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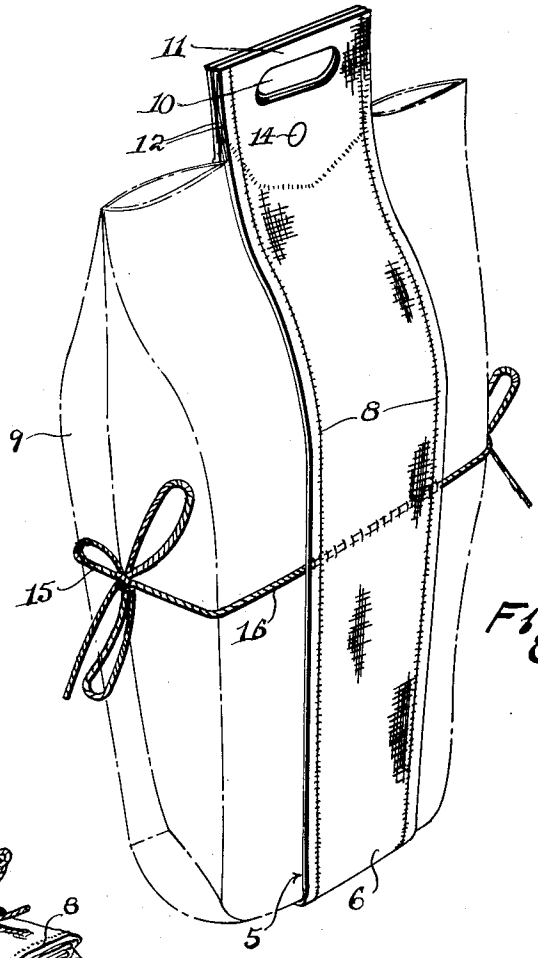


Fig. 1.

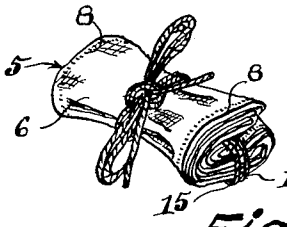


Fig. 3.

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1 Claim. (Cl. 224—45)

My invention relates to a new and useful safety bag carrying strap or sling and has for one of its objects to provide an exceedingly simple and inexpensive article for use in manually transporting very large paper bags, in particular, filled with merchandise as well as other commodious and often unwieldy parcels in a manner to make the act of carrying even a rather heavy package seem easy.

It is customary at the present time in self-service markets for the cashier or assistant to pack the purchased commodities in large bags without handles making it necessary to carry the bulky parcels in the arms and because of the loose nature of the resultant packed articles there is a tendency for the parcel to slip from the arm or become so disarranged that transportation is difficult. Therefore, another object of this invention is to provide a strap or sling which can be positioned underneath the bottom of the bag and temporarily fastened above the mouth thereof where handholds are provided for readily gripping the device which will retain the bag in an upright position and having means to prevent sidewise shifting of the strap and bag relative to one another.

A further object of the invention is to produce an article of manufacture comprising a bag carrying strap or sling consisting of a rather wide strip of fabric of sufficient length to longitudinally encircle or embrace a large filled bag and leave free ends in which apertures are formed to produce handholds, said free ends having interengaging fastening means to temporarily hold them together and flexible cord-like ties secured to the strip back of the ends of the latter to transversely encircle the bag for holding the parts in fixed relation.

A still further object of this invention is to produce an article of the kind mentioned that can be rolled into a small parcel when not in use whereby it may be carried in a person's pocket or purse on the way to the store.

With the above and other objects in view this invention consists of the details of construction and combination of elements hereinafter set forth and then designated by the claim.

In order that those skilled in the art to which this invention appertains may understand how to make and use the same I will describe its construction in detail referring by numerals to the accompanying drawing forming a part hereof, in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a filled bag in phantom showing my carrying strap or sling applied thereto.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view, on a reduced scale, of the strap or sling laid out flat.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view, on an enlarged scale, of the strap or sling wound up into a small parcel for carrying or storage when not in use.

In carrying out my invention as herein embodied **5** represents the carrying strap or sling as a whole consisting of an appreciably wide strip **6** of fabric such as canvas, duck and the like or other appropriate material having finished edges or the edges may be turned, as at **7**, and sewn in place by stitches **8**. The strip **6** is of considerable length in order to encircle and embrace a substantially filled large bag **9** longitudinally thereof

whereby said strip is positioned underneath the bottom of the bag and extends up opposite sides with the ends projecting above the mouth of said bag.

Adjacent opposite ends of the material strip **6** are formed transverse elongated apertures **10** to provide handholds **11** and, if desired, the actual extremities of the material may be folded in, as indicated at **12** to reinforce the ends. In back of or below the apertures **10** are located suitable companion fastening means, such as the male member **13** and female member **14** of a snap fastener. Any equivalent thereof, such as a button and buttonhole, may be substituted for the fastening illustrated.

Approximately midway between the center of the material strip, considered lengthwise thereof, and the ends of the same are fixed the cord-like ties **15** and **16** which extend crosswise of said strip, Fig. 2, and the opposite ends of companion ties are adapted to be tied together.

In practice, the strap or sling can be laid upon any appropriate surface and a filled bag placed on the center thereof, after which the ends of the strap are drawn up to the mouth of the bag and secured together by the fastening means. This will cause the aperture and handhold at one end of the strap to align with similar formations at the other end of said strap so that by grasping the handholds the parcel can be readily and easily transported without the likelihood of the filled bag slipping or tearing which would cause the contents to spill out. To further insure against the bag and strap shifting relative to one another the ties **15** and **16** are carried transversely around the bag and both ends of companion ones tied together as depicted in Fig. 1.

When the strap is not in use it may be folded upon itself in any suitable manner with the ends of the ties exposed to form a small package. The ends of said ties are then folded along one side of the package thus formed, turned at right angles and wrapped about such package and tied as shown in Fig. 3. With the strap tied into a small package it can be placed in a person's pocket, purse or stored in a small space until such time as it is desired to use the same for carrying a large and unwieldy parcel.

Of course I do not wish to be limited to the exact details of construction herein shown and described as these may be varied within the scope of the appended claims without departing from the spirit of my invention.

Having described my invention what I claim as new and useful is:

A safety bag carrying strap or sling comprising a relatively wide and long strip of pliable material to be positioned beneath the bottom and extended up opposite sides of a filled large size paper bag with the ends of said strap projecting above the mouth of the bag and said projecting ends having handholds comprised solely of the edges of apertures adjacent the extremities of the material strip, companion snap fasteners mounted directly on the ends of the strip inwardly of the handholds to fasten the strip ends together, and two separate cords fixedly secured to the material strip, one between each end and the center of said material strip and both ends of one cord to be tied to the companion ends of the other cord after said cords have been only partially passed about the paper bag.

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