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HAND BAG

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FIG. 1.

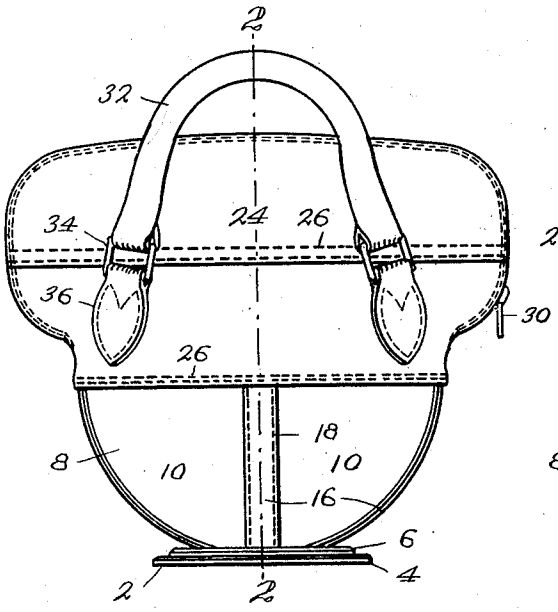


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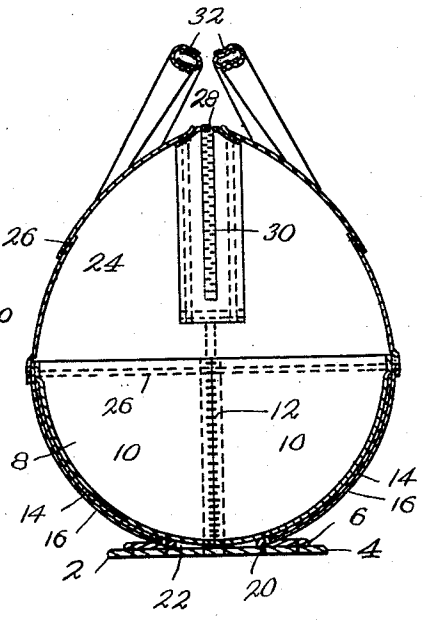


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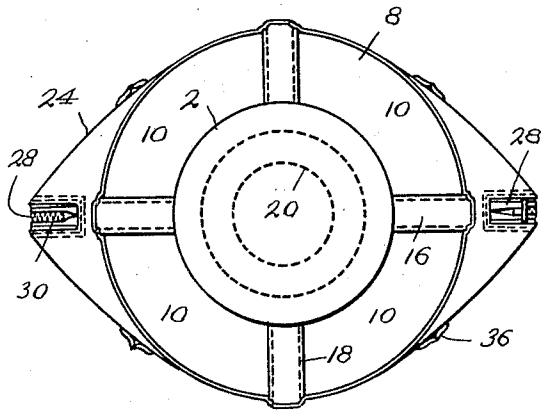


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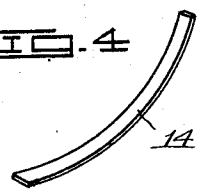
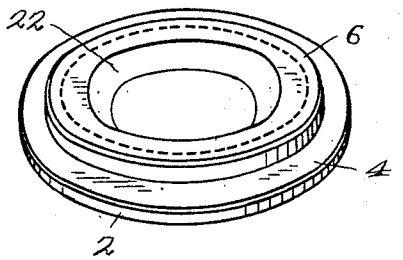


FIG. 5.



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My invention relates to hand bags and the present invention relates more particularly to a bag in which a ball and a pair of shoes such as are employed in bowling alleys can be conveniently stored and carried when not in use.

One object of the invention is to provide a bag of this character with a base which will support the bag in upright position when set upon a table, or other support.

A further object is to provide a bag with a semirigid and an approximately semispherical lower portion surmounting said base and adapted to receive the bowling ball.

Another object is to provide a bag with a flexible upper portion surmounting said semispherical lower portion and adapted to receive a pair of bowling shoes.

Other objects will hereinafter appear, and in order that the invention may be fully understood reference will now be had to the accompanying drawing, in which:

Fig. 1 is a side elevation of the bag.

Fig. 2 is a vertical cross section on line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is an inverted plan view of the bag.

Fig. 4 is a detail of one of the metallic stays employed in carrying out the invention.

Fig. 5 is a detail perspective view of the base.

Referring in detail to the different parts of the bag, 2 designates the base which may consist of any suitable material and be of any desired shape. Preferably, said base consists of superimposed pieces 4 and 6 of stiff leather which are sewed or otherwise secured together.

8 designates the lower portion of the bag which is of approximately semispherical form to conform to the curvature of the bowling ball which it is to receive. Said lower portion 8 may be made of any suitable material, but consists preferably of stiff leather. For the sake of economy and ease in manufacture, the lower portion 8 is preferably made of four sections 10, the ends of which may be secured together in any suitable manner as by stitching 12. In order to add to the rigidity of the lower portion 8, it is reinforced with flexible metallic stays 14, one of which is preferably located at each juncture of the sections 10 and held in place by a strip of leather 16 which is suitably secured to the adjoining sections 10 as by stitching 18.

The strips 16, in addition to holding the stays 14 in place, also reinforce the stitching 12 and materially assist in holding the sections 10 together. The lower portion 8 of the bag is firmly secured to the base 2 in any suitable manner, a circular row of stitching 20 being shown for that purpose, and in order to lower the center of gravity of the bag as much as possible so that it will not easily tip over, the central portion of the upper base piece 6 is cut out as indicated at 22 so that said lower portion 8 of the bag may be seated directly upon the base piece 4.

24 designates the upper portion of the bag which consists preferably of flexible leather and is secured at its lower margin to the upper part of the lower portion 8 in any suitable manner as by stitching 26. The upper portion 24 has an opening 28 extending across the top and down the ends thereof to suitable points, so that the two sides of said upper portion 24 can be easily spread apart to admit a bowling ball and a pair of bowling shoes, said upper portion 24 being somewhat longer than its width to approximately conform to the shape of said shoes. A part of the ends of the upper portion 24 also project beyond the adjacent parts of the lower portion 8 of the hand bag, so that the bowling shoes need not be folded when placed within said upper portion.

Any suitable fastener may be employed for closing the opening 28. In the present instance I have shown a well-known hookless slip fastener 30 for that purpose.

For convenience in carrying the bag, I have provided a pair of handles 32 which are arranged at opposite sides of the opening 28 and connected to metallic links 34, which in turn are connected to leather loops 36 stitched or otherwise secured to opposite sides of the upper portion 24 of the bag.

By making the lower portion 8 of the bag of semirigid material as stated, said lower portion 8 will not sag to one side beneath the weight of the bowling ball but will hold the latter centrally over the axis of the base 2, and by extending the latter beyond the bottom of said lower portion 8, the bag will be maintained in an upright position when set upon a table or other level support.

From the foregoing description it is apparent that I have provided a bag which is well adapted for the purpose intended, and while I have shown the preferred form of said bag I do not wish to be restricted to

the exact construction shown and described, but reserve all rights to such modifications as properly fall within the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. A hand bag consisting of a curved lower portion adapted to receive a bowling ball, a base secured to and extending beyond the bottom of said curved lower portion, an elongated upper shoe holding portion permanently secured to said curved lower portion and provided with an opening extending the full length thereof, means for securing said opening in closed position, and handles secured to said upper portion at opposite sides of said opening.

2. A hand bag consisting of an approximately semispherical shaped lower portion of stiff material, flexible stays for reinforcing said lower portion, and a flexible upper portion having an opening and secured to said lower portion.

3. In a hand bag of the character described, a curved lower portion adapted to receive a bowling ball, and a base consisting of superimposed pieces of stiff material the upper one of which is cut out to permit the bottom of said lower portion to be seated upon the underlying base piece.

4. A hand bag consisting of a lower curved portion, an elongated flexible upper portion surmounting the curved lower portion and having a part of its ends projecting beyond the adjacent parts of said curved lower portion, said flexible upper portion having an opening extending across its upper part and down each end a suitable distance, and means for closing said opening.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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