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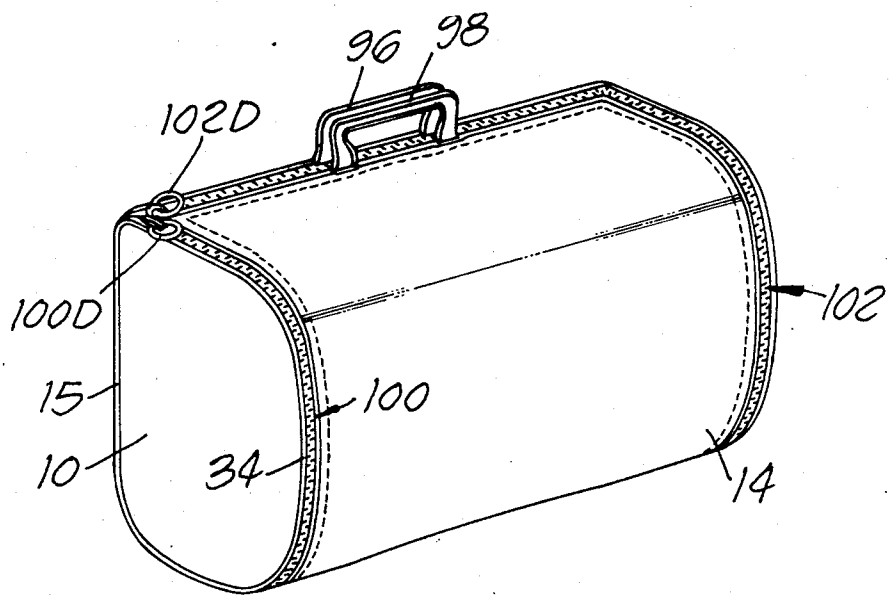
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A traveling bag has two stiffened end flaps each stitched along one of its edges to a large rectangular sheet of fabric. Cooperating halves of zippers are stitched to such sheet and to such flaps; and in the process of closing such zippers, a closed bag results with stiff end flaps that prevent sharp creasing of, for example, a man's suit which may have been previously hung on a hook sewed onto the inner surface of such sheet. A second sheet may overlay the first sheet to provide a pocket for such suit, and also pockets may be stitched on said second sheet to provide storage for other clothing and toilet articles.

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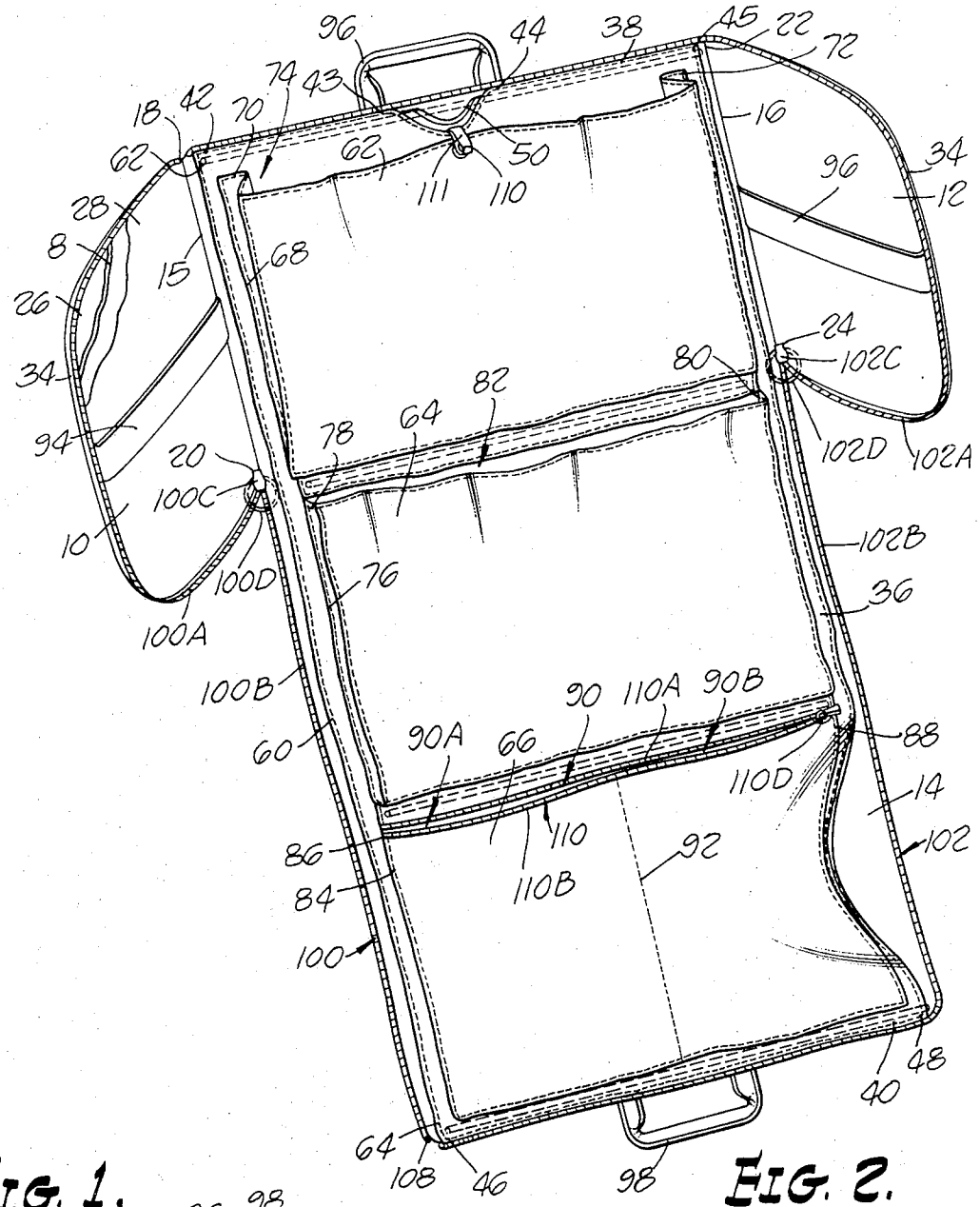
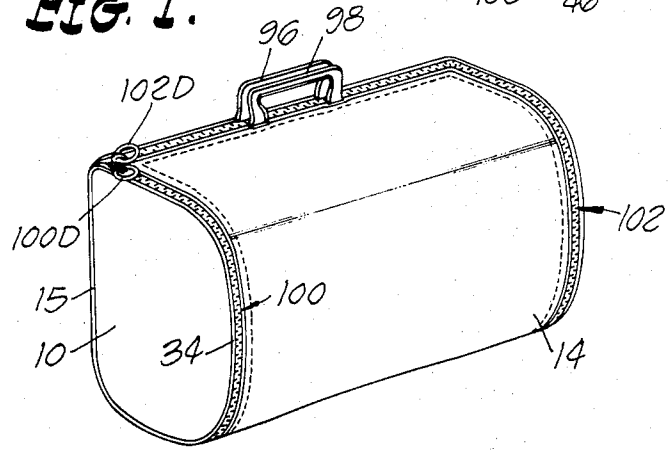

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100A
100B
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110A
90B
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90A
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FIG. 1.

FIG. 2.


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98
102D
102
100D
15
100
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TRAVELERS BAG

The present invention relates to an improved travel bag.

One object of the present invention is to provide an improved travel bag which prevents sharp creasing of clothes such as a man's suit folded therein.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a traveling bag of this character in which the man's suit may be disposed within a pocket between two sheets which are prevented from being sharply creased by stiffened end flaps.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a traveling bag of this character in which the bag may be laid flat or hung for convenient loading and which is closed in the desired form by closing two zippers.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a bag of the character indicated in the preceding paragraph in which pockets are stitched to one sheet of that pocket which defines the suit pocket for convenient storage of clothing and toilet articles.

The features of the present invention which are believed to be novel are set forth with particularlity in the appended claims. This invention itself, both as to its organization and manner of operation, together with further objects and advantages thereof, may be best understood by reference to the following description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings in which:

FIG. 1 illustrates a traveling bag embodying the present invention in traveling condition.

FIG. 2 illustrates the same bag in fully open condition with some of the fabric removed in one of the reinforced flaps for purposes of illustrating internal stiffening material.

The traveling bag illustrated may be of soft, foldable fabric such as plastic material. Stiffening material **8** is in each of the stiffened end flaps **10, 12** which together with centrally disposed foldable material sheet **14** define generally the outer confines of the bag.

This sheet **14** for these purposes is generally rectangular and stitched thereto are the flaps **8, 12** by stitching **15** and **16,** the stitching **15** extending between points **18** and **20** and the stitching **16** extending between points **22** and **24.** Each of these flaps **10, 12** is formed as a closed, stitched pocket with the stiffening material such as cardboard **8** being disposed between the outer sheet **26** and inner sheet **28,** these two sheets being stitched by stitching **34** extending around their adjacent outer edges with such stitching **34** terminating at points **18** and **20** and being continued as stitching **15.**

One large inner sheet **36** also generally rectangular but somewhat smaller than the outer sheet **14** has its upper edge and lower edge in FIG. 2 stitched by stitching **38** and **40** to the outer sheet **14,** the stitching **38** extending between points **42, 43** and **44, 45,** and the stitching **40** extending between points **46** and **48.** A portion of the upper edge of sheet **36** between points **43** and **44** is cut out as illustrated to gain access to an open hook **50** of fabric which has its ends sewed to the outer sheet **14.** This hook **50** serves to receive the hooked end of a conventional clothes hanger (not shown) on which clothes such as a man's suit (not shown) is hung and disposed between the outer sheet **14** and inner sheet **36** which together form a pocket. Such pocket may be open at both sides or may be closed at one side by stitching **60** which extends between points **62** and **64** and serves to connect one side edge of sheet **36** to the outer sheet **14.**

Pockets are formed on the inner sheet **36** by sewing three smaller rectangular sheets **62, 64** and **66** on sheet **36.** The sheet **62** is stitched to sheet **36** along three of its edges by stitching **68** which extends between points **70** and **72** to form pocket **74** for storage of, for example, shoes and socks. Likewise, sheet **64** is stitched to sheet **36** along three of its edges by stitching **76** which extends between points **78** and **80** to form pocket **82** for storage of, for example, shirts and underwear. Likewise, sheet **66** is stitched to sheet **36** along three of its edges by stitching **84** which extends between points **86** and **88** to form pocket **90** which is compartmentalized into pockets **90A, 90B** by stitching **92,** stitching **92** serving to join the central part of sheet **66** to the inner sheet **36.** The pocket **90A** may be used, for example, for storage of toilet articles and shaving equipment, and the pocket **90B** may be used, for example, for storage of pajamas.

Elastic bands **94, 96** may have their ends stitched by the same corresponding stitching **34, 15** and **34, 16** respectively for purposes of resiliently maintaining in clamped condition other articles against the inner walls of corresponding flaps **10** and **12.**

Carrying handles **96, 98** are secured, for example, by sewing, to the upper and lower edges of the outer sheet **14.**

The bag is closed by two conventional zippers **100, 102.** The zipper **100** includes the mating strips **100A, 100B** and their joining member **100C** having the finger ring **100D.** Likewise, the zipper **102** includes the mating strips **102A, 102B** and their joining member **102C** having the finger ring **102D.** Both zippers **100, 102** are illustrated in FIG. **2** in their fully open condition and in their fully closed positions in FIG. **1.** It will be seen that the zipper part **100A** is stitched to the outer edge of flap **10** and extends substantially between points **20** and **18** and that its mating part **100B** extends substantially from point **20** to point **108.**

The zipper part **102A** is stitched to the outer edge of flap **12** and extends substantially from point **24** to point **22** and also beyond point **22** to point **18.** The mating zipper part **102B** on the edge of sheet **14** extends substantially from point **24** to point **46.** As a result when both zippers **100, 102** are closed, the finger rings **100D, 102D** of each are sufficiently close at one of the upper ends of the closed bag as seen in FIG. **1** to allow the bale of a lock (not shown) to pass through each for purposes of locking the bag in closed condition.

The sheet **62** of the upper pocket **74** in the form of an expandable pocket may be quickly closed and opened by a clasp **110** in the form of a strip **111** having one end thereof stitched to sheet **36** and its other end mounting one part of a snap fastener, the other half of which is sewed on sheet **62.** Because the pockets **90A, 90B** are inverted in the closed condition of the bag, a conventional zipper **110** having a closure member **110D** is used to close them. The zipper **110** has one of its strips **110A** stitched to sheet **36** and the other mating strip **110B** stitched to the upper edge of sheet **66.**

While the particular embodiments of the present invention have been shown and described, it will be obvious to those skilled in the art that changes and modifications may be made without departing from the invention in its broader aspects and, therefore, the aim in the appended claims is to cover all such changes and modi-

fications as fall within the true spirit and scope of this invention.

I claim:

1. A bag of the character described including a generally rectangular sheet of flexible material; a pair of end flaps each secured along one of its ends to a corresponding side edge of said sheet; said end flaps being substantially non-flexible; and zipper means having cooperating halves thereof secured to said sheet and to said flaps; said sheet having a second sheet stitched to an inner surface thereof and cooperating therewith to form an elongated pocket of a size to accommodate a man's suit on a hanger; hanger support means on the first sheet; said second sheet having an open portion to provide access to said support means; said second sheet having material stitched thereto forming an open

pocket means therewith; carrying handles secured to the upper and lower edge portions of the first sheet; said pocket means being inverted in the closed carrying position of said bag; zipper means closing said pocket means; the first mentioned zipper means including two zippers, one of said zippers having cooperating mating portions stitched along one of said flaps and a portion of the outer edge of the first sheet and the other one of said zippers having cooperating mating portions stitched along the other of said flaps and the remaining portion of the outer edge of the first sheet.

2. A bag as set forth in claim 1 in which the closure member for said zippers each have finger rings which are sufficiently close in closed condition of said bag for insertion of the bale of a conventional lock.

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