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OVERNIGHT OR BATHING HAND BAG

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Fig. 1.

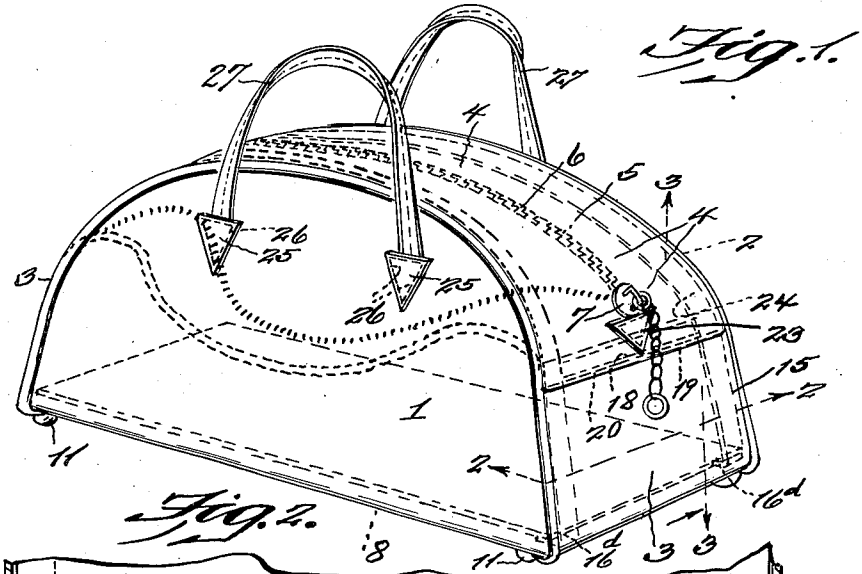


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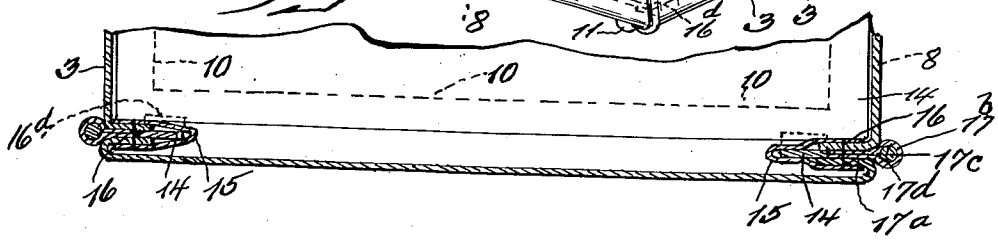


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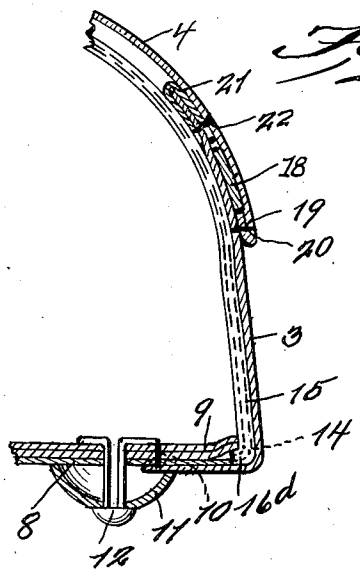
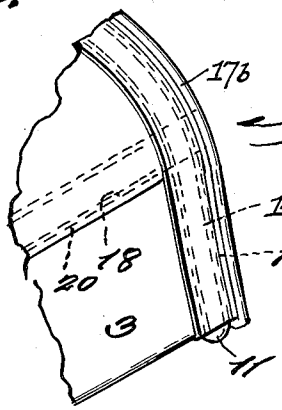


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This invention relates to an improved overnight or bathing hand or traveling bag, it depending entirely on the size the bag may be constructed.

The main purpose of the invention is to provide a bag with yieldable elements having coverings or sheaths located and fastened adjacent the end and upper corners of the wall of the bag, to retain such wall of the bag distended to its fullest and normal shape.

Another purpose of the invention is to provide a bag of this character, whereby due to the yieldable elements in said corners of the end and upper walls of the bag, either side of the bag can be crushed at its central portion or slightly near the ends of the bag, as shown in the drawing, to enable easy access to the interior of the bag.

In most bags of this character it is possible for the sides of the bag to collapse toward each other, in which case, the end and top walls may become so out of shape and loose that the bag will present a very unsightly appearance. It is therefore another purpose of the invention, to provide yieldable but reinforcing elements attached in position and arranged transversely of the ends of the bag, said strips being positioned in overlapping or folding portions of the material of the end and top walls of the bag, thereby presenting a neat appearance as well as a practical construction.

A still further purpose is to provide the yieldable spring steel elements (which are located and secured in position adjacent the end corner and upper edges of the bag) with right angle terminals, which are fastened between the inside and outer bottoms of the bag to assist in retaining said spring steel bands or elements in place.

It is to be understood that the particulars herein given are in no way limitative, and that while still keeping within the scope of the invention, any desired modification of details and proportions may be made in the construction of the appliance according to circumstances.

The invention comprises further features and combination of parts to be hereinafter set forth, shown in the drawing and claimed.

In the drawing:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved bag constructed in accordance with the invention.

Figure 2 is a transverse sectional view on line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a sectional view on line 3—3 of Figure 1, showing where the right angle terminals of the yieldable steel bands are arranged between the inside and outside bottoms of the bag.

Figure 4 is a view of a modified form in which strips are stitched securely adjacent the corner edges of the bag causing pockets to be formed for the reception of the resilient bands.

Referring to the drawing 1 and 2 identify the opposite side walls of the bag while 3 identifies the lower end walls which extend upwardly toward the top of the bag.

The bag includes an outer top and partial end walls 4 of the bag, there being provided a slit or an opening 5 to be closed by a conventional type of zipper fastener 6, there being a slide 7 for closing the opposite elements of the zipper fastener.

The side and lower end walls of the bag are turned under on the exterior surface of the bottom of the bag, which bottom is composed of an outer bottom piece 8 and an inside bottom 9, said inside bottom being in the form of a stiffener.

The underturned portions of the sides and lower end walls of the bag are stitched at 10 to the exterior bottom thickness and to the interior stiffening bottom thickness, the interior bottom thickness acting as a stiffening element for the bottom of the bag.

Where the underturned portions of the sides and end walls of the bag are stitched, the corner portions of the bag on the bottom thereof are provided with metal feet or supports 11, which are secured in position by fasteners 12. These fasteners 12 pass through the metal feet or supports and are clinched on the inside of the bag adjacent the inside bottom of the bag.

The material of the lower end and top walls adjacent the corner edges of the bag is stitched together as at 16. Where this stitching 16 occurs the material of the lower end and top walls adjacent the corner edges of the bag is folded in as shown at 17*a*, the stitching 16 passing through the folded end portions. Suitable welts 17*b* are provided at the corner edges of the bag, said welts comprising a thread or cord fillers 17*c* and a thin leather covering 17*d*. This covering around the cord filler has its adjacent folded parts stitched also at 16 between the inturned portions of the lower end and top walls of the bag. Yieldable or resilient steel band elements 14 are provided. These elements 14 have coverings of thin leather 15, the opposed edges of which are stitched together also at 16 and upon the inturned portions

17a of the lower end and top walls of the bag. The lower remote ends of the steel bands are provided with right angle extending feet 16d, which engage between the inside and exterior bottom pieces of the bag, thereby acting to support the bands or yieldable elements in position.

Positioned transversely of the end walls of the bag are spring steel strips 18, over which the top wall 4 of the bag engages and is folded under at 19 and stitched at 20, assisting materially in holding the steel spring strips in place, said strips acting to retain the shape of the bag.

The upper edges of the lower end walls of the bag are provided with a binding strip 21 stitched at 22, and where this stitching occurs, it is carried through the end portions of the top wall of the bag, further giving the bag a neat appearance and retaining the transverse yieldable metal strips in position.

Suitable tabs 23 are stitched at 24 adjacent the ends of the zipper closed opening of the bag, said tabs serving the purpose of allowing a hand grip on the bag when operating the slide of the zipper fastener.

Leather or other suitable pieces 25 are stitched at 26 to the outer faces of the side walls of the bag, between which the ends of the handles 27 are stitched or otherwise fastened. In the modification in Figure 4 of the drawing the resilient steel band element 14 has a suitable covering of thin leather or any other suitable material 15a, suitably stitched as shown on the outside of the wall of the bag adjacent the welt 17b. This construction is in lieu of the showing of the resilient steel band elements 14 on the interior of the bag as in Figures 1 and 2, the steel band elements in Figure 4 are identified by the numeral 14a.

The invention having been set forth, what is claimed is:

1. In a bag as set forth, a bag body having opposite side and end walls, a top wall extending into the end walls, said top and end walls having opposite corner edge connections with the said side walls and provided with welts, resilient band elements secured adjacent said corner edge connections, and covering strips for said band elements secured to parts of the welts and the sides and top wall of the bag.

2. In a bag as set forth, a bag body having opposite side and end walls, a top wall extending into said end walls, said top and end walls having opposite corner edge connections with said side walls and provided with welts, resilient band elements secured adjacent said corner edge connections, and covering strips for said band elements secured to parts of the welts and the sides and top wall of the bag, said coverings located within the bag immediately adjacent the corner edges and the welt.

3. A bag as set forth, comprising opposed sides and ends, and a top portion provided with cpposite corner edge connections uniting said sides, ends, and top portion, opposed welts adjoining the corner edges where the sides and ends and top portion connect, yieldable bands adjacent the inner parts of said corner edge connections, coverings folded around said bands with their edge portions secured to the corner edge connections adjacent said welts, whereby either side of the bag may be crushed or depressed from the top downwardly allowing easy access to the interior of the bag.

4. A bag as set forth comprising opposed sides and ends and a top portion provided with opposite corner edge connections uniting said sides, ends, and top portion, opposed welts adjoining the corner edge connections yieldable bands adjacent the inner parts of said corner edge connections, coverings folded around said bands with their edge portions secured to the corner edge connections adjacent said welts, whereby either side of the bag may be crushed or depressed from the top downwardly allowing easy access to the interior of the bag, an inside bottom stiffening element, the lower ends of the bands having right angle parts engaging between the inside stiffening element and the outside bottom portion of the bag to assist in holding the bands in position.

5. A bag, comprising sides, ends, and a top, the latter having an elongated zipper closed opening, said bag having opposed corner edge connections uniting said sides, ends, and top, resilient band elements conforming to and arranged interiorly of and adjacent said corner edge connections, resilient strips transversely of the ends of the bag and adjacent where the top and ends adjoin, said top and ends having their adjacent portions overlapping causing pockets to be formed for the resilient transverse strips.

6. A bag, comprising sides, ends, and a top, the latter having an elongated zipper closed opening, said bag having opposed corner edge connections uniting said sides, ends, and top, resilient band elements conforming to and arranged interiorly of and adjacent said corner edge connections, resilient strips transversely of the ends of the bag and adjacent where the top and ends adjoin, said top and ends having their adjacent portions overlapping causing pockets to be formed for the resilient transverse strips, the interior of the bag having a stiffening bottom element, the lower portions of the bands having right angle terminals engaged between the stiffening bottom element and the exterior bottom of said bag, assisting in holding the bands in place.

7. A bag as set forth comprising sides, ends, and a top, said top having an elongated zipper closed opening, the ends of the top adjoining the ends of the bag, the adjoining parts of the ends of the bag and the top overlapped and stitched together thereby causing elongated pockets to be formed, resilient strips extending transversely of the ends and arranged in said pockets, the lower edge portions of the ends of the top being underlapped where the stitching occurs giving a finish to the bag.

8. A bag as set forth, comprising sides, ends, and a top, opposite corner edge connections including welts connecting the sides, ends, and top, coverings around the welts and having portions engaged between the edge connections, resilient band elements interiorly of the bag and conforming to and adjacent said corner edge connections, coverings around the resilient band elements and in turn having portions extending and secured between said corner edge connections and portions of the welt covering, whereby either one of the resilient band elements may be depressed at the top allowing easy access to the interior of the bag, and upon removal of the pressure the element will resume its normal shape and position.

9. A bag as set forth, comprising sides, ends, and a top, opposite corner edge connections including welts connecting the sides, ends, and top, coverings around the welts and having portions engaged between the edge connections,

resilient band elements interiorly of the bag and conforming to and adjacent said corner edge connections, coverings around the resilient band elements and in turn having portions extending and secured between said corner edge connections and portions of the welt covering, whereby either one of the resilient band elements may be depressed at the top allowing easy access to the interior of the bag, and upon removal of the pressure the element will resume its normal shape and position, the ends having pockets, and resilient strips extending transversely of the ends and arranged in said pockets.

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