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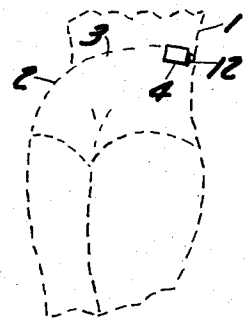


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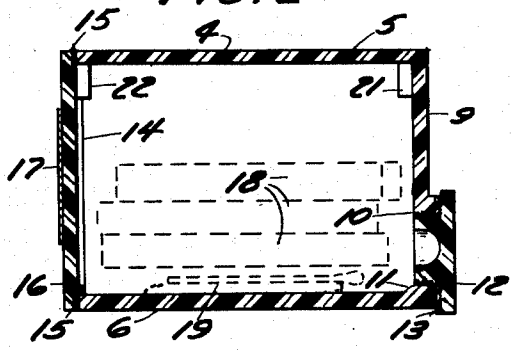


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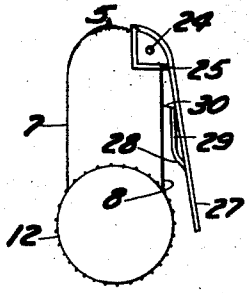


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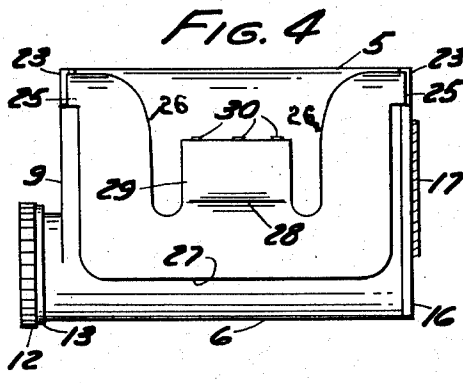


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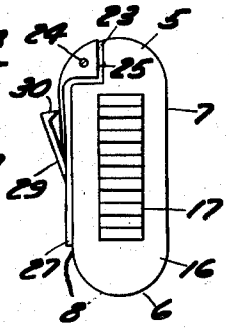


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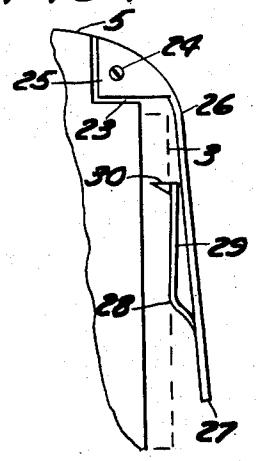


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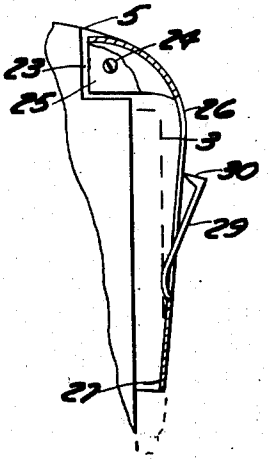
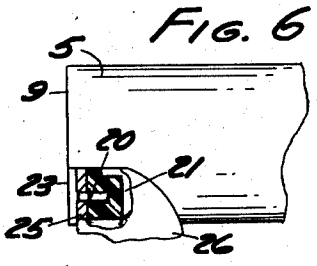


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This invention relates to attachable pockets or containers of waterproof construction.

This invention has utility when incorporated in a cigarette and match case adapted to be readily attached to and removed from the garment or belt of a bather.

Referring to the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a fragmentary showing in dotted lines of a bather having at the belt region of the garment and attached thereto, a waterproof cigarette case or pocket of the invention herein;

Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section, on an enlarged scale, of the pocket of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is an end elevation of the pocket from the right of Fig. 2;

Fig. 4 is a side elevation of the pocket, looking at the back of the showing in Fig. 2;

Fig. 5 is an end elevation of the pocket, looking from the left of Fig. 2;

Fig. 6 is a fragmentary plan view of a portion at the upper left in Fig. 4;

Fig. 7 is a view of the pocket attaching means, looking from the left in Fig. 4, and in belt engaging position; and

Fig. 8 is a view similar to Fig. 7 in which the attaching means is in belt-releasing position.

A bather 1 is shown with a trunk portion garment 2 having a belt portion 3. At this belt there may be readily mounted the waterproof pocket or cigarette case of the invention.

In the preferred practice hereunder, the case may comprise a main body portion 4, either of transparent plastic, or in an attractive or distinctive color in harmony with the bathing suit or desires of the bather.

The case

The plastic body major element 4 has a semi-cylindrical top 5, and parallel thereto a semi-cylindrical bottom 6, with connecting side walls 7, 8, between the top 5 and the bottom 6. An end wall 9 has an opening 10 therein with a bevel 11 thereto from the adjacent side or bottom 6. A screw cap 12 fits the internally threaded opening 10 and coacts with a compressible gasket or seal 13, say of rubber in providing a watertight closure for the pocket. The body 4 remote from the end 9 has an opening 14 into which is press-fitted and sealed, say by thermosetting or thermoplastic adhesive 15, and end wall 16. When the pocket herein disclosed is used as a cigarette case, it is desirable to provide a roughened or abrasive region 17 on the end 16 as a convenient match scratching means as occasion may arise to light a removed cigarette 18 by a match 19 as the cap 12 is removed and such articles may be shaken to project from the opening 10.

The clip

Cast-formed holes 20 are in alignment at interior lugs 21, 22, adjacent the junction of the

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side 8 with the top 5 in proximity to the ends of the case. Exterior from these lugs are provided minor seats 23. Ears 25 are provided at the free sides 26 of a U-shaped guide plate having a connecting portion 27 between said ends. The ears 25 may be anchored in the seats by drive screws 24 fastened into the holes 20. The screws 24 provide pivot bearings for the plate 25, 26, with the portion 27 normally spaced somewhat outward from the junction of the bottom 6 and the side 8.

The plate portion 27 centrally thereof and between the legs or ends 26, has a fulcrum-providing offset 28 toward the side 8 with a tongue 29 therefrom to free end points 30, as snag or catch means to effect anchoring with apparel or belt 3. The rounding of the bottom 6 and the slight outward flare of the portion 27 combine to provide convenient means for the user readily to slip the pocket into anchored position.

The pivot pins or mounting screws 24 anchor the ears 25 rather snugly in the seats 23. Should the apparel 3, in sliding the case to a mounting position thereon, tend to spread the base or connecting portion 27 of the clip from the side 8 of the case, there may be slight movement of the ear 25 in the seat 23. However, in practice this additional clearance is cared for by the spring action of the legs 26.

For release of the attached case from the article of apparel, the bather or wearer of the case, may depress the tip of the portion 27 near the rounded portion bottom 6 and theretoward. This action tends to shift the fulcrum offset 28 toward the case to approach co-planar position (Fig. 8) as to the legs 26, with a resulting tilt of the points 30 away from the case and also into the plane of the legs 26. Accordingly, the legs 26 hold the apparel 3 toward the case in effecting complete withdrawal of the points 30 from apparel snagging position. It follows that from this depression of the portion 27, the case, as theretofore firmly attached to the apparel, is now sufficiently released therefrom that the clip and case may be upwardly slipped clear thereof.

While the cases may be right-hand and left-hand, in the event there be a left-handed user, the case in mounting may be located inward from the apparel with the clip outwardly exposed. With the bather's accessory adapted for carrying cigarettes, and the mounting being as shown in Fig. 1, the wearer, when the case be out of the water, in the event wading be still in order, may with one's fingers engage the knurled cap 12 to twist it to be clear of the case 4. Then by slightly shaking the case, a match and a cigarette may be brought to exposed position, removed therefrom and the closure re-assembled to sealing position with the case. Notwithstanding the case exterior may still be wet, the roughened portion 17 provides an effective scratch region for

friction-igniting of the match for the smoker.

What is claimed and it is desired to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A U-shaped spring clip comprising a pair of parallel legs, a connecting portion from which the legs extend, said legs terminating in offset ears, and a case having seats mounting said ears of the clip for limited swing movement relatively to the case, said connecting portion having a tongue fulcrumed thereto by an offset toward the case with the tongue extending between the legs to a point-carrying free end adapted to snag into apparel passed under the legs along the case and coacting upon depression of the connecting portion toward the case to shift the point-carrying free end clear of the apparel.

2. A device according to claim 1 wherein said case comprises parallel front and back walls connecting a rounded top wall with a similarly conversely rounded bottom wall, parallel end walls spaced by the front, back, top and bottom walls which walls provide bounds for a chamber in the case, said bottom wall and an adjacent portion

of an end wall having an internally threaded tubular extension forming an opening into the chamber which opening on one side is flush with the inside of the bottom wall and an externally threaded knurled flange closure for the opening.

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