To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID LONDON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of Baltimore and the State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shoe Bags and the like, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to bags in general and more particularly to a washable shoe bag and has for its main object the provision of a washable bag provided with a removable stiffening member whereby the bag may be suspended in a manner that is more advantageous than in the case with bags heretofore known.

Another object of the invention is to provide a washable bag having pockets for the reception of shoes or other articles.

Other objects of the invention will hereinafter appear and will be obvious from the following description and the accompanying drawings in which:

Fig. 1 is a front view of the bag; Fig. 2 is a sectional view on the line 2-2 of Fig. 1; and Fig. 3 is a sectional view on the line 3-3 of Fig. 1.

Referring to the drawings in detail, the numeral 10 designates a sheet of muslin or any other suitable material preferably of the shape shown and cooperating with the sheet 10 are cross pieces 11 and 12 stitched at their lower ends and at their sides to the sheet 10. The cross pieces 11 and 12 are also stitched to the sheet 10 longitudinally thereof thus dividing the cross pieces to thereby constitute pockets 16 and 17 in the upper and lower cross pieces 11 and 12 respectively. Intermediate the points at which the cross pieces 11 and 12 are stitched to the sheet 10, the former are folded as shown at 18, for example, whereby an enlarged pocket is produced.

The upper end of the sheet 10 is folded over and stitched at the lines 19 and 20 to constitute a casing 21 open at both ends and adapted to receive a rod 22 which constitutes a stiffening member which is removable when the shoe bag is to be washed. Eyelets 23 are provided at the top of the sheet 10 whereby the shoe bag may be conveniently suspended.

The shoe bag as thus provided may be manufactured at low cost and is a simple and convenient means for holding shoes or other articles. The stiffening member provided near the point of suspension of the bag prevents the bag from sagging under the weight it may carry. This member being removable does not interfere with the washing of the bag.

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

A washable shoe bag comprising a sheet of suitable material constituting the back portion of the bag, means cooperating therewith to form pockets, said means consisting of a cross piece stitched to said back sheet at the bottom, sides and intermediate the sides of the cross piece, said cross piece having portions folded inwardly so that the ends of the folded portions are a short distance from each other whereby enlarged pockets are produced, said back sheet having its upper end folded over and stitched at two transverse lines spaced from the upper end of the sheet and from each other to provide a casing at a spaced distance from the upper end of the sheet, a stiffening member removably positioned in said casing to prevent the sheet from sagging and a plurality of eyelets secured at spaced distances to said sheet between said casing and the upper end of the sheet.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto affix my signature.

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