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Fig. 1.

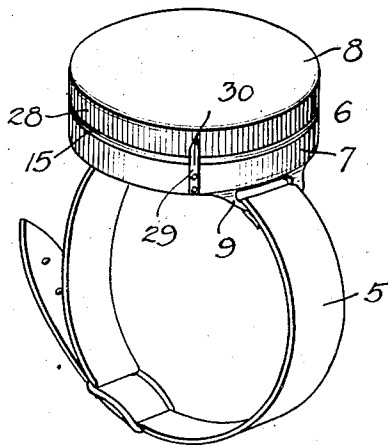


Fig. 2.

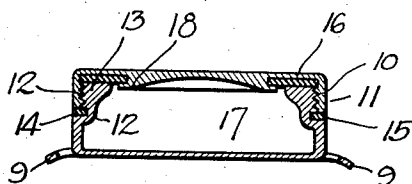


Fig. 3.

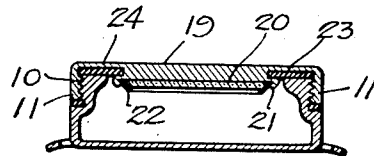
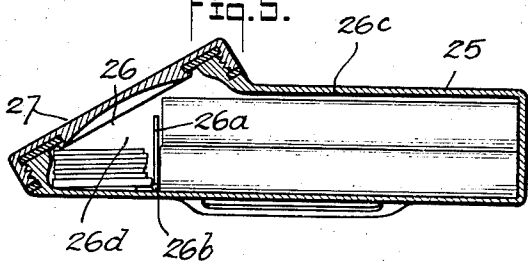


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT E. GILLILAND, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Los Angeles, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bathers' Articles, of which the following is a specification:

This invention relates to bathers' articles, and particularly to a new and novel article of manufacture which may be worn on the person of the bather and utilized as a loss preventing means for the preservation or protection of valuables or small pieces of personal property of the bather, and wherein, and incident to functional characteristics of the articles, the valuables will be safely stored in a water-sealed chamber to be secured against the effect of water.

My invention will be found decidedly useful to bathers desiring to maintain personal control or possession of his or her jewelry, money, cosmetics, smokers' articles or the like while the user is bathing.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device of this character having means for constituting a water-sealed chamber and means for preventing an accidental breaking of the seal or loss of one part of the device from another of the parts.

In the drawings—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device;

Figure 2 is a transverse section through the receptacle;

Figure 3 is a view similar to Figure 2, showing a slightly modified form of my invention;

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the mirror locking ring; and

Figure 5 is a longitudinal section through the device showing a modified form thereof.

In carrying the invention into practice, I provide a wrist encircling strap 5 and a receptacle 6 supported thereby. The receptacle consists of a body section 7 and a separable closure section 8. The body section has loops 9 through which portions of the strap 5 are passed.

The cover section has an internal thread 10 on its flange 11 adapted to be rotated on a similar thread on the flange 12 of said body section. The flange 12 is formed with a broad shoulder 13 and concentric therewith toward the base of the flange is a shoulder 14, the latter supporting a gasket

15 adapted to seal against the lower edge of the flange 11. The closure section carries a broad flat gasket 16 which bears against the coacting shoulder 13 to form an effective seal at the joint between both sections of the receptacle at the top thereof. I have provided thus double sealing means to positively protect the chamber 17 against the entrance of water thereto. The gasket 16 is firmly secured against the under side or crown of the cover section by means of an upstruck portion 18 of said closure section.

In Figures 3 and 4, the closure section 19 is provided on its inner face with a mirror 20 held in position in an upstruck groove 21 by means of a spring locking ring 22. The walls of the groove are formed or offset at 23 to engage against the sealing gasket 24. Except as herein set forth, this form of my invention is the same as that shown in Figures 1 and 2.

In Figure 5, I employ a rectangular or elongated receptacle-body 25 having an opening 26 adapted to be closed by a cover section 27. The opening extends at an acute angle to the longitudinal axis of the body 25. A partition 26^a is hinged at 26^b to the bottom of the body 25 and same divides the receptacle into a cigarette compartment 26^c and a coin or change compartment 26^d. When it is desired to remove a cigarette from the compartment 26^c, the coins are taken from the compartment 26^d in order that the partition 26^a can be folded down against the bottom of the body 25 to clear the opening 26. The fingers of the user can now be freely passed through said opening in order that the cigarette can be grasped and withdrawn. This form may be used when carrying cigarettes or smoker's articles, matches or the like. By forming the opening as described, the receptacle can be conveniently supplied with cigarettes and same can be removed therefrom as desired, without breaking or injuring the same. When the closure is fully applied, the joints between the parts are firmly sealed so that water will not attack the contents.

In Figure 1, the closure section has its flange 11 provided with a milled latch surface 28 which coacts with a spring detent 29 on the body section. As the cover section is adjusted onto its body section, the detent rides over the latch surface, and when the cover section is at rest, the teat 30 of the detent 29 fits yieldingly between adjacent

milled portions of said sections. This holds the cover section against accidental loss and prevents retrograde rotation thereof.

While I have referred to use of the device by bathers, it may be used to a desirable advantage by travelers who, under attendant circumstances, are forced to make their abode in hotels or like places. At night time, the device can be worn upon the wrist or, if desired, upon the ankle. The device is also formed and designed whereby it may be used as a vanity case, and in such event, same may be supplied with powder and rouge compacts and a puff of the usual well known construction.

I claim:

1. A waterproof container comprising a receptacle having a body section and a closure section, the body section having a concentric series of shoulders, said closure section being threadedly connected with the body section, gaskets interposed between said shoulders and mating parts of the closure sections to seal the joints between both sections and render same waterproof, one of said gaskets carried by the closure section, a mirror on the under side of the closure section, and portions upstruck from said closure section

and respectively coacting with the mirror and said one gasket to secure same in applied positions.

2. A device of the class described comprising a receptacle having an elongated body provided with an opening extending at an acute angle with respect to a line drawn longitudinally through the body, a folding partition adjacent to said opening and adapted to divide the body into a plurality of compartments, and a closure adjustable over said opening.

3. A waterproof container comprising a body section, a closure section detachably secured to the body section and having on its inner side a centrally disposed thickened portion flanged at its edge and spaced from the closure section to provide a groove, an annular gasket surrounding the thickened portion and seated in the groove to seal the joint between the body section and the closure section, said flanged edge being bent to form an inwardly extending annular lip, a mirror, and a locking ring engaging the lip for securing the mirror to the thickened portion.

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