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WATERPROOF BATHING CASE

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This invention relates more particularly to a waterproof case or container in which swimmers and bathers may carry with them various articles, which, without such protection, would be spoiled or injured by becoming wet, and thereby rendered useless.

The primary object, therefore, of my improvement is to provide a waterproof bathing case, which may be conveniently carried by bathers, the case being adapted to fully protect various articles which it may be desired to carry along, not only from wetting but from being crushed. Many such articles are often desired or required to be carried along, and my improved waterproof case is particularly adapted for this purpose, since it offers the utmost protection. For instance a bather, after swimming a considerable distance out to rocks or a distant float, may desire to rest and smoke a cigarette. With my improved waterproof case, it will be seen that cigarettes and matches may be readily carried by the bather without becoming wet or crushed, and are available for use at any convenient time, thereby avoiding the necessity of “parking” or hiding such articles at some convenient place or cache where they may be dug up or recovered after coming out of the water.

A further object is to provide a waterproof bathing case adapted to prevent wetting of and afford complete protection for a powder puff and compact or other cosmetics, which may be required by the bather immediately upon coming out of the water, and it will be understood that my improved waterproof case is particularly adapted for such service.

A further object is to provide means for readily attaching the waterproof bathing case to the bather, so that it will not interfere with swimming and, at the same time, will be readily accessible when the bather desires to use any of the articles stored within and protected by the waterproof case. Preferably, the attachment support for the case is provided as a garter or arm band, although, obviously, it may be attached to the cap or belt or any part of the bathing suit and any other suitable method of attachment may be provided.

It will be understood that in protecting cigarettes and other articles liable to be crushed, the container or receptacle of my improved bathing case should be capable of withstanding considerable pressure without itself being crushed and, therefore, the container in my waterproof case is preferably made of metal, fiber, stiff leather, or other suitable material, such as will be light and strong and offer sufficient resistance to crushing to fully protect the articles enclosed therein.

For the purpose of illustrating my improvement, one form thereof is shown in the accompanying drawings, in which Fig. 1 shows a perspective view of my waterproof bathing case with an attaching band; Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse section, with the waterproof enclosing jacket open at the top; and Fig. 3 is a vertical section, with the supporting or attaching band broken away, showing the case in sealed position, the form of container or inner receptacle being slightly different from that shown in Fig. 2.

My improved waterproof bathing case, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, preferably comprises a receptacle or container A, which may be formed of sheet metal, fiber or other suitable relatively stiff material. In the form shown in Fig. 2, the receptacle A has an open end at B, which is adapted to be closed by a lid C, telescoping over the end, as illustrated. The usual pressed-out bead D may be provided for limiting the telescoping movement of the lid C. The receptacle or container A, in the present instance, is shown as enclosed by a jacket E of waterproof material, such as rubber or the like, this jacket being preferably formed as a bag with a rectangular bottom at F, corresponding in shape to a cross section of the receptacle A. The jacket E may be made of sheet rubber with all seams cemented or vulcanized or it may be molded to form.

It will be understood that the protecting jacket E of waterproof material, is preferably of rubber, so as to be highly elastic, and is shaped to closely fit the outer surface of the container A, so that when drawn over the latter, as indicated in Fig. 2, the joint at G, between the receptacle and the lid, will be sealed water-tight, thus absolutely preventing the contents of the container from becoming water soaked. The dotted lines at H in Fig. 2 indicate the position of the container A at a time when it is partially inserted into or removed from the waterproof jacket E.

To further protect the container A and
prevent entrance of water, the open end K of the rubber jacket preferably extends a considerable distance beyond the end of the receptacle, as indicated in Fig. 2, so that it may be folded upon itself to form an overlapping joint, substantially as indicated at L in Fig. 1. By folding the end of the jacket E in this manner, it will be apparent that water cannot enter readily. In order to hold the bag or jacket closed after the end K thereof has been folded, as indicated at L in Fig. 1, a strap M is preferably cemented or otherwise secured to one wall of the jacket at N, in position to be drawn over the central portion of the folded end L of the jacket and secured to the other side thereof by means of a snap fastener O—P. The snap fastener may be of usual construction, one portion P of the fastener being secured to the other side of the bag or jacket, as shown in Fig. 2. By this means, it will be readily understood that the enclosing waterproof jacket E may be held in closed position by means of the strap M after snapping the fastener at P.

For ornamental purposes, as well as a means for concealing the attached end of the strap M, a band of elastic material Q may be secured around the bag or jacket at the upper limit of the inner receptacle A, as shown in the drawings. In order for the bather to carry the case, while swimming, it may be attached in any suitable manner, to the clothing or to the person and, in the present instance, as represented in the drawings, a garter or band R is provided for this purpose, the band being preferably formed of rubber or elastic waterproof material and attached at S, by vulcanizing or otherwise, to the jacket E. Obviously, the attaching band may be in the form of an arm band, or as a garter or other suitable device, such that the bathing case may be securely carried by the bather in any manner found preferable or desirable.

In Fig. 3, the inner container or receptacle is shown as made up of two telescoping members T and U of substantially the same length, one member U, therefore, forming the lid for the other member T, in a well known manner. The enclosing rubber jacket E, in this case is adapted to seal the joint between the telescoping members, in the manner previously described, and thus protect the contents of the receptacle from the ingress of water.

In operation, it will be understood that articles it is desired to protect from becoming wet when bathing, such as a compact and powder puff, illustrated at V in Fig. 2, and the package of matches, represented at W, are placed in the receptacle or container, together with coins or change X, conveniently carried in the case, and the lid C placed thereon. The closed container is then inserted in the rubber jacket E, preferably with the lid end foremost so that the lid will be at the bottom of the bag-like jacket, whereby the jacket will seal the joint between the lid and the body of the receptacle. By having the joint between the lid and the container at the bottom of the rubber jacket, it will be understood that it will be very much more difficult for water to enter through the joint between the inner container members. This will be particularly true if the sealing elements, of rubber or other elastic waterproof material, fits the container closely so that it must be stretched to a limited extent when drawn over the joint of the container.

After the closed container or receptacle A, with the articles V, W, X therein, has been forced to the bottom of the bag-like jacket, as indicated in Fig. 2, the upper open end K of the bag or jacket E, which, as previously indicated, extends a considerable distance beyond the end of the receptacle A, may be folded over the container, as shown in Fig. 1. Then the folded end of the jacket may be secured in folded position by means of the strap M and the snap fastener O—P. The elastic supporting or attaching band R, may be made of any size desired, as previously suggested, and it will be understood that when the elastic band is not required, any suitable well known form of attaching strap may be provided.

When it is desired to obtain access to the articles in the protecting case, the reverse operation takes place; that is, the strap M is released and the top of the jacket opened, thereby permitting the inner container to be removed. Obviously, if the lid of the inner container is uppermost, the container need not be entirely removed from the jacket in order to open it. In the form shown in Fig. 3, the inner telescoping member T need not necessarily be removed if the outer member U is withdrawn by holding the bottom of the inner member and the bottom of the jacket while drawing out the telescoping member U, in the manner previously described.

While the preferred form of my improvement has been shown, it will be understood that I do not wish to be limited to the specific details shown and described, for obviously, various modifications therein may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention.

I claim:—

1. A waterproof bathing case comprising a receptacle of relatively stiff material, a lid therefor, an elastic waterproof closely fitting jacket adapted to seal the joint between the lid and the receptacle, said jacket being formed as an open ended rubber bag, and means for closing and fastening the open end of said bag.

2. A waterproof bathing case, comprising
a receptacle formed of telescoping members, said receptacle being adapted to receive articles to be protected, a rubber jacket adapted to fit closely over said receptacle so as to form a watertight seal between said members and means for attaching the bathing case to the bather.

3. The waterproof bathing case as claimed in claim 2, in which said rubber jacket comprises an open ended bag with a rectangular bottom, the open end of said bag being adapted to be folded upon itself to enclose the receptacle and a snap fastener is provided for holding the folded end of the bag closed.

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