

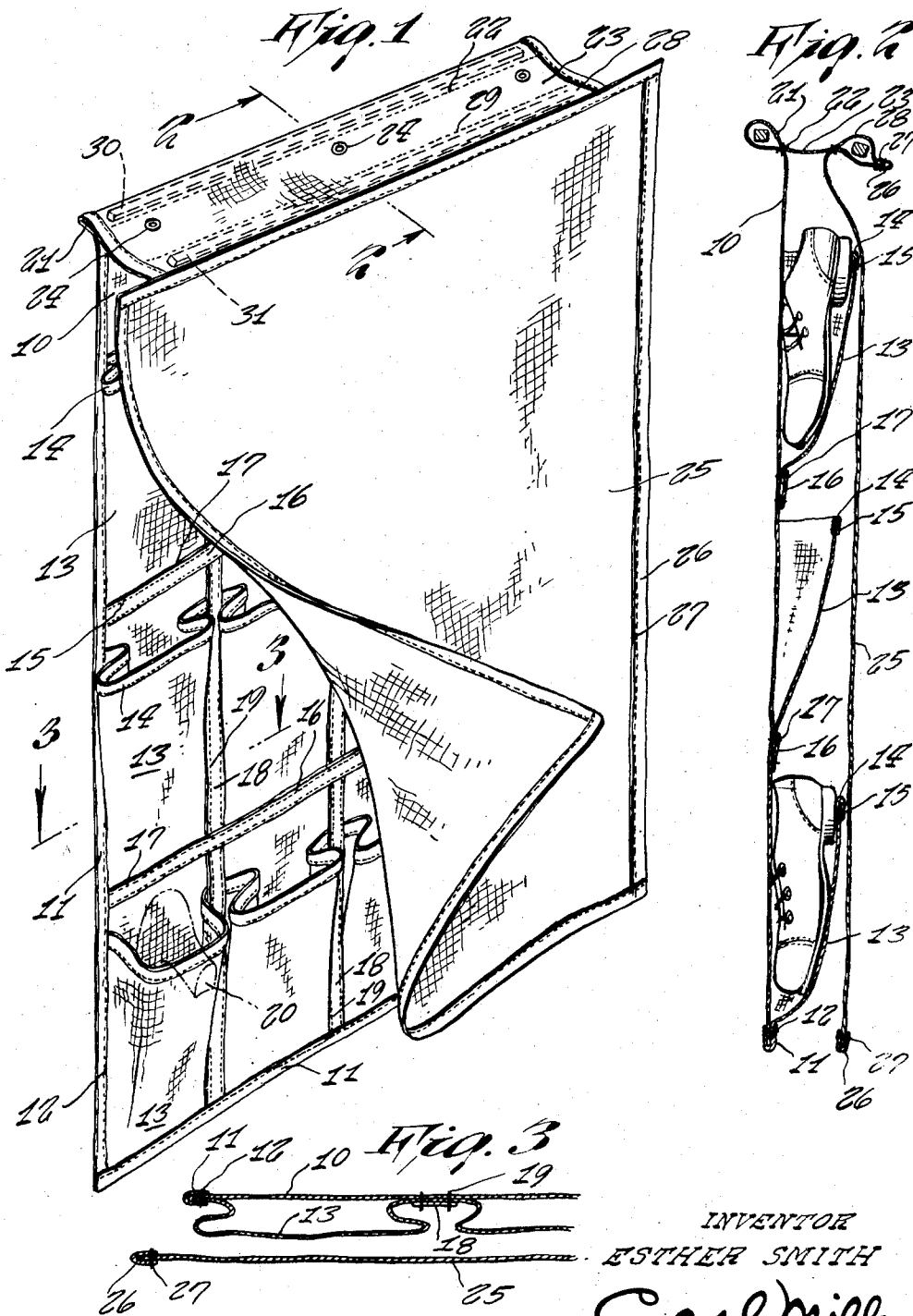
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This invention relates to shoe bags.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a shoe bag having a cover which will render the shoe bag substantially invisible.

It is another object of the present invention to provide a covered shoe bag which will prevent the shoes from becoming dirty and eliminate the necessity of dusting the same before use.

Other objects of the present invention are to provide a covered shoe bag bearing the above objects in mind which is of simple construction, easy to manufacture, has a minimum number of parts and is effective and efficient in use.

For other objects and a better understanding of the invention, reference may be had to the following detailed description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a preferred embodiment of the present invention;

Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view thereof taken along the line 2—2 of Fig. 1; and

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary transverse sectional view thereof taken along the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Referring now more in detail to the drawing, 10 represents a flexible wall of fabric reinforced around its edges with the border material 11 secured thereto by stitching 12.

Each of the fabric strips 13 is provided along its upper edge with the border material 14 secured thereto by the stitching 15.

Transverse strips 16 overlap the lower edges of the strips 13 securing the latter to the wall 10 by means of stitching 17 and providing a plurality of vertically spaced pockets, as will be obvious. It will be noted that the lower edge of the lowermost of the strips 13 is secured within the borders 11.

Vertical strips 18 overlie the strips 13 and are secured to the wall 10 by stitching 19, thus dividing each of the vertically spaced pockets into a plurality of compartments, each adapted to contain therewithin a shoe 20, the strips 18 passing under the transverse strips 16.

A tunnel 21 is formed at the upper end of the wall 10 by means of the stitching 22 and forms a top wall 23 having the longitudinally spaced grommets 24 adapted to support the bag in suitable manner on hooks or the like.

A rectangular flexible cover 25 of fabric is adapted to overlie the wall 10 with the pockets therebetween, the cover 25 being provided with the border material 26 secured thereto by stitching 27. The upper border material 26 (Fig. 2) serves to secure thereunder the forward

edge of the top wall 23, whereby to connect the cover thereto. A tunnel 28 is formed intermediate the top wall 23 and the cover 25 by means of the stitching 29.

Elongated sticks or rods 30 and 31 are positioned within the tunnels 21 and 28, respectively, whereby to impart rigidity to the top wall 23.

Thus, when the device is supported by means of the grommets 24, the cover 25 will overlie the wall 10 and the pockets 13 so as to render the shoe bag substantially invisible. This is particularly desirable for people who live in one room and do not have any particular place to put their shoes. Such persons are unable to use a regular shoe bag because the shoes would show and would present an unattractive appearance to guests or the like.

By means of the cover 25, the bag will remain substantially invisible while at the same time the shoes are prevented from becoming dirty. The attractiveness of the cover would be increased by bright coloring, such as stripes, checks, plaids, prints or the like. Thus, the cover would look more like a decoration than a shoe bag and may, of course, be of washable fabric.

While various changes may be made in the detail construction, it shall be understood that such changes shall be within the spirit and scope of the present invention as defined by the appended claim.

Having thus set forth and disclosed the nature of my invention, what is claimed is:

A shoe bag comprising a flexible wall of fabric, vertically spaced strips of fabric secured along their lower edge to the front face of said wall to provide a plurality of pockets, said pockets intermediate their ends being secured to said wall to provide a plurality of compartments each adapted to contain a shoe, means for suspending said wall from the top thereof, a flexible cover of substantially greater width than said wall adapted to overlie said wall and said compartments whereby to render the same substantially invisible, and means for connecting the upper edge of said cover to said wall, said means for suspending said wall comprising a tunnel formed at the upper edge of said wall and defining a forwardly extending top wall longitudinally spaced grommets in said top wall adapted to be suspended on hooks or the like, and an elongated rod within said tunnel whereby to impart rigidity to said top wall, said means for securing said cover to said wall comprising the upper edge of said cover having a first line of stitches securing said cover to the forward edge of said wall, a second line of stitching spaced from said juncture of said cover and top wall and forming a second top tunnel extending the length of said top wall, the sides of said cover extending beyond the extremities of said second top tunnel, and a second rigid rod within said second tunnel.

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