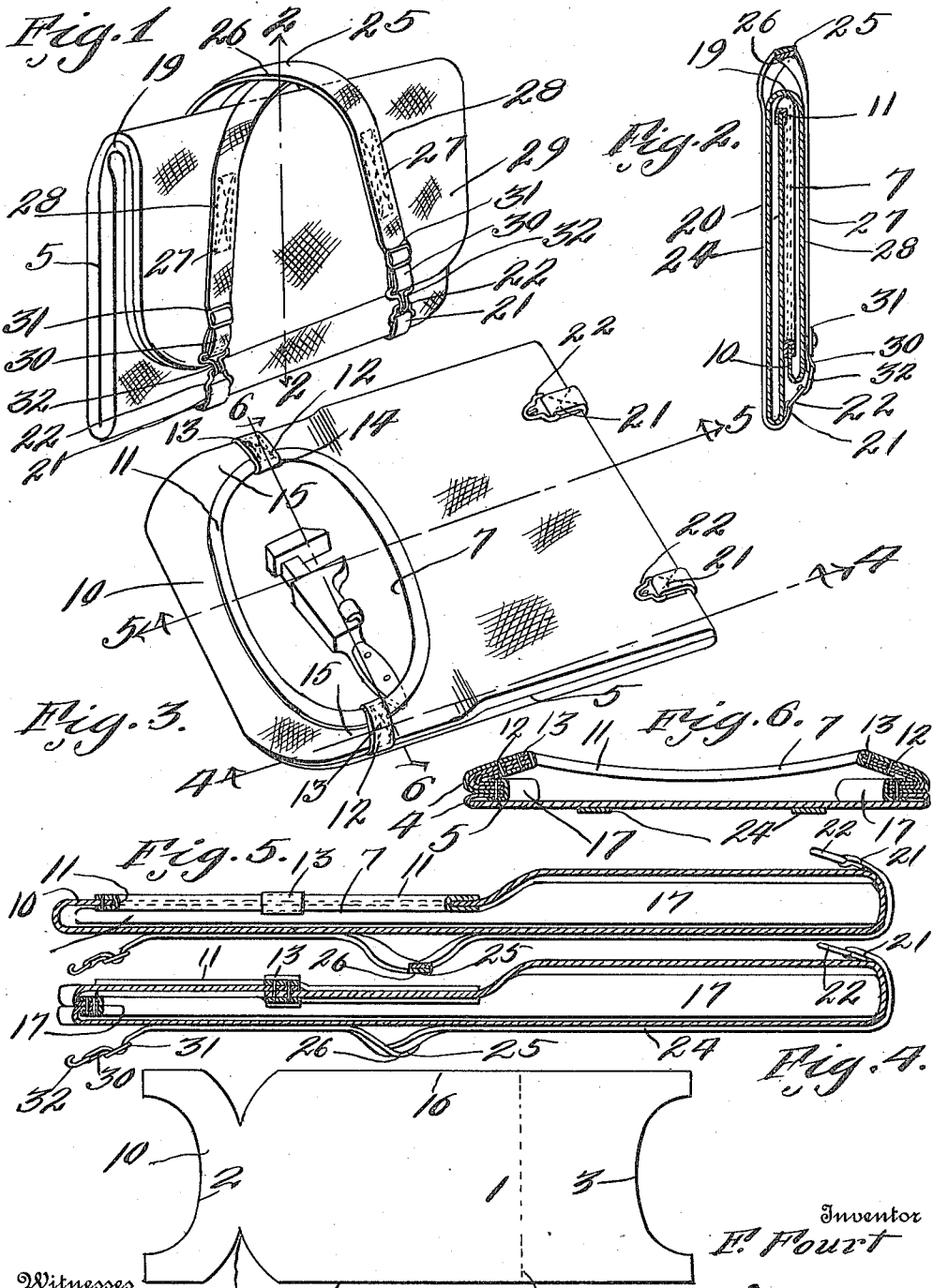


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK FOURT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fairfield, in the county of Jefferson and State of Iowa, have invented a new and useful Tool-Bag for Automobiles; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to an improved tool bag for automobiles, and an object of the invention is to provide a simple, efficient and practical tool bag having novel features of construction.

One of the features of the invention is the provision of a bag having an enlarged opening in one of its faces adjacent one end of the bag, which opening is closed by coming adjacent the same face of the bag at the other end thereof, when said bag is folded once upon itself.

Another feature of the invention is to reinforce the edge of the opening, and a further feature is to provide additional reinforcing means at each end of the opening, from the edge of the opening to and between where the material forming the opposite faces of the bag is stitched together, said reinforcing means or straps being located upon the interior and exterior of the bag.

Another feature of the invention is to form a heavy welt upon the interior of the bag adjacent its opposite longitudinal side portions, so as to spread the opposite faces of the bag, thereby rendering it easier to have access to the tools therein.

Another feature of the invention is to construct the bag of one piece of material, folded upon itself in two places and having its adjacent edges where the opening of the bag is formed stitched together where the interior and exterior reinforcing means at both ends of the opening are located.

In practical fields the details of construction may necessitate alterations, falling within the scope of what is claimed.

The invention comprises further features and combination of parts, as hereinafter set forth, shown in the drawings and claimed.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a view in perspective of the bag constructed in accordance with the invention. Fig. 2 is a sectional view on line 2—2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a view in perspective showing the bag opened, it being understood that when open,

the tools may be jolted to where the opening is formed, in order to permit of ready access to the tool, and when the bag is to be closed, the tools are jolted back to the other end of the bag, by first tilting the open end of the bag upwardly, and then folding the same. Fig. 4 is a sectional view on line 4—4 of Fig. 3. Fig. 5 is a sectional view on line 5—5 of Fig. 3. Fig. 6 is a sectional view on line 6—6 of Fig. 3. Fig. 7 is a detail view of the blank from which the bag is constructed.

Referring more especially to the drawings, 1 designates an elongated blank having its opposite end edges provided with semi-elliptical cutaway portions 2 and 3, and when the edge portions 4 are sewed together or otherwise connected at 5, said cutaway portions 2 and 3 form an opening 7 in one face of the tool bag, and to form the tool bag the blank is folded upon itself in two places 8 and 9. The fold 8 is but a short distance from the cutaway portion 2, therefore a flange 10 is formed to prevent the tools, when jolted or tossed adjacent the opening of the bag, from leaving the bag. The edges of the cutaway portions 2 and 3 are bound by means of a folded strip 11, to prevent a selvage or an unraveling of the material. Where the edge portions 4 are sewed together at 5 a reinforcing strip 12 is stitched at 13 to the exterior of the bag adjacent each end of the elliptical opening, folded over the edge of the opening as shown at 14 and stitched to the interior face of the bag adjacent each end of the opening. The opening terminates a short space from each side of the bag, thereby forming a flange 15, which also prevents the tools from leaving the bag when jolted adjacent the opening. As shown the edge portion 16 of the longitudinal edges of the blank, after the blank is folded at 8 and 9, are stitched together and intumed, and arranged to form a welt 17 to hold the opposite face portions of the bag separated adjacent the sides of the bag, so as to render it easier to find or locate small tools, parts, or articles or the like. After the bag is constructed as heretofore described the same is folded upon itself as shown at 19, with the tools adjacent the fold 9 of the bag. Upon the exterior of the back of the bag two strips are stitched at 20, and have their lower ends extending over the fold 9 and formed into loops 21 provided with keepers or eyes 22. The strips or straps

24 extend beyond and free of the fold 19, and cross at 25 to form a handle 26. The other portions 27 of the strips or straps are stitched at 28 to the back of the bag (which portion 29 of said back becomes the front of the bag when the bag is folded at 19) and terminate in loops 30 (which are adjustable by the buckles 31) having hooks 32, to engage the eyes or keepers 22 of the other ends of the straps, thereby holding the bag folded at 19, which fold 19 is adjacent the edge of the cutaway portion 3, thereby preventing loss of the tools.

The invention having been set forth, what is claimed as new and useful is:—

1. A tool bag comprising a single piece of heavy fabric of elongated form folded twice upon itself and having its end edges stitched together, the end portions of the single piece having semi-elliptical cutaway portions, which, when the adjacent end edges are stitched together, form an elliptical shaped opening at one end of the tool bag, the opposite ends and one side of said opening being spaced a short distance from the opposite sides of the bag and one end thereof forming a partial flange, acting to retain the tools adjacent the opening, the adjacent longitudinal edges of the piece being stitched together, said bag being folded adjacent the inner edge of the opening to retain the tools therein, and means for holding the bag folded, said means including means connected to the bag forming and constituting a handle.

2. A tool bag comprising a single piece of heavy fabric of elongated form folded twice upon itself and having its end edges stitched together, the end portions of the single piece having semi-elliptical cutaway portions, which, when the adjacent end edges are stitched together, form an elliptical shaped opening at one end of the tool bag, the opposite ends and one side of said opening being spaced a short distance from the opposite sides of the bag and one end thereof forming a partial flange, acting to retain the tools adjacent the opening, the adjacent longitudinal edges of the piece being stitched together, said bag being folded adjacent the inner edge of the opening to retain the tools therein, and means for holding the bag folded, said means including means connected to the bag forming and constituting a handle, a reinforcing strip stitched to the exterior and the interior of the bag where the adjacent end edges are connected, a folded strip bounding the edge of the opening, and a heavy welt formed on the interior of the side edges adjacent where the longitudinal edge parts of the piece are connected to spread the opposite face portions of the bag.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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