

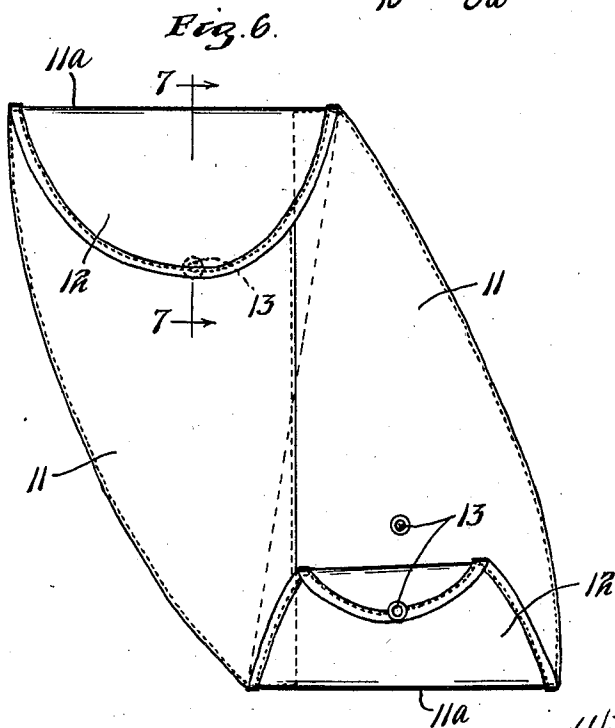
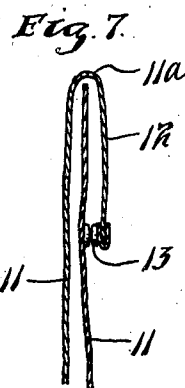
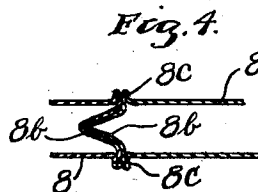
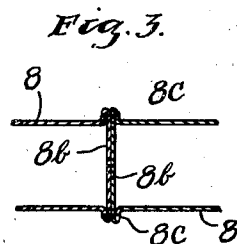
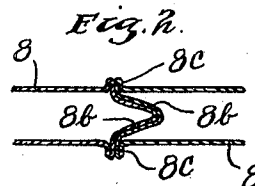
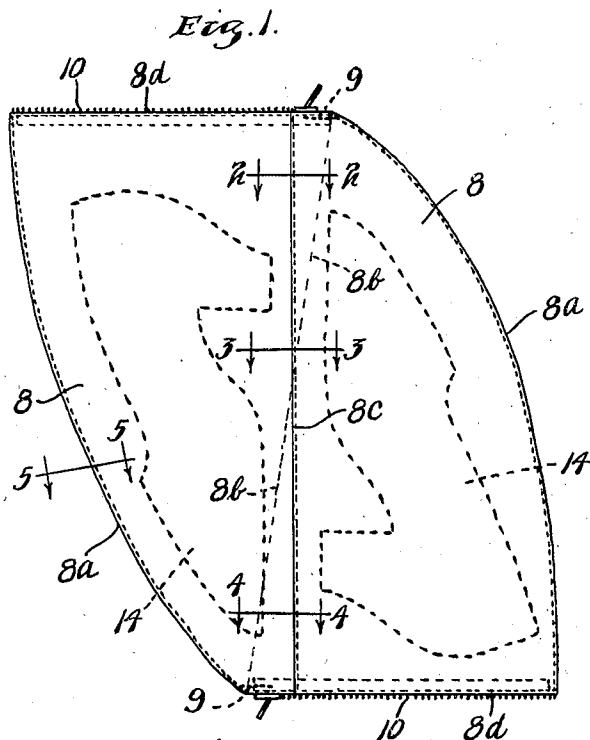
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My invention relates to article containing bags and particularly to a bag for containing shoes.

When traveling, the packing of shoes in traveling bags and the like presents a problem in that shoes must usually be kept out of contact with other articles to prevent soiling the same or transfer of coloring matter from the shoes to other articles. Bags have been used for this particular purpose but an additional problem exists in that it is desirable to keep the shoes of a pair thereof out of contact with each other so that one shoe will not abrade or scuff the other.

A general object of my invention is to provide a container for a pair of shoes capable of preventing contact of the respective shoes with each other and with other articles adjacent thereto.

A more specific object is to provide a bag having separate compartments for the respective shoes of a pair and separate entrances into the respective compartments.

Another object is to provide such a bag which is particularly light and compact and may be inexpensively made from a minimum amount of material.

These and other objects and advantages of the invention will more fully appear from the following description made in connection with the accompanying drawing, wherein like reference characters refer to the same parts throughout the views, and, in which:

Fig. 1 is a top view of an embodiment of my invention having a pair of shoes contained therein indicated in dotted lines;

Fig. 2 is a partial sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1, as indicated by the arrows;

Fig. 3 is a partial sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1, as indicated by the arrows;

Fig. 4 is a partial sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1, as indicated by the arrows;

Fig. 5 is a partial sectional view taken on the line 5—5 of Fig. 1, as indicated by the arrows;

Fig. 6 is a top view of a slightly different embodiment of my invention; and

Fig. 7 is a sectional view taken along the line 7—7 of Fig. 6, as indicated by the arrows.

Referring to the drawing my shoe bag is of generally rhomboid shape with the interior thereof divided into two generally triangular shaped compartments. The proportions of the bag are such that the triangular shapes of the respective compartments are similar and generally approximate right triangles, the sides of each being unequal in length. The edges of the bag corresponding to the shortest sides of the two trian-

gular shapes are open to afford access to the interiors of the respective compartments and these open edges are each provided with openable closure means. While a two compartment shoe containing bag formed in accordance with my invention may be constructed in various ways the manner in which I prefer to construct the article is as follows:

Two bags 8 of generally triangular shape, as shown in Fig. 1, are constructed so that the hypotenuse-like edge 8a thereof is of relatively small thickness and is curved outwardly somewhat relative to the usual straight line hypotenuse of a triangle. The longer one 8b of the remaining edges of each bag 8 is constructed so as to have appreciable thickness so as to provide an edge wall which will be designated as 8b. The walls 8b of the respective bags 8 are secured together along their respective marginal portions as indicated at 8c in Figs. 2, 3 and 4. In this manner the two triangular bags 8 are joined together to form a single two compartment structure of general rhomboidal shape having a partition dividing the same into respective triangular compartments, this partition being composed of the edge walls 8b of the respective bags 8 so as to be of double thickness and extending between points substantially at opposite corners of the rhomboidal shape of the structure.

The wall or partition comprising the wall elements 8b of the respective bags 8 is folded at each end thereof along its longitudinal center line as indicated in Figs. 1, 2 and 4. At the extreme ends of the partition the wall comprising the wall elements 8b is completely collapsed so as to lie flat in the plane in which the container lies. The direction in which the partition is projected by folding is toward the one of the two bags 8 which is narrowest at the end thereof corresponding to the end of the partition under consideration. At the extreme ends of the partition comprising the wall elements 8b the wall elements 8b and portions of the bags 8 overlying the same are secured together in a flat formation by means of stitching 9.

The edges 8d of the bags 8 which are shortest in length are open to afford access to the interiors of the respective bags 8 and are provided with openable closure means such as the hookless fasteners 10 as shown in Fig. 1.

Figs. 6 and 7 illustrate a slightly different form of the article. This form of the article includes a pair of bags 11 constructed in the same manner as the bags 8 of Fig. 1 and joined together in the same manner to form a two com-

partment structure of rhomboidal shape. Instead of the hookless fastener 10 of the device of Fig. 1, the device of Figs. 6 and 7 is provided with openable closure means consisting of a flap 12 for each of the bags 11 and a conventional snap fastener device 13 for separably connecting the free end of each flap 12 to the corresponding one of the bags 11. The flaps 12 are formed by suitably extending the material of the bags 11 at each of the open edges 11a thereof.

The manner of use of the device is illustrated in Fig. 1. A pair of shoes 14 are shown in dotted lines in the positions the respective shoes of the pair would occupy in the respective compartments of the illustrated shoe container.

It should be apparent that the container described above is capable of accommodating a pair of shoes in such manner that the shoes will not come in contact with each other or with any articles adjacent to the container. It is to be noted that the respective openings through which the shoes are placed within and removed from the container are at opposite ends of the container and that the container is particularly compact and may be constructed of a minimum amount of material. This container also has the advantage that while separately encasing the respective shoes of a pair, the pair of shoes is kept together so that one shoe may not be displaced relative to the other as would be the case where separate individual bags were used for the respective shoes.

It is apparent that I have invented a novel, simple and inexpensive form of shoe container having the advantages outlined in the preceding paragraph.

It will, of course, be understood that various changes may be made in the form, details, arrangement and proportions of the various parts without departing from the scope of my invention.

What is claimed is:

1. A container for a pair of shoes formed of fabric and comprising right and left flat bags, each bag comprising opposite side walls of substantially right triangular shape, each side wall having a hypotenuse edge, an altitude edge and a base edge, the altitude edge of each side wall being of less length than the base edge, the hypotenuse edges of the two side walls of each bag being joined together from the altitude edges to points spaced a short distance from the base edges but being unsecured together closely adjacent the base edges, the base edges of the opposite side walls of one bag being secured to corresponding base edges of the side walls of the other bag and the altitude edges of the

opposite side walls being unsecured, the side walls being assembled to form a structure of generally rhomboid shape in plan view and with the hypotenuse edges of the opposite side walls of both bags being disposed outwardly, closure means at the altitude edges for the respective ends of the container, and an elongated partition dividing the container into two compartments and having its side edges secured to the base edges of the side walls of the bags at opposite sides of the container, the end edges of said partition being folded on themselves in opposite directions when the container is collapsed and one end edge of said partition being secured to the otherwise unsecured portions of the hypotenuse edges of the opposite sides of one bag and the other end edge of said partition being secured to the otherwise unsecured portions of the hypotenuse edges of the opposite sides of the other bag.

2. A container for a pair of shoes formed of fabric and comprising right and left flat bags, each bag comprising opposite side walls of substantially right triangular shape, each side wall having a hypotenuse edge, an altitude edge and a base edge, the altitude edge of each side wall being of less length than the base edge, the hypotenuse edges of the two side walls of each bag being joined together from the altitude edges to points spaced a short distance from the base edges but being unsecured together closely adjacent the base edges, the base edges of the opposite side walls of one bag being secured to corresponding base edges of the side walls of the other bag and the altitude edges of the opposite side walls being unsecured, the side walls being assembled to form a structure of generally rhomboid shape in plan view and with the hypotenuse edges of the opposite side walls of both bags being disposed outwardly, closure means at the altitude edges for the respective ends of the container, and an elongated web for each bag running between and secured to the opposite base edges of the two side walls of the bag, said webs being secured together to form an elongated partition dividing the container into two compartments, the end edges of said partition being folded on themselves in opposite directions when the container is collapsed and one end edge of said partition being secured to the otherwise unsecured portions of the hypotenuse edges of the opposite sides of one bag and the other end edge of said partition being secured to the otherwise unsecured portions of the hypotenuse edges of the opposite sides of the other bag.

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