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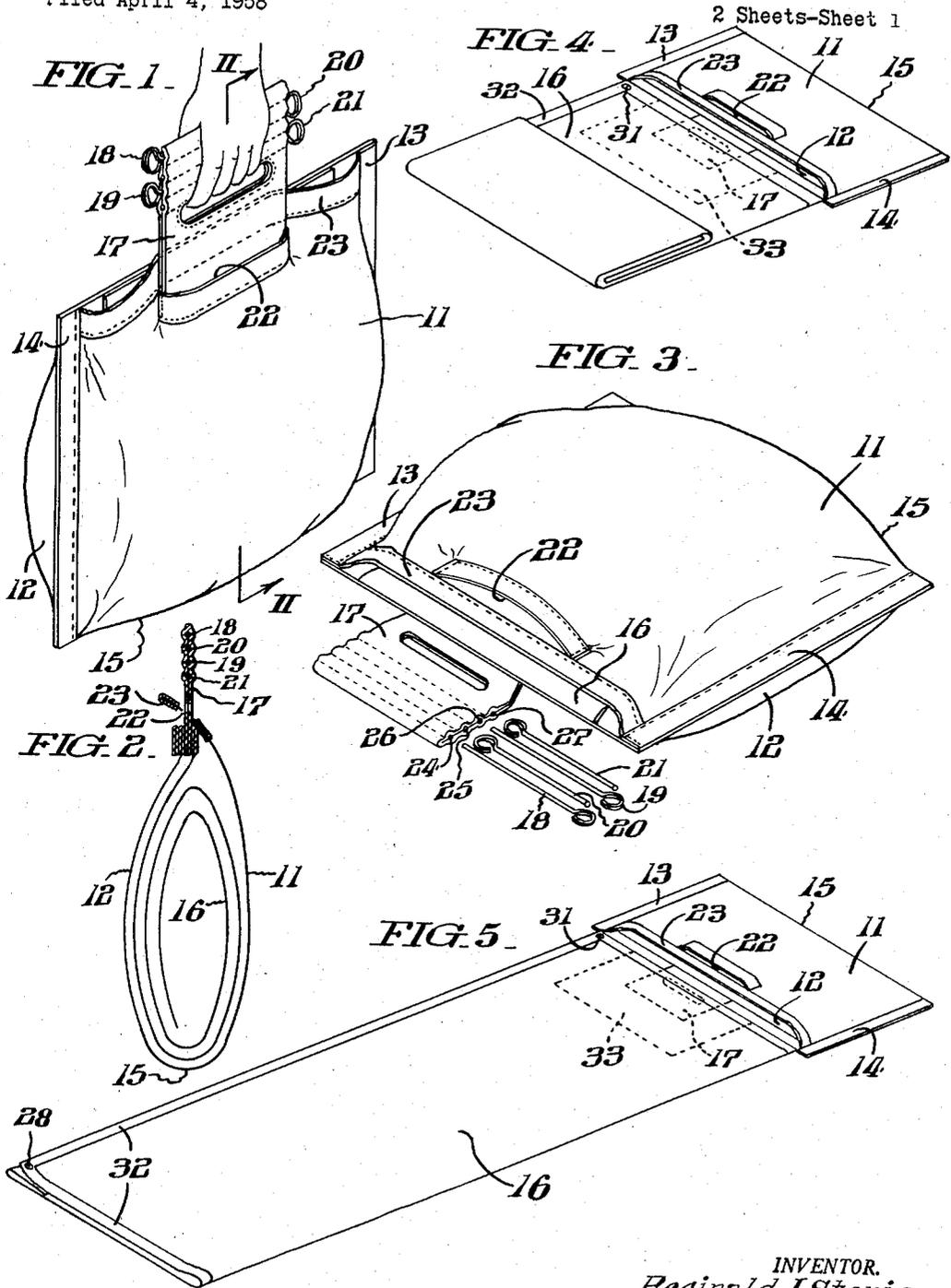
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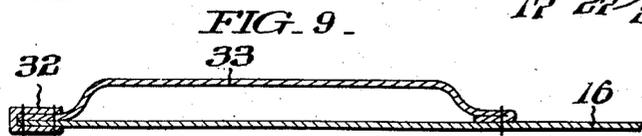
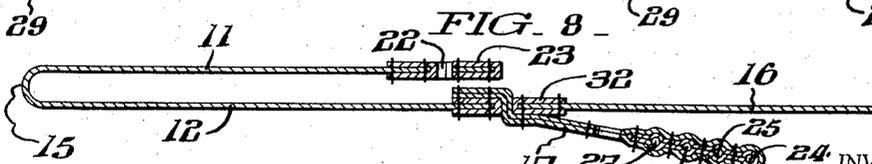
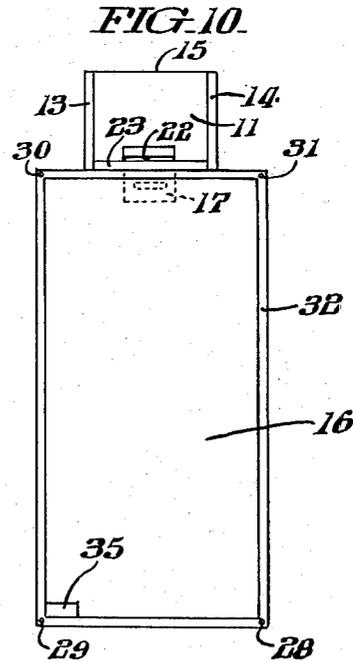
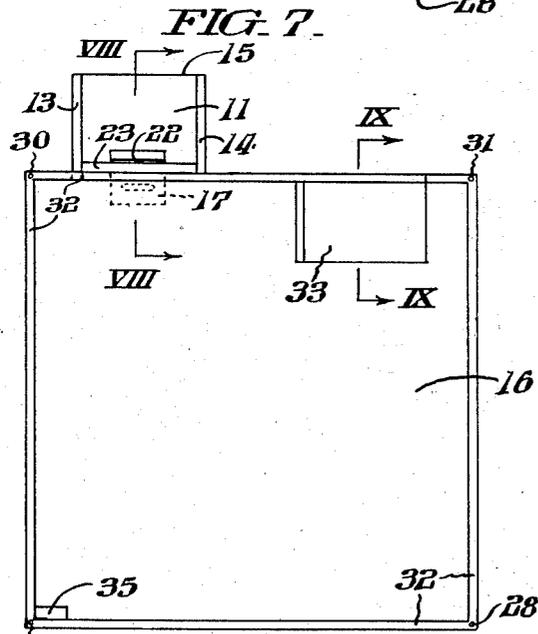
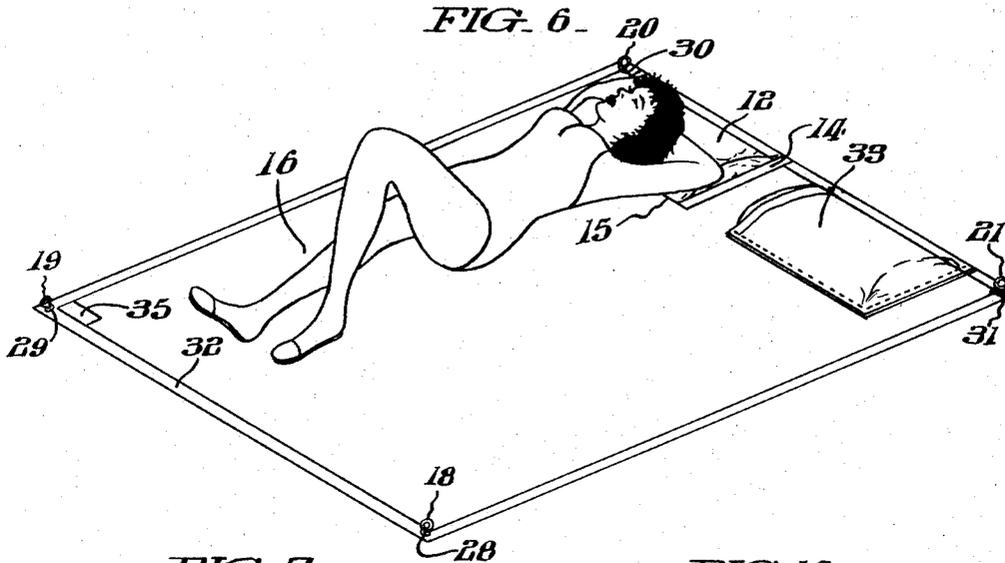
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This invention relates to the carrying of beach or bathing paraphernalia and more particularly to a novel combination beach pack.

When going to a bathing beach, it is customary for bathers to carry with them various articles designed for personal comfort, such as beach cloths, pillows, bathing suits, towels and the like. It is common practice for such articles to be carried either separately or collectively in a special bag or basket. It is an object of this invention to provide a means for carrying such articles conveniently and easily combined with a means for lounging on the sand. It is a further object to provide a means for carrying bathing paraphernalia which is economical of manufacture and simple in its operation.

The above described objects are accomplished by means of the combination beach pack of this invention as illustrated by the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Fig. 1 illustrates a perspective view of an embodiment of this invention in its assembled state.

Fig. 2 is a sectional view taken along the lines and in the direction of arrows II—II of Fig. 1.

Figs. 3, 4 and 5 are perspective views similar to Fig. 1 showing the beach pack of this invention in intermediate stages of assembly.

Fig. 6 is a perspective view showing the embodiment of Fig. 1 in its disassembled state and in use as a beach cloth for lounging and sleeping.

Fig. 7 is a plan view of the disassembled embodiment of Fig. 1 showing various details of construction.

Fig. 8 is a sectional view taken along the lines and in the direction of the arrows VIII—VIII of Fig. 7.

Fig. 9 is a sectional view taken along the lines and in the direction of the arrows IX—IX of Fig. 7.

Fig. 10 is a plan view of another embodiment of this invention.

Referring now to Figs. 1 and 2, an embodiment of my invention is shown comprising a flexible pocket portion consisting of coextensive walls 11, 12, lined with a waterproof material, said walls having common stitched edges 13, 14 and an integral folded edge 15; an integral body portion 16 composed of flexible material; an integral handle portion 17; and stiffeners 18, 19, 20, 21 for said handle portion. Fig. 1 also illustrates the use of the beach pack of my invention as a carrying bag for bathing paraphernalia. As shown in Fig. 2 body portion 16 is folded upon itself and in this compacted state is disposed completely within the envelope of the walls 11, 12. It is apparent from Fig. 2 and from the fact that walls 11, 12 are formed from flexible material that several articles in addition to portion 16 may be carried in the sack of

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my invention. In this manner the towels, swim suits, pillows, etc. comprising the customary beach paraphernalia can be easily carried in a convenient manner as a single compact unit.

5 Fig. 3 illustrates the first step in the process of disassembling the beach pack. In Figs. 1 and 2 handle 17 is shown inserted through slot 22 which is formed adjacent edge 23 of pocket portion wall 11. Slot 22 and edge 23 are shown having suitable stitched reinforcements thereon. Upon disengaging handle 17, stiffeners 18, 19, 20, 21 may be removed from channels 24, 25, 26, 27 for use as hereinafter shown. Fig. 4 shows an intermediate step in the disassembly of the beach pack as body portion 16 is removed from the pocket portion and unfolded. Phantom lines in Fig. 4 indicate that handle 17 now underlies body portion 16. Fig. 5 is another illustration of the process of disassembling the pack and in Fig. 6 the pack is shown in its completely disassembled state and in use as a beach cloth. Body portion 16 serves as the beach covering and is pegged securely to the beach by means of stiffeners 18, 19, 20, 21, which are inserted through grommet holes 28, 29, 30, 31 in the edge 32 of the body portion 16. The pocket formed by walls 11, 12 is folded down over the body portion 16 and now serves as a cover for an inflatable pillow or the like. Stitched to body portion 16 is an additional flexible piece 33 which forms with the body portion 16 an additional pocket suitable for use as a secondary pillow cover.

A small piece of linen 35 sewn to the body portion 16 provides a place for the owner's name in a waterproof marking ink.

In a preferred embodiment of my invention, the flexible portions of the beach pack are formed of a material such as terry cloth or the like, the edges of individual portions being properly hemmed and stitched for reinforcement. Details of such stitching and hemming are illustrated by Figs. 8 and 9.

It is also clearly seen from Fig. 8 that in order for the beach cloth to be restored, to a condition such that it can once more be used as a carrying bag, body portion 16 must be re-folded and disposed within the pocket formed by walls 11, 12, for only in this manner is handle made accessible for insertion into slot 22.

Fig. 10 illustrates an alternative embodiment of the beach pack of this invention, which embodiment comprises a smaller sized body portion. This alternative embodiment is designed for use by one person rather than for family use as in the preferred embodiment described above.

Whereas various substitutions of materials and modifications of the construction features of the novel beach pack disclosed herein may be made without departing from the spirit of my invention, the scope thereof is only intended to be limited to the extent of the following claims, wherein:

I claim:

1. A combination beach pack comprising a flexible body portion having a plurality of holes spaced along the perimeter thereof; a flexible pocket portion having an inner surface area sufficient to enclose the body portion in a compacted state comprising a pair of coextensive walls, the walls being so joined along their respective perimeters as to form an open end, the pocket portion being affixed to an edge of the body portion along the non-joined edge

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of one wall, the other wall having a slot formed adjacent the non-joined edge thereof; and an elongated flexible handle having formed therein a plurality of cylindrical stiffening channels, wherein rigid stiffening members are provided whereby each stiffening member is formed so as to be removable from a respective stiffening channel and insertable through a perimetric hole of the body portion, thus forming means for pegging said body portion securely to the beach, the handle being secured to the common edge of the body and pocket portions in such manner as to be insertable through the slot only when the body portion has been substantially disposed within the pocket portion, thereby closing said pocket opening and retaining said body portion from being dislodged.

2. The invention according to claim 1 wherein the

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body portion is further characterized by having affixed thereto a flexible portion of smaller area than the body portion and forming therewith an integral pocket.

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