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SHOPPING AND TRAVELING BAG

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANCIS P. DWYER, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Shopping and Traveling Bag, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists of a bag for shopping or traveling purposes, the same being adapted to be carried by hand or over a shoulder, as will be hereinafter set forth.

The invention is satisfactorily illustrated in the accompanying drawings, but the important instrumentalities thereof may be varied, and so it is to be understood that the invention is not limited to the specific details shown and described, as long as they are within the spirit or scope of the claims.

Figure 1 represents a partial vertical section and partial side elevation of a bag embodying my invention for shopping purposes.

Figure 2 represents a perspective view partially in section showing the device converted into a traveling bag.

Figures 3 and 4 represent side elevations of members employed detached from their positions.

Figure 5 represents a vertical section on line 5—5 Figure 3.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in the figures.

Referring to the drawings:

1 designates the body of a bag, and 2 and 3 designate the handles thereof, both being of conventional form, the handle 2 being however detachably connected with the body, and the handle 3 being fixed thereto.

The detachable end of the handle 2 has secured to it the plate 4 on whose inner side is the threaded nipple 5 which is formed with or otherwise secured thereto, and extends inwardly therefrom towards the opening 6 in the adjacent portion of the side wall 7 of the bag and is engaged by a nut-like member 8 accessible on the inner side of said wall of the bag, said member having thereon the operating handle 9. The member 8 is swivelled as at 10 on the plate 11 which is riveted or otherwise secured to the inner side of the adjacent portion of the wall 7 of the bag and braced by the plate 12 connected with the outer side of said wall 7.

It will now be seen that when the detachable end of the handle 2 is in normal position, the nut-like member 8 is screwed to the nipple 5 and as said member is carried by the plate 11 and the latter is secured to the wall 7 of the bag, as has been stated, said end of the detachable handle is connected with said wall, and thus the bag may be carried by the two handles 2 and 3, as usual in a shopping bag.

Connected with the detachable end of the handle 2 is the strap 13 which extends therefrom and is of such length that it may be folded in the bag; this being occasioned when the strap is not in use, said strap entering the bag through the slit 14 in the upper portion of the wall 7 of the bag.

The strap is of such length that when it is withdrawn from the bag, it forms with the handle 2 a loop, see Figure 2, sufficiently large to be placed over the shoulder adapting the bag for traveling purposes.

In order to permit the strap to be withdrawn from the bag it is stripped from the nut-like member 8 and the latter is unscrewed from the nipple 5, hence the detachable end of the strap 2 is no longer connected with the wall 7 of the bag and said strap may be removed from said wall and raised carrying with it the strap 13. The latter is thus drawn out from the bag to its required extent to the position shown in Figure 2. In order to prevent disconnection of the strap from the bag, a series of slits or openings such as 15 are made at intervals in the length of the strap either of which according to the distance that the strap is withdrawn may receive the nut-like member 8 which when partially turned by the handle 9 causes the latter to engage the adjacent portion of the strap within the bag to be locked by said handle, as shown in the lower portion of Figure 2. Then the strap 13 at the proper opening 15 therein may be fitted over the handle and nut like member 8, 9 so as to keep said portion close to the inner side of the wall 7 of the bag and thus not to interfere with entrance into the mouth of the bag when open.

It is evident that when the bag is opened, the strap 13 may be reinserted in the body thereof, thus drawing down the end of the handle 2 to its normal position when the nipple 5 may be inserted into the opening 6 in the wall 7 in register with the nut-like member 8. Then the latter is screwed to the
nipple and so said end of the handle 2 is again connected with the wall 7 when the bag may be carried again by the handles 2 and 3 as appearing in Figure 1.

5 As the nut-like member is swivelled on the handle, the plate may be readily rotated thereon in either direction and is not liable to be detached therefrom and lost.

Having thus described my invention what

10 I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. In a bag, a body having a carrying handle, one end of which is fixed to the body, and the other end thereof is detached from said body, a strap connected with the detached end of said handle, said body having an inlet adapting the strap to be slidably into the body and out of the same, a member on the body for locking said strap in either of its positions on the body, and a member on the detached end of said handle engageable with said body for locking said detached end on said body.

2. In a bag, a body having a carrying handle, one end of which is fixed to said body, and the other end is detached therefrom, a strap connected with the detached end of said handle, and a device on the body for locking said strap in either of its positions on the body, and a device on the detached end of said handle engageable with the device on said body for locking the said end to the latter.

3. A bag of the character stated consisting of a body having a carrying handle, an end whereof is detachable from said body, a nipple on the inner side of said end, a nut-like member on the inner wall of said body engageable with said nipple, means on the body for carrying said nut-like member, and a strap connected with said end of the handle adapted when not in use to be located in said body and to be drawn out of the body and form with said handle a lengthened loop as a device for carrying the bag on the shoulder.

4. A bag of the character stated consisting of a body having a carrying handle, an end whereof is detachable from said body, a nipple on said end, a plate on the inner wall of said body attached thereto, and a nut-like member engageable with said nipple, said member being swivelled on said plate whereby said end may be secured to said body and made detachable therefrom.

5. A bag of the character stated consisting of a body having a carrying handle, an end whereof is detachable from said body, a nipple on said end, and a nut-like member on the wall of said body adapted to engage said nipple and thereby secure said end of the handle to the adjacent portion of the body.

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