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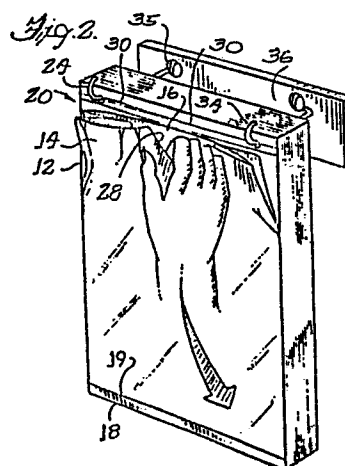
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54 **Bag bundles and method of and apparatus for manufacture thereof.**

57 A bag bundle (10) is disclosed. The bundle comprises a plurality of plastic bags (12). Each such bag includes a first sidewall (14), a second sidewall (16) integral with the first sidewall at lateral end portions thereof, a closed bottom (18), an opening (20) in distal relation to the bottom and a tab (24). A longitudinal end portion of the first and second sidewalls defines the opening. The tab (24) is integral with at least one of the first and second sidewall end portions adjacent the opening. The tab, moreover, is readily separable from such sidewall end portion because of the presence of a plurality of perforations (26) formed in such sidewall end portion adjacent the opening. Only one of the first and second sidewalls includes a hand hole formed through such sidewall and to the tab. The bags are affixed together at their tabs in a stacked, folded manner, all such bag hand holes being uniformly disposed. The affixed tabs (14) preferably include at least one support hole (32) therethrough for securing the bag bundle to a support (34).

Also disclosed is a method of and an apparatus for manufacturing the bag bundles.





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