FLEXIBLE GAME BAG

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1. Claim. (Cl. 82—31)

This invention relates to a receptacle for carrying game and the like.

It is an object of this invention to provide a game bag of the kind to be, more particularly described hereinafter for use by hunters, fishermen and tourists for keeping game and the like cold while travelling. The bag is light in weight and waterproof, whereby it may be carried by a sportsman or placed in any convenient location in an automobile or other vehicle. The lightweight, flexible bag may be made of any desirable dimensions for containing a desired volume and may be collapsed and folded for storage in a restricted space, as in the glove compartment of the car.

Yet another object of this invention is to provide a flexible receptacle of this kind for carrying water or ice and having a drain tube through which the water and melted ice may be removed. The formation of the bag is such that a substantially airtight receptacle is formed, thereby eliminating the objectionable odor of fish or game in the car.

With the above and other objects in view, my invention consists in the arrangement, combination and details of construction disclosed in the drawings and specification, and then more particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a flexible game bag, constructed according to an embodiment of our invention;

Figure 2 is a top plan view thereof;

Figure 3 is a fragmentary vertical section taken on the line 3—3 of Figure 1;

Figure 4 is a top plan view of the filter screen over the drain opening within the receptacle.

Referring to the drawings, the numeral 10 designates generally a flexible receptacle for use by hunters, tourists and the like for containing game and water or ice for preserving the game while the hunter or tourist is travelling. The receptacle or game bag 10 is formed of a lightweight, flexible material which may be collapsed for storing in a restricted space, as in a portion of the trunk of the automobile, or in the glove compartment, and may be extended when it is desired to place water, ice and game in the receptacle.

The receptacle 10 is substantially rectangular in configuration, having a top wall 11, a bottom wall 12, end walls 14 and side walls 15. The walls of the receptacle 10 are made of fabric which is rubberized to provide a waterproof game bag. Each of the walls of the bag 10 is formed with an inner-lining 16 made of fabric and an outer-wall formed of a sheet of fabric 17. The inner and outer walls 16 and 17 are united throughout their entire area by an intermediate wall 18 of rubber, to provide for the waterproofing of the receptacle. The inner and outer walls 16 and 17 are cemented to the intermediate wall 18 by vulcanizing or other suitable means, whereby the intermediate rubber wall will substantially impregnate a portion of the fabric walls with which it is in contact.

The game bag 10 is formed with an inlet opening 19 in the top wall thereof, spaced from the marginal edges. The opening 19 is formed by an elongated slot cut through the top wall 11 of the receptacle in a manner whereby the opposite side edges of the slit 19 will normally be disposed in abutting relation. A closure 20 is provided for the opening 19 and is formed by a plurality of corrugated, interengaging fastening elements 21 which are fixed to the opposite side edges of the slot 19 and a slider 22 slidably engaging the fastening elements 21 for engaging the fastening elements to secure the abutting side edges of the slot 19 together. The close connection of the interengaging fastening elements 21 provides a substantially airtight closure for the receptacle or bag 10, whereby to eliminate the objectionable odors of fish or game contained within the bag.

In the normal use of the bag 10 by the sportsman or tourist, the game or other material contained within the bag is preserved by water or ice, also in the bag, to maintain the game or material in a refrigerated condition. To provide for the draining of the melted ice and the water from the bag 10, a suitable draining means is provided in the bottom of the bag.

An opening 24 is formed in the lower wall 12 of the bag 10 adjacent one end thereof, substantially below the filter opening 19, the opening 24 extending through the inner and outer fabric walls 16 and 17 and the intermediate rubber wall 18. A nipple 25, or tubular member, extends through the opening 24 to provide for the connection of a suitable drain tube 26. The tubular nipple 25 extends into the bag 10 and a disc, or nut, 27 threadably engages about the outer edge of the inner end of the nipple within the bag. A nut 28 threadably engages on the lower end of the nipple 25 and is adapted to engage the outermost fabric wall 17 for clamping the lower wall 12 between the inner disc or nut 27 and the outer nut 28.

A filter member 30 is supported within the bag 10 over the outlet opening to prevent dirt and other material from engaging in the nipple 25.
or outlet tube 26 in a manner to clog the drainage. The filter member 30 is formed with a copper screen 31 which is engageable over the upper end of the nipple 25 and over the upper clamping nut 27. A flexible or rubberized strip 32 engages about the margin of the screen 31 and is secured by adhesive means or the like to the inner fabric wall 16 about the inner nut member 27 for securing the screen 31 over the upper open end of the nipple 25.

The upper end of the drain tube 26 is adapted to be resiliently secured to the lower end of the nipple 25 which extends downwardly a short distance below the lower clamping nut 28.

In the use and operation of the flexible game bag 10, the game or other material is inserted into the bag 10 through the closure 20 in its open position. Water, ice or other suitable refrigerant is also placed within the receptacle 10 for preserving the material contained therein in a refrigerated condition, to preserve the game throughout the hunting trip or journey. The flexible draining tube 26 may be extended through an opening in the floor board of the vehicle to drain off any of the ice as it is melted, or a suitable clamp, not shown in the drawings, may be engaged on the tube 26 to restrain the flow of water or melted ice from the bag 10. When the refrigerant and the game are removed from the bag 10, as the bag is flexible, it may be collapsed and folded in such a manner that it may be stored in a restricted area, as in the rear of the trunk compartment of a vehicle, or in the glove compartment on the dashboard.

We do not mean to confine ourselves to the exact details of construction herein disclosed, but claim all variations falling within the purview of the appended claims.

We claim:

A waterproof game bag comprising a flexible receptacle including a fabric outer wall, a fabric inner wall, a flexible waterproof intermediate wall adhesively bonded to the overlying surfaces of said inner and outer walls, said receptacle having an elongated slot on one side thereof constituting an inlet opening, correlated interengaging releasable fastening members on the opposite side edges of said slot for closing said inlet opening, said receptacle having a drain opening therein, a threaded tubular member engaging through the bottom wall of said receptacle, clamping members threadably engaging on said tubular member and engaging on opposite sides of said bottom wall adjacent said drain opening, a filter member overlying the inner end of said tubular member, and an annular flexible securing strip engaged about the marginal edge of said filter member for securing said filter member to the bottom wall adjacent said drain opening.

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