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BATHER'S PURSE

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Fig. 1.

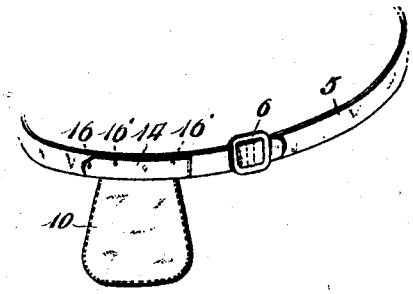


Fig. 2.

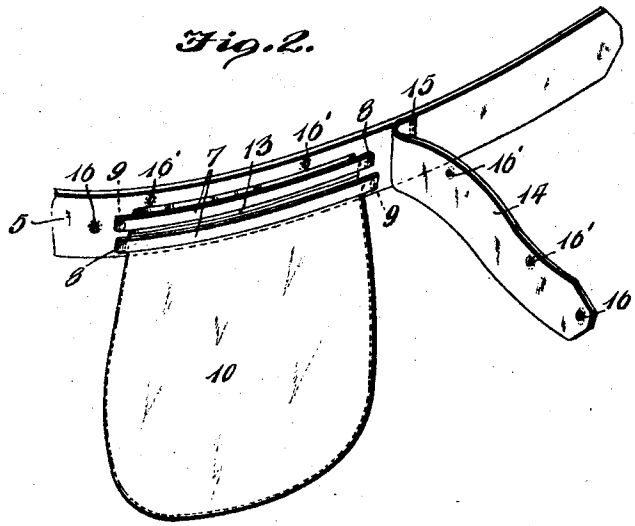


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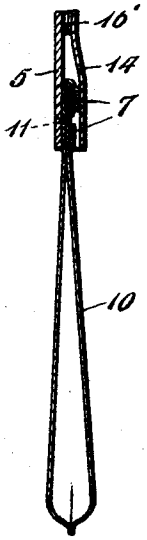
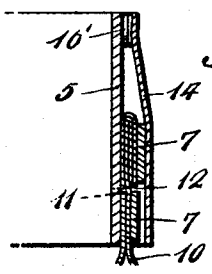


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRY MILLER, citizen of the United States, residing at Cleveland, in the county of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bathers' Purses, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is a bather's purse, the primary object being to provide means whereby a bather may carry certain small personal articles with him while in the water, and at the same time protect them against water or moisture.

Another object is to provide a novel means for closing the opening of a purse or pocket and to construct this means in a simple yet effective manner.

Other objects will be in part obvious and in part pointed out hereinafter.

In order that the invention and its mode of operation may be readily understood by those skilled in the art, I have in the accompanying illustrative drawings and detailed description thereof pointed out one possible embodiment of the same.

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating the general construction and arrangement of the article;

Figure 2 is a detail perspective view showing the flaps etc., employed in closing the pocket or purse opening;

Figure 3 is a vertical transverse sectional view of the parts associated as shown in Figure 1; and

Figure 4 is a detail sectional view of the upper portion shown in Figure 3.

Similar characters of reference designate similar parts throughout.

It is well known that as a general rule bathers prior to going into the water must check numerous personal articles and that they often wish to use certain of the articles which have been checked. With these points in mind I have constructed a purse or pocket attachable to the body of the bather, and have so arranged the pocket that it is readily attachable or detachable and capable of preventing contact of water with the contents.

This article comprises a belt 5 made up of a length of elastic material or other, as preferred. One end of the belt carries a buckle 6 as indicated in Figure 1 so that it may be readily attached to the body of the bather.

Arranged near one end of the belt is a pair of relatively narrow longitudinally extending strips or flaps 7 as shown in Figure 2, these strips being stitched at one end while the other end is detachably connected to the belt by means of snap fasteners 9 or the like as indicated in Figure 2. Preferably these flaps are formed from elastic material. At a point substantially between these two relatively parallel flaps 7 I stitch the upper end portion of a pocket 10 as indicated at 11 in Figures 3 and 4. This stitching is arranged at a point spaced below the mouth or opening 12 of the pocket so as to permit downward folding of the upper portion 13 beneath the upper of the straps or flaps 7. This structure is shown in Figues 2 and 4 wherein it is obvious that engagement of the two flaps or straps with the upper portion of the pocket will form leak proof connection such as will protect articles contained in the pocket or purse.

As a means for further insuring against entry of moisture into the pocket and to create an attractive article, I provide a relatively large cover flap 14, one end of which is stitched to the belt 5 as at 15, while its other end extends beyond the narrow straps 7 and is detachably fastened to the belt by means of snap fasteners 16. It will be noted in Figure 2 that the upper edge portion of the cover flap 14 is snugly engaged with and fastened to the adjacent portions of the belt 5 by means of additional snap fasteners 16' thereby providing a complete, practical and attractive article. Obviously the pocket or purse 10 may be of any preferred configuration and is necessarily formed of water proof material.

Certain minor changes in the details of construction may be resorted to and such of these changes as may fall within the scope of the appended claims, I consider within the spirit of my invention.

I claim:

1. An article of the character described comprising, a belt, a relatively narrow elastic flap secured at opposite ends to the belt and extending longitudinally thereof, a pocket of water proof material having an open upper end, said pocket being secured to the belt adjacent the upper open end, the portion between the point of attachment to the belt and the open end being foldable beneath the elastic flap, and a relatively large elastic cover flap arrangeable over the narrow flap and upper portion of said pocket.

2. An article of the character described comprising, a belt of elastic material, a pair of relatively narrow parallel elastic flaps secured at opposite ends to the belt and extending longitudinally thereof, a pocket formed of water proof fabric and having an open upper end, said pocket being stitched near its open end to the belt, the portion between the stitches and the open end being foldable beneath one of said flaps, a relatively large cover flap having one end stitched to the belt and arrangeable over said narrow flaps and upper end portion of the pocket, and snap fasteners detachably securing the cover flap in position.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature.

HARRY MILLER.