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[54] **PORTABLE TRAVEL BAG**

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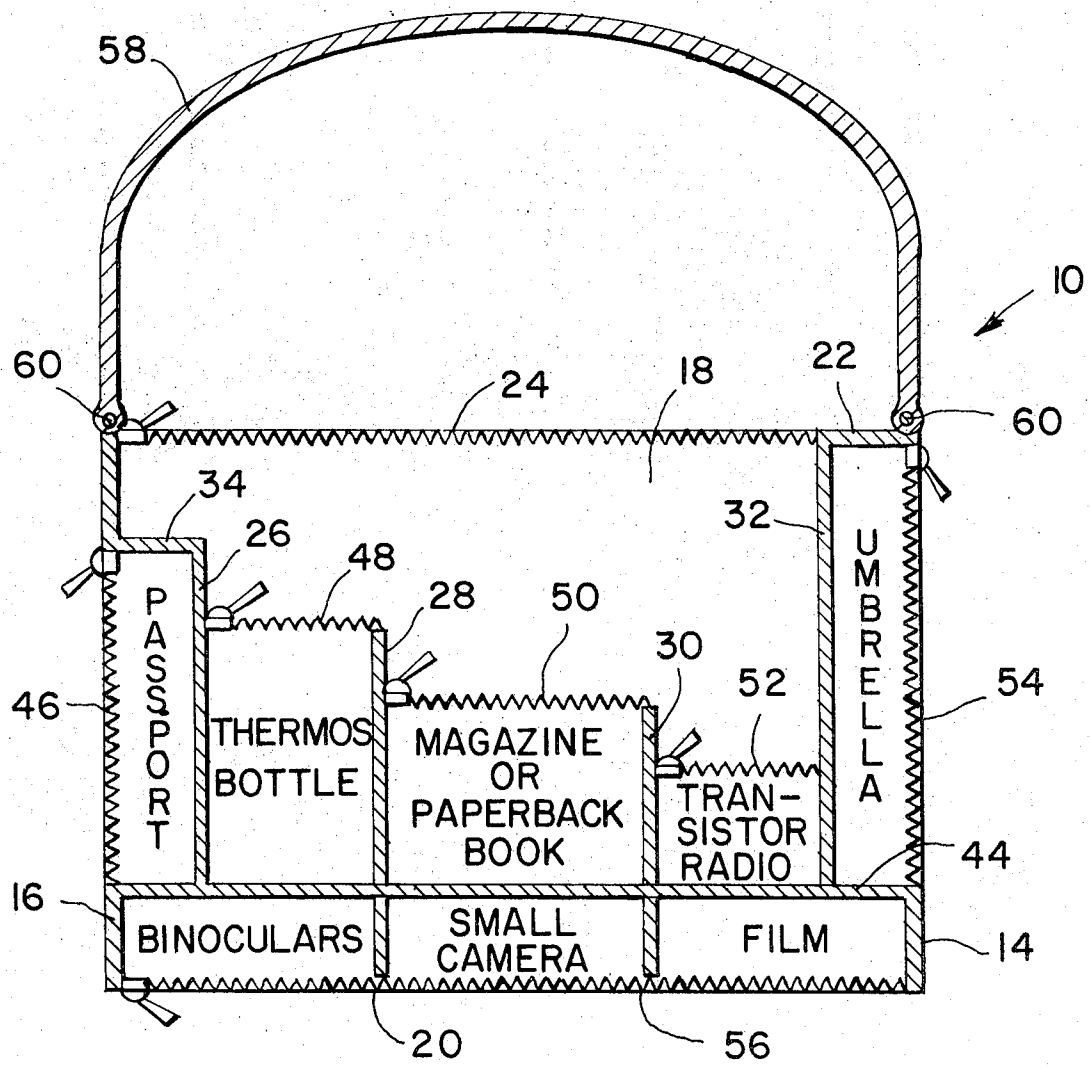
[57] **ABSTRACT**

An all purpose travel bag has a carrying strap and a sack with top, bottom and side zipper closures for the compartments herein. The front of the bag is made of transparent plastic. The bottom of the sack is divided into three compartments intended to house binoculars, a camera and film, respectively, closed at their lower end by a common zipper. Over these compartments are five others of unequal length and/or width. The two outer ones are closed by vertical zippers on the sides of the bag and hold passports and an umbrella. The three inner and smaller compartments have zippers at their tops and hold a thermos bottle, magazines and a radio, respectively.

3 Claims, 3 Drawing Figures



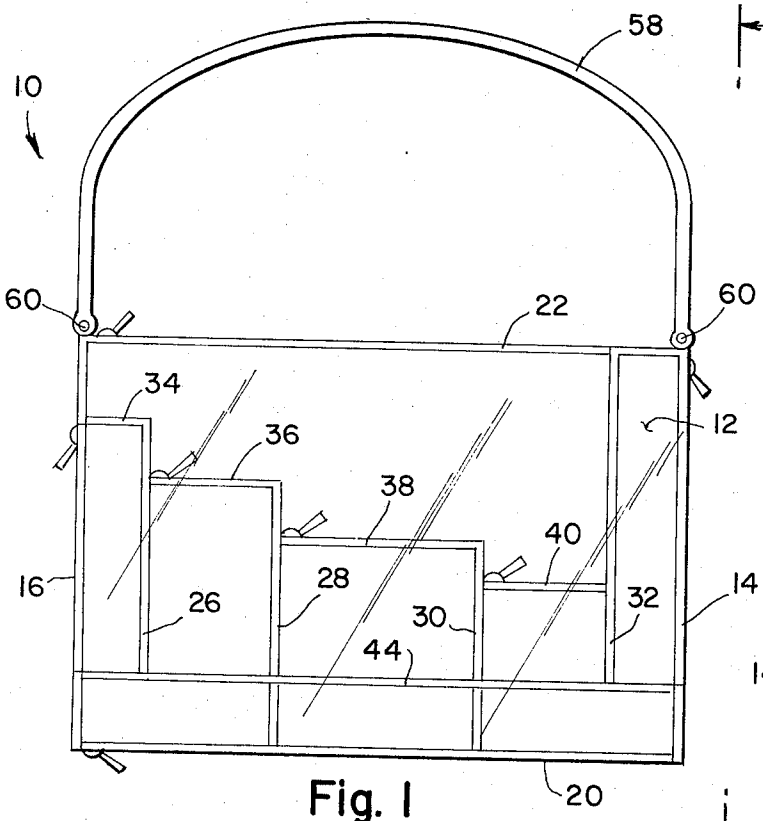
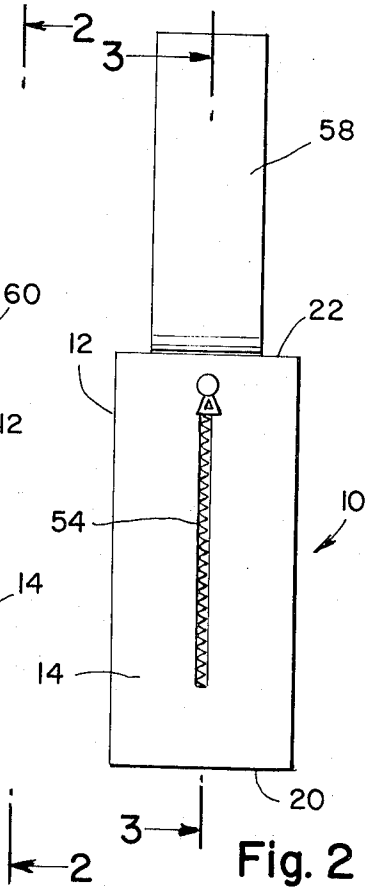


Fig. 1



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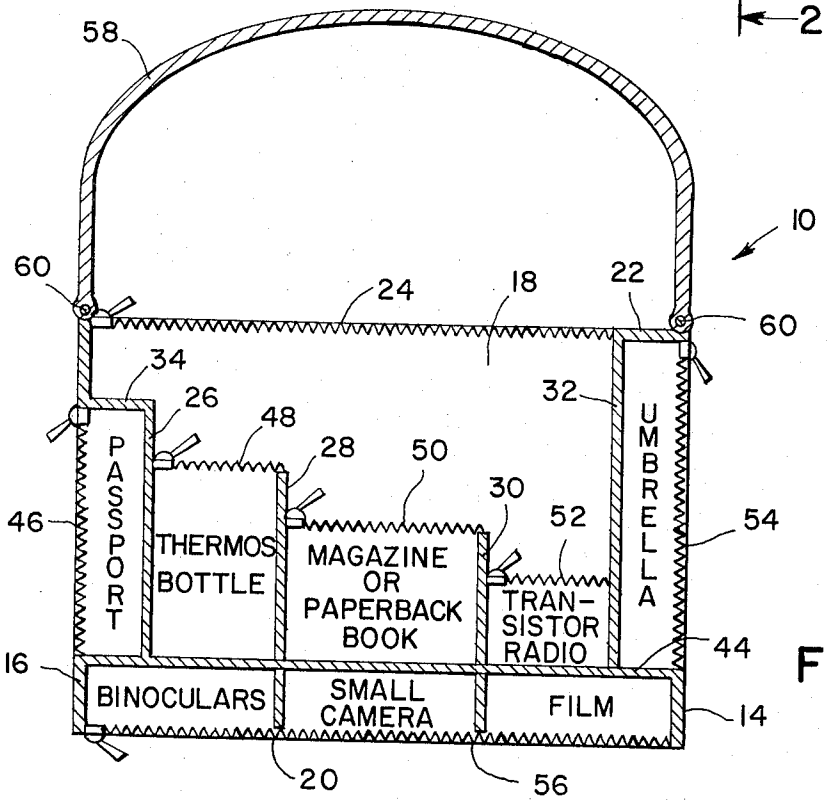

Fig. 3

PORTABLE TRAVEL BAG

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

This invention relates to an over-the-shoulder travel bag having a plurality of compartments for carrying items to which travelers desire immediate access. In design, this bag is more closely akin to a handbag than to a knapsack or packs which are normally carried, on the back of a person. While the invention comtemplates use thereof mainly in travel bags it is applicable also to use for other purposes such as a camping or fishing kit and the like.

All travelers have experienced annoyance in not having immediately at hand certain items such as a passport or a camera and as a result having to unpack a case or having to dig around in a bag to find the desired article.

DESCRIPTION OF PRIOR ART

The prior art to which this invention relates is already aware of the following U.S. Pat. Nos. 3,734,365; 2,792,980; 2,456,253; 2,456,247; and 2,390,673. Generally, the structures described therein are of the pack carrier type and do not have a plurality of separate, closed inner compartments therein whereby to organize the contents thereof.

The principal object of this invention is to provide a device of the character described which shall be inexpensive to manufacture and yet practical and efficient to a high degree in use. Other objects of this invention will in part be obvious and in part hereinafter pointed out.

The invention accordingly consists in the features of construction, combinations of elements, and arrangements of parts which will be exemplified in the construction hereinafter described, and of which the scope of application will be indicated in the following claims.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

In the accompanying drawing, in which is shown one of the various possible illustrative embodiments of this invention, wherein like reference character identify the same or like parts:

FIG. **1** is a front elevational view of the travel pack of the invention;

FIG. **2** is a side view taken along line **2—2** of FIG. **1**; and

FIG. **3** is a broken away view taken along line **3—3** of FIG. **2.**

DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

With reference to the drawing, there is shown and illustrated a travel bag constructed in accordance with the principles of the invention and designated generally by reference character **10.**

This bag consists of a generally rectangular sack made of pliant or semi-rigid material and formed of a vinyl transparent front wall **12,** side walls **14** and **16,** a rear wall **18,** bottom wall **20** and top **22.**

Except for front wall **12,** the sack may be made of duck cloth or canvas or the like stitched, glued or otherwise secured together.

The top wall **22** is provided with a zipper **24** extending horizontally nearly the entire length of the bag so as to provide substantially free access to the interior thereof and the compartments therein.

The bag is provided with a plurality of vertical partitions of unequal lengths **26, 28, 30** and **32** and with horizontal partitions **34, 36, 38** and **40.** Spaced above bottom wall **20** is shelf **44** which extends the entire length of the bag. These partitions and the shelf may be of the same material as the sack or may be of stiffer material, such as plywood, cardboard or polymethyl methacrylate and are secured together as are the other elements of the bag.

As clearly shown in FIGS. **1** and **3,** the various partitions and shelf **44** form a plurality of internal compartments. Thus partitions **34** and **26** are joined at the upper end of the latter while the lower end is secured to shelf **44** to form with side wall **20** a passport compartment closed by vertical zipper **46.** Adjacent to this compartment is a shorter but wider "thermos bottle" compartment defined by partition **36** closed by horizontal zipper **48,** and by vertical partition **28.** Partition **28** can either go through an opening or slot (not shown) made for it in shelf **44,** or else be made in two parts with the lower part extending between the underside of shelf **44** and bottom wall **20** to define the compartment labelled "binoculars" in FIG. **3.**

A still shorter but wider compartment is formed by partitions **38, 28, 30,** shelf **44** and is labelled "magazine" in FIG. **3.** This compartment is closed by zipper **50.** Partition **30,** like **28,** can extend through the shelf or be made in two parts to define the compartment labelled "camera" in FIG. **3.** Partitions **30** and **32** define a still shorter "rapid" compartment closed by zipper **52.** As shown, partition **32** extends to the top of the bag where its upper end is fixed to top wall **22** to form with shelf **44** a closed top umbrella compartment with vertical zipper **54.** The lower end or part of partition **30** forms with shelf **44** and side wall **20** a third bottom compartment labelled "film".

The three bottom compartments are closed by the same horizontal zipper **56.**

It will be seen that the two outer compartments extend for nearly substantially the entire height of the sack above shelf **44** and furthermore are designed to hold shock resistant articles while the adjacent inner compartments may hold more fragile articles. This arrangement provides protection to the items in the inner compartments.

A single shoulder strap or handle **58** extending from one side wall to the other and is pivoted by pins **60** to eyelets fixed to the top of these walls. Since, with the advent of unisex fashions, both men and women carry handbags of various sizes and shapes it will be evident that the foregoing described embodiment is suitable for both sexes. If desired, however, the carrying strap may be made shorter and more closely resembling a valise handle.

In use, the three central compartment may be reached by unzippering top horizontal zipper **24,** and then, if access to any of these compartments is desired, their respective zipper is unzippered. Operation of the outer compartments is self-evident.

It will be seen that some useful space is available above the top of the inner compartments. This can be used for various small articles which generally do not need to be organized in a bag, such as kerchiefs, toothbrushes, bandaids, etc. and even clothing.

Naturally, the bag of the invention and its compartments may be manufactured in any size desired.

It will thus be seen that there is provided a travel article in which the several objects of this invention are achieved, and which is well adapted to meet the conditions of practical use.

As various possible embodiments might be made of the above invention, and as various changes might be made in the embodiment above set forth, it is to be understood that all matter herein set forth or shown in the accompanying drawing is to be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

Having thus described my invention I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. A travel bag comprising front and rear walls; opposed side walls; top and bottom walls forming a sack; a plurality of horizontal and vertical partitions in said sack; a horizontal shelf extending between said end walls spaced above said bottom wall and defining bottom compartments with some of said partitions and said bottom wall; and a zipper extending along said bottom wall to close said bottom compartments; a plurality of inner compartments formed by said horizontal and

vertical partitions and said shelf, a zipper closing the top of each of said inner compartments; a pair of outer vertical compartments on either side of said inner compartments, one of said compartments being defined by a part of said top wall, said shelf, one of said vertical partitions and said side wall; said one compartment having a vertical zipper for closing same; said other outer compartment being defined at its top by one of said horizontal partitions, at its bottom by said shelf and at its sides by one of said side walls and by one of said vertical partitions, a vertical zipper for closing said other compartment; a horizontal zipper extending substantially the length of said sack in said top wall for gaining access to said inner compartments and a handle extending above said top wall and secured to the top of said side walls.

2. The bag of claim **1** wherein said front wall is transparent.

3. The bag of claim **1** wherein said sack is of pliant material.

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