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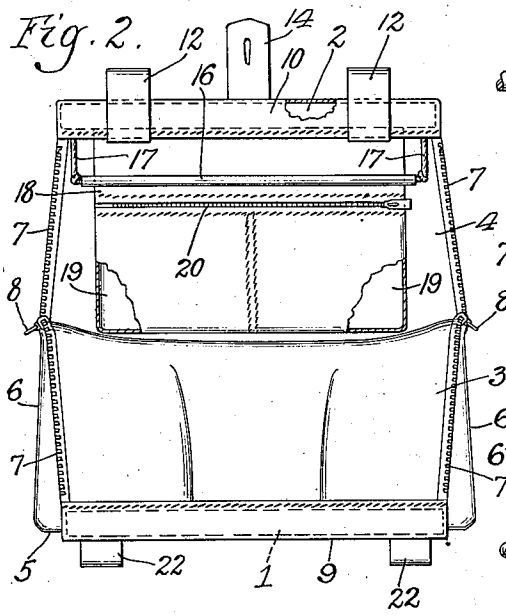


Fig. 1.

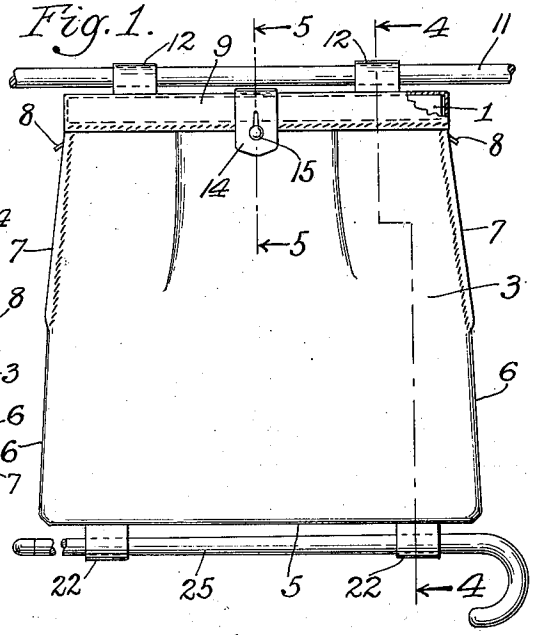


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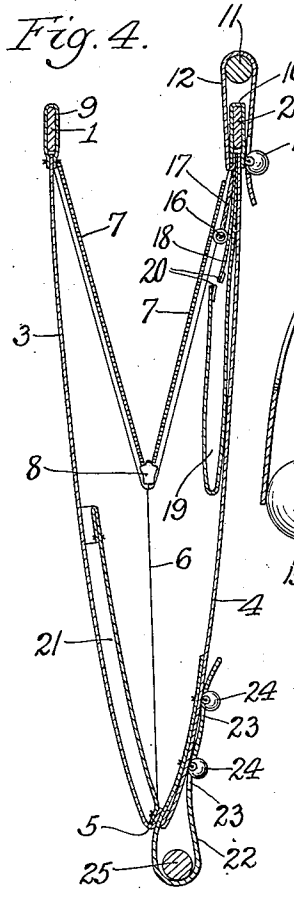


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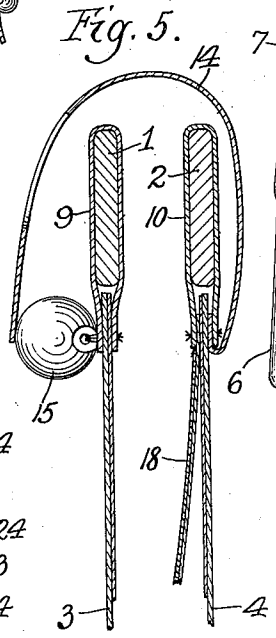
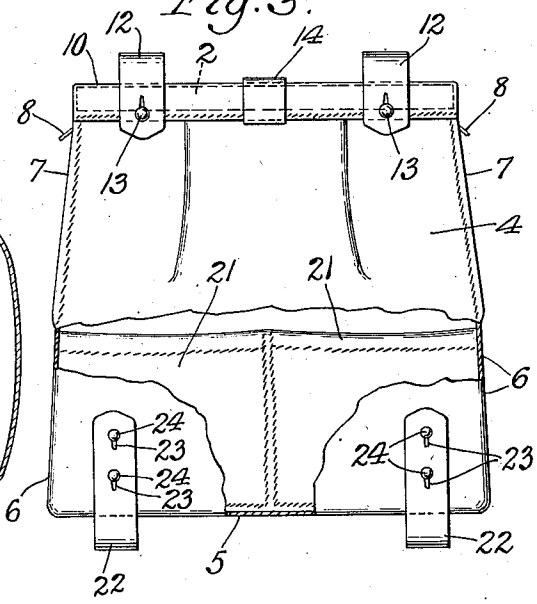


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1 Claim. (Cl. 190—41)

This invention relates to a carrier and in the form shown is primarily adapted for use as a detachable carrier or container which may be secured to an automobile robe rail or to any other suitable support, and which provides means for carrying various articles.

One object is to provide a compact and flexible container which may be removably secured to a support. Another object is to provide such a container with sufficient stiffening so that it retains its shape irrespective of the shape or stiffness of the support. Another object is to provide such a container which has a series of pockets. Another object is to provide such a container with ready opening means so that it may not merely be opened but its sides widely opened to permit ready access to the interior.

Other objects will appear from time to time in the specification and claim.

The invention is illustrated more or less diagrammatically in the accompanying drawing, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a front view showing the container closed and in position on a generally horizontal support;

Figure 2 is a similar view with the container open;

Figure 3 is a rear view of the container with parts broken away to disclose the pockets in the front wall;

Figure 4 is a transverse generally vertical section taken at line 4—4 of Figure 1 on an enlarged scale;

Figure 5 is a transverse generally vertical sectional detail taken on a still further enlarged scale at line 5—5 of Figure 1.

Like parts are designated by like characters throughout the specification and drawing.

Although the bag will normally be provided with a lining of some sort in addition to the fabric which forms the main structure of the bag, this lining has been omitted from all of the figures except Figure 5, in order not to complicate unduly the showing.

In the form shown the bag is provided with an open mouth at the top and with slidable fasteners at the sides so that throughout a portion of their length or height at least the sides may be opened. The bag or container is stiffened at its top by preferably flat, extended, reinforcing or stiffening members 1, 2, the member 1 lying within the upper margin of what may be called the front of the bag and the member 2 lying within the corresponding margin of what may be called the rear of the bag.

As shown, the container is in effect a fabric bag formed generally by a front portion 3 and a rear portion 4. These portions may be made separately or may be of a single piece, but however made, the bag is preferably provided with a closed bottom 5 where the front and rear portions meet, and with partially closed side portions 6, 6. The remainder of the sides are provided preferably with slide or other quick operating fastenings 7, 7, so that they may be quickly opened and closed. The sliders are indicated at 8.

As shown particularly in Figures 4 and 5 the reinforcing members 1 and 2 are secured, respectively, to the front and rear portions of the bag by tubular sections 9 and 10 which may be stitched to the front and rear sections 3 and 4, respectively, or otherwise fastened to them.

As a means for securing the bag to a support 11, such as the robe rail of a car, a pair of tabs 12, 12 is provided. These tabs are bent downward about the robe rail or other support and secured to buttons 13, 13 on the rear of the bag. The buttons may be conveniently secured anywhere adjacent the top of the rear of the bag. As a means for closing the top of the bag a tab 14 is provided preferably secured to the rear of the bag and arranged to extend over and across the open top of the bag and to be removably secured to a button 15 on the front of the bag.

A variety of pockets and containing and supporting arrangements may be provided within the bag. As shown in Figure 2, a rigid rail 16 may be hung by preferably flexible supports 17 from the rear of the bag. These supports might, of course, be rigid themselves and secured in any desired manner. The purpose of the rail or bar 16 is to furnish a support for clothing or other articles which may be folded over or suspended from it.

Secured preferably only at its upper edge to the rear of the bag is a flexible pocket member 18. This member may be divided into a plurality of separate pockets 19, 19, for which a preferably common sliding closure 20 is provided.

While the pocket member 18 may be secured to the bag in any desired manner it is convenient at a rule to make it entirely free from the bag except at its upper edge. Thus its position may be readily accommodated to the contents of the bag generally.

As here shown, there are formed also within the bag and preferably secured to its front margin, one or more pockets 21.

As a means for securing canes, umbrellas and

other articles to the bottom of the bag, a plurality of tabs **22** is provided at the bottom of the bag. As shown these tabs have a plurality of button holes **23** to permit their being engaged to buttons **24** in a plurality of adjustable positions so that the length of the tab may in effect be varied to conform to the size of the article, such as a cane **25**, which is thereby supported.

It will be realized that whereas I have herewith shown and described a practical operative device, nevertheless many changes might be made in the size, shape, number and disposition of the parts without departing from the spirit of the invention and I wish, therefore, that my showing be taken as in a sense diagrammatic.

It will be obvious that a great variety of pockets and arrangements of pockets may be used and the invention is not limited necessarily to any particular arrangement. While it is not shown, it is within the contemplation of my invention to provide a water proof pocket or a pocket with a water proof lining suitable for receiving wet bathing suits or other wet articles.

While slide fasteners have been shown in several places, and while they are convenient, other fastening means might be used in place of them, such as buttons, snap fasteners and any other convenient form of fastening device.

I claim:

A bag of generally flat construction having the walls thereof of flexible material, a continuous opening across the top and down each side thereof, reinforcing strips extending along the top at each side of the opening, an individual slide fastener for closing each side opening and forcing the reinforcing strips together and additional fastening means adjacent the center of the said strip for holding the strips together.

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