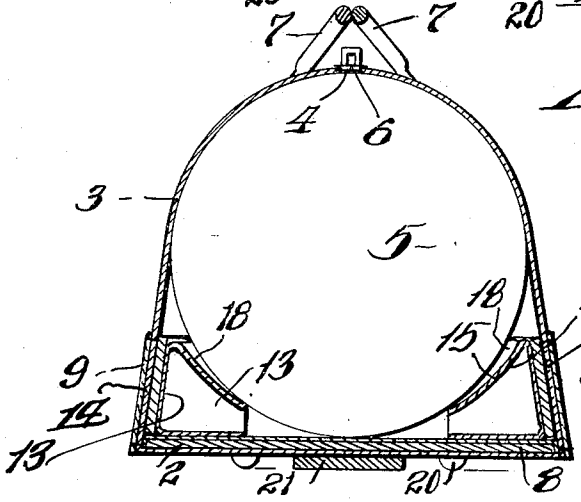


Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in a bowler's ball and shoe bag and has for its primary object the purpose of providing a bag of a formation wherein the shoes of the bowler when contained in the bag cooperate with the bowling ball and the bag for firmly seating or holding the ball in the bag.

Another object of the invention is in providing a carrier or bag for containing both the bowling ball and the shoes of the bowler and in which means are provided in the bag whereby displacement of the shoes and the ball with respect to one another in the bag is prevented.

A further object of the invention is in providing the bowling ball bag with a construction at one end which is adaptable for seating engagement with the counter end of the shoes for assisting in holding the shoes in seated position in the bag.

A still further object of the invention is in providing the bag with walls of improved construction for cooperation with a pair of shoes and the bowling ball.

A still further object of the invention is in providing the bottom of the bag with improved sustaining or supporting means for maintaining the weight of the ball and eliminating the strain thereof from the bottom of the bag when the bag carrying the ball is in a deposited position on the floor or the like.

Other and further objects will appear in the specification and be specifically pointed out in the appended claims, reference being had in the accompanying drawings, exemplifying the invention, and in which:—

Figure 1 is an inverted view of the bottom of this improved bowler's ball and shoe bag.

Figure 2 is a side elevation of this improved bag.

Figure 3 is a transverse vertical section taken approximately on the line III—III of Fig. 2.

Referring by numerals to the accompanying drawings 1 designates this improved bag which is comprised of a bottom wall 2 and extending upwardly therefrom is a surrounding closure wall 3 which is split at 4 the approximate length of the bag so that the bowling ball 5 is provided with ingress and egress. The split 4 of the bag is provided with a closing means 6 of a well known form. A handle 7 is secured to the upper portion of the bag on each side of the split 4 for carrying the bag.

The bottom wall 2 of the bag is provided with a flat insert of relatively stiff material 8 such as compressed fabric so that the bottom wall will always assume an approximate flat shape and mounted around the bag on the wall 3 and adjacent the bottom 2 is a reinforcing cuff or collar 9. The bag is made from any substantial flexible material such as a fabric or leather.

The bottom wall 2 at its forward end is provided with a rounded shape as designated at 10 and whereas the rear edge of the bottom wall is straight or at right angles to the side edges 11 of the bottom wall as designated at 12, said bottom wall determining the shape of the lower portion of the bag so that the bag will be of a design to conveniently and properly contain the bowling ball and the shoes of the bowler and in which the contour of the bag will cooperate with the shoes and the bowling ball for snugly holding them together and maintaining them in seated positions within the bag for the convenience of carrying.

The surrounding wall 3 of the bag is made so that it will incline inwardly and upwardly from the bottom wall 2 and when it is desired to place the bowling ball 5 and the bowler's shoes 13 in the bag, each shoe is mounted in the bag with the heel of each shoe against respective side portions 14 of the wall 3 and the counter 15 of each shoe against the right angular wall 16 of the wall 3 and the soles of the shoes are engaged against the front or curved portion 17 of the wall 3, this position of the shoes providing for the instep part of the shoe and the upper portion of the toe of the shoe forming a seating space 18 for the ball 5 when the ball is mounted in the bag and the rear portion 19 of each shoe will tend to hold the ball forwardly in the bag and when the closing means 6 is operated to a closing position, the upper portion of the

surrounding wall of the bag will be drawn taut over the ball as shown in Fig. 3.

Secured to the underside of the bottom wall 2 of the bag are a series of wearing studs 20 which prevent engagement of the bottom wall of the bag against a floor or pavement when the bag is deposited and disposed concentrically of said studs is a filler layer 21 which is of the approximate height of said studs, said layer 21 being disposed directly beneath the bowling ball for relieving the straining weight of said ball on the bottom wall 2 of the bag as shown in the several figures of the drawings.

From the aforesaid description of this improved invention, it is obvious therefore that a bowling ball and shoe bag of a unique nature is provided wherein provision is made for the cooperating reception of a pair of shoes with respect to both the ball contained in the bag and the bag itself and in which a snug fitting relation is provided.

What I claim is:—

1. A bowling ball bag comprising a flat bottom wall, a surrounding wall extending upwardly from said bottom wall, said surrounding wall having an approximately straight transverse portion adapted to be engaged by the counter of a pair of shoes when the shoes are mounted in the bag against respective sides of the bag, said shoes adapted to assist in holding the bowling ball against displacement in the bag when the ball is mounted in the bag.

2. A bowling ball bag comprising a flat bottom, a surrounding wall extending outwardly from said bottom having an approximately straight transverse portion formed at one end of the bottom and a round portion at the opposite end adjacent the bottom, said transverse portion of said surrounding wall adapted to be engaged by the counters of a pair of shoes when each shoe of the pair is disposed against respective side portions of the surrounding wall of the bag, said separated shoes providing a seat or pocket for the reception of a bowling ball when the ball is mounted in the bag.

3. A bowling ball bag comprising a flat bottom, a surrounding wall extending outwardly from said bottom having an approximately straight transverse portion formed at one end of the bottom and a round portion at the opposite end adjacent the bottom, said transverse portion of said surrounding wall adapted to be engaged by the counters of a pair of shoes when each shoe of the pair is disposed against respective side portions of the surrounding wall of the bag, said separated shoes providing a seat or pocket for the reception of a bowling ball when the ball is mounted in the bag, and closing means for the bag.

4. A bowling ball bag having a flat bottom wall, a surrounding wall extending upwardly from said bottom wall, studs on the underside of the bottom wall, and a supporting member on the bottom wall in approximate vertical alinement with the center of a bowling ball when the ball is disposed in the bag.

5. A bag for a bowling ball having a flat bottom wall which is rounded at one end and straight at its opposite end, a surrounding wall extending upwardly from said bottom wall, said bag being for the reception of a bowling ball, said ball being disposed in said bag in a manner wherein a spacing is provided around said ball, said spacing being for the reception of a pair of bowler's shoes one of which is mounted on each side of said ball, said surrounding wall being cooperable with said shoes for holding said shoes against said ball for preventing said ball from displacement in said bag.

6. A bowling ball bag comprising a flat bottom wall, and a surrounding wall extending upwardly from said bottom wall having an approximately straight transverse portion at one end and a rounded portion at its opposite end.

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