

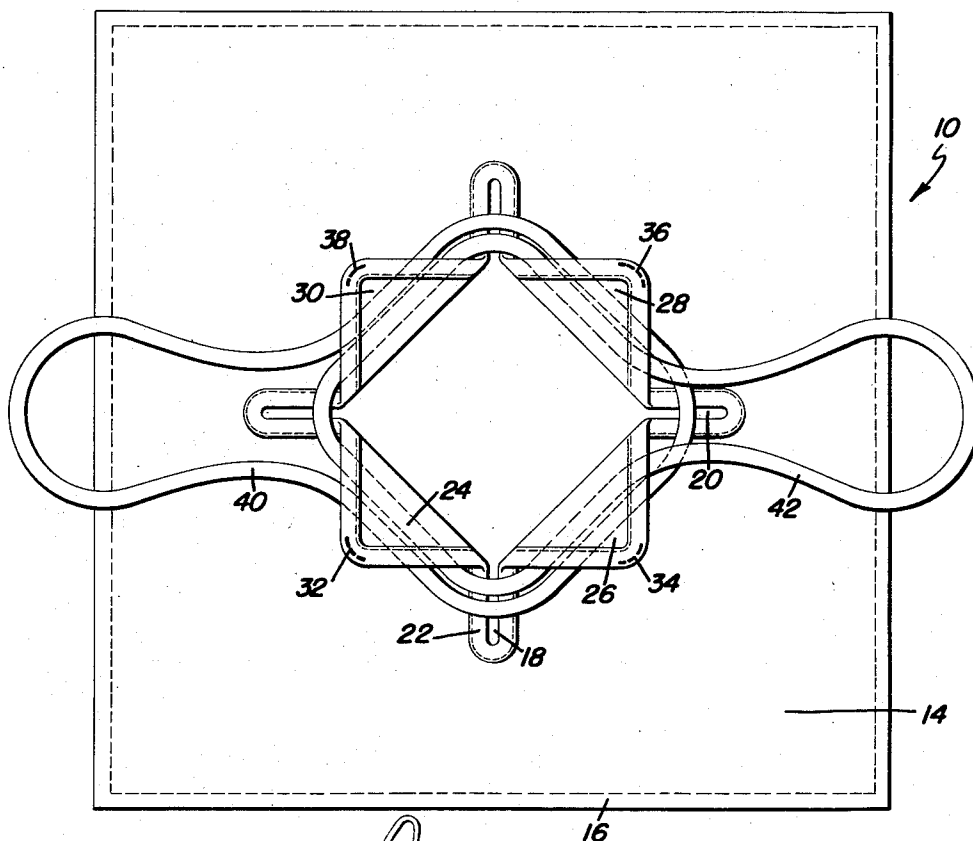
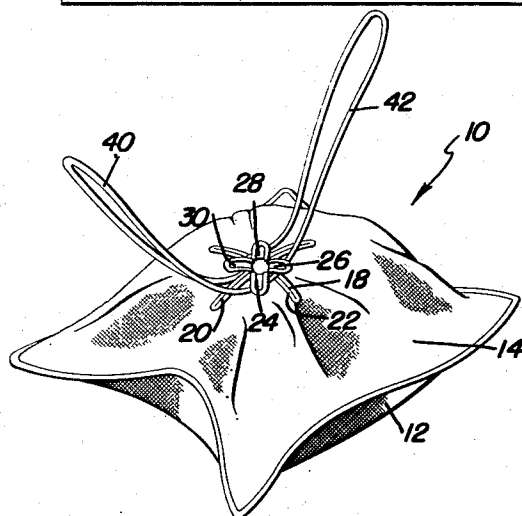
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This invention relates to a storage and laundry pouch adapted to be used in washing ladies' hosiery or like garments and which may be used to conveniently store these garments until it is desired to wash them.

An object of this invention is to provide a highly ornamental laundry and storage pouch formed from a porous but non-absorbent material which may be used to wash ladies' hosiery and other garments while preventing the passage of large flakes or crystals of soap into engagement with these garments so as to prevent the deleterious action of soap crystals and flakes on the fabric of these garments, and which pouch will dry quickly so as to enable such to be used for storage of garments almost immediately after its use as a wash bag.

A further object of this invention is to provide a storage and laundry pouch having an opening therein forming means for ready and easy access to the interior of the pouch yet which is of such nature to permit the pouch to be easily closed and, when closed, to form a simulated flower-like configuration of highly attractive appearance.

Still further objects of the invention reside in the provision of a storage and laundry pouch that is strong, durable, highly efficient in operation, simple in construction and manufacture, capable of being made from a variety of porous and flexible substances such as nylon or orlon or the like which are synthetic substances formed from a hydrocarbon composition.

These, together with the various ancillary objects of the invention which will become apparent as the following description proceeds, are attained by this storage and laundry pouch, a preferred embodiment of which has been illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a top plan view of the storage and laundry pouch comprising the present invention;

Figure 2 is a perspective view showing the storage and laundry pouch in a closed position with garments therein ready for washing.

With continuing reference to the accompanying drawings, wherein like numerals designate similar parts throughout the various views, the reference numeral 10 generally designates the storage and laundry pouch comprising the present invention. This storage and laundry pouch comprises a lower sheet 12 of flexible and porous material such as nylon or orlon, but obviously such can be made from any other material having similar properties. An upper sheet 14 of like material is secured to the lower sheet 12 by means of stitching 16 about the peripheral edge thereof.

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The upper sheet 14 is provided with a pair of intersecting slits 18 and 20 which extend perpendicularly to each other and about which there is secured a suitable binding 22 formed from any suitable material which is colored so as to be highly attractive. The slits 18 and 20 form in the upper sheet 14 a substantially diamond-shaped opening when portions of the flaps defined by the slits and as indicated at 24, 26, 28 and 30 are turned over to form triangular overlying portions relative to the upper sheet 14. The apices of these triangular portions are secured to the upper sheet, as at 32, 34, 36 and 38.

A pair of loops 40 and 42 are positioned between each of the triangular portions 24, 26, 28 and 30 and the upper sheet 14, and are retained in position by means of the stitching 32, 34, 36 and 38. When the drawstrings 40 and 42 are drawn in opposed directions they cause the triangular shaped portions to assume an arcuate shape with the remaining portions of the slits 18 and 20 and the binding material 22 therearound underlying these arcuate portions and aiding these portions in simulating the effect of a flower-like ornamentation on the upper sheet 14.

With the articles to be washed within the laundry pouch, it is merely necessary to dip the entire pouch into the cleansing fluid and then the fluid may be squeezed in and out of the pouch, the material of the pouch permitting free passage of the water through the pouch, though preventing the passage of large crystals or flakes into the pouch. Rinsing is accomplished by the same method of dipping and squeezing in clear water. Thus, snags and runs will be prevented in stockings and other garments while washing and storing and thus enable the garments to last a longer period of time. Further, because of the use of the upper and lower sheets 12 and 14, the pouch, when not in use, may be easily stored away.

Since, from the foregoing, the construction and advantages of this storage and laundry pouch are readily apparent, further description is believed to be unnecessary.

However, since numerous modifications will readily occur to those skilled in the art after a consideration of the foregoing description and accompanying drawings, it is not intended to limit the invention to the precise embodiment shown and described, but all suitable modifications and equivalents may be readily resorted to which fall within the scope of the appended claim.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

A storage and laundry pouch comprising a low-

er sheet of porous flexible material, an upper sheet of porous flexible material, the peripheral edges of said upper and lower sheets being secured together, said upper sheet having a pair of slits, the edges of said slits intersecting at right angles to form flaps, the edges of said flaps having a binding strip secured thereto, a first portion of each of said flaps being upwardly and outwardly folded to form a triangular shaped portion in overlying relation relative to said upper sheet and to form a substantially diamond-shaped opening in said upper sheet with remaining portions of said slits being in communication with said opening, the binding strip at the apex of said triangular portion being secured to said upper sheet, and a pair of loops, each of said loops being engaged between each of said flaps and said upper sheet, said loops upon being

drawn in opposite directions effecting closure of the opening formed by the flaps and transforming said flaps and the edges of said slips into a simulated flower-like configuration.

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