This invention relates to certain novel improvements in metal laundry bags, and has for its principal object the provision of an improved construction of this character which will be highly efficient in use and economical in manufacture.

It is an object of this invention to provide a metal laundry bag for use in commercial laundries, for family bundles, and a bag which will be more lasting and therefore more economical in use than the now commonly employed fabric bags.

Another object of the invention is to provide a metal laundry bag which, in use, will not be heavier than the fabric bags now in use when the said fabric bag is saturated with water.

An additional object of the invention is to provide a metal laundry bag made of a plurality of interconnected rings through which water may flow, during the operation of washing a family bundle therein, more easily than water will flow through a fabric or cloth bag.

A further object of the invention is to provide an improved and metal mesh laundry bag adapted to contain a family bundle and to be put through the washing operations of commercial laundries and which includes at its mouth or open end a fabric flap that extends around the mouth of the bag on the inside thereof and which flap, when the bag is filled with clothes and the mouth thereof gathered together and the bag thus closed, serves to prevent small articles such, for example, as handkerchiefs, which may be in the bag, from working out of the mouth of the bag between the gathered portions thereof while the bag and bundle are passing through the washing operations.

Other objects will appear hereinafter.

The invention consists in the novel combination and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter described and claimed.

The invention will be best understood by reference to the accompanying drawing, showing the preferred form of construction, and in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the invention;

Fig. 2 is a sectional view, on the line 2—2 in Fig. 1, showing the arrangement of the interconnected rings and the flap extending around the mouth of the bag; and

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary elevational view of the interconnected rings which form the bag.

Referring to the drawing wherein a preferred embodiment of the invention is depicted, my improved bag is indicated at 10 and includes a plurality of metal rings 11 which are interconnected by smaller rings 12, and during the operation of interconnecting the rings 11 by means of rings 12, these rings 12, which are split so as to receive the rings 11, may have their ends joined in any suitable manner such as, for example, by bung welding, soldering, etc.

Extending around the row of rings 11’ (Fig. 2) which define the mouth of the bag is a fabric strip 13 which includes portions 14 and 15 that extend over the inner and outer sides, respectively, of the row of rings 11’, and these portions 14 and 15 are joined together in any suitable manner such as by stitching 16. Depending from the portion 15 and at the inner side of the bag is a flap 17 which depends from the portion 14 on the inside of the bag.

In use a family wash bundle will be disposed in the bag 10 and the same then placed in a commercial washing machine and the mouth of the bag will then be closed, in any suitable manner such as by a cord or chain extended through the row of rings 11’ or by gathering together, by means of a large safety pin 18, the portions of the bag adjacent the mouth or open end thereof. The cleansing solution will then be forced through the bag, flowing more freely through the rings than through the fabric bags now in use and it is particularly to be noted that while being far more durable and lasting in use than the fabric bags now used for this purpose in commercial laundries, the bag 10 will not weigh more than a fabric bag when the latter is saturated with water.

When the bag is gathered together at the mouth, small articles such, for example, as handkerchiefs, will be prevented from work-
ing their way out between the gathered portions at the mouth of the bag by engagement with the flap 17.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred form of construction for carrying my invention into effect, this is capable of variation and modification, without departing from the spirit of the invention. I, therefore, do not wish to be limited to the precise details of construction set forth, but desire to avail myself of such variations and modifications as come within the scope of the appended claims.

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

1. A family bundle laundry bag comprising a plurality of interconnected metal rings, smaller metal rings for interconnecting said first named rings, a fabric strip extending around the row of rings defining the mouth of the bag, and a flap depending from said strip interiorly of the bag.

2. A family bundle laundry bag comprising a plurality of interconnected metal rings, smaller metal rings for interconnecting said first named rings, a fabric strip extending around the row of rings defining the mouth of the bag, and a flap depending from said member interiorly of the bag, said strip including a portion disposed on the inner and outer sides of the bag with said flap depending from said first named portion.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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