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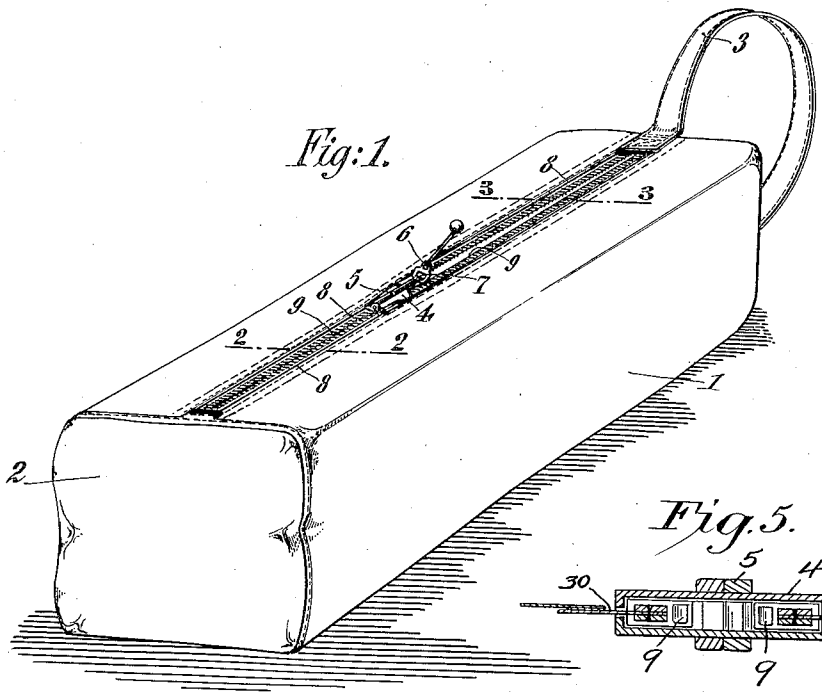


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Fig:2.

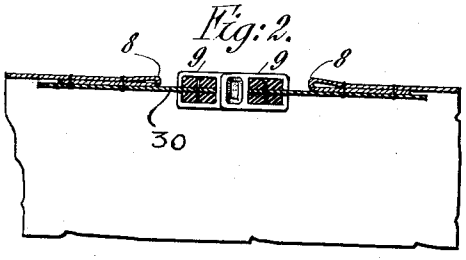


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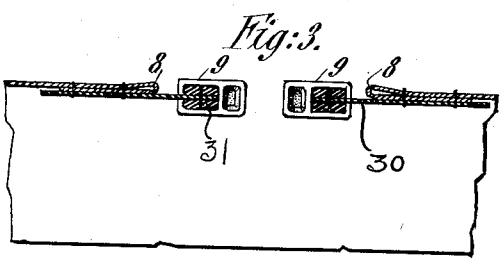
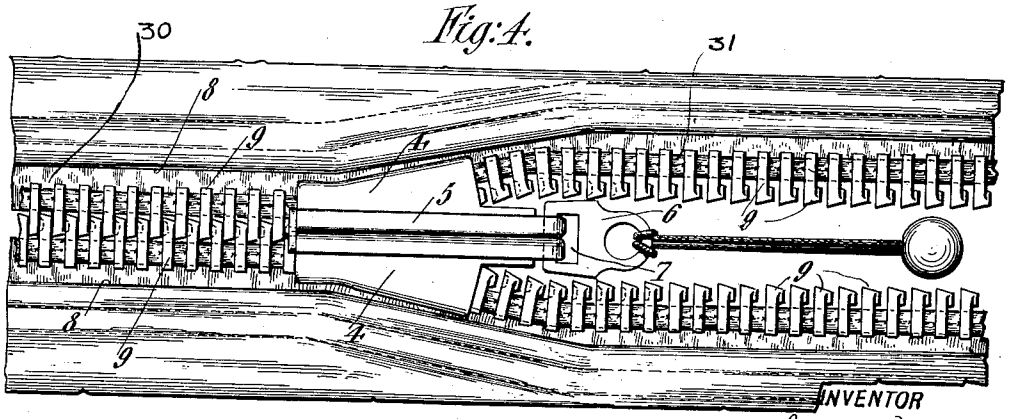


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH D. FARKAS, a citizen of the United States, residing at borough of Manhattan, city of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bathing-Suit Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a new and improved bag for carrying bathing suits or similar small articles. Numerous bags of this character have been heretofore proposed but they all suffer from the defect that a series of buttons or snap fasteners are required to keep them closed and these often get out of order or are troublesome to fasten or unfasten.

One of the objects of my invention is to provide a cheap and readily manipulated closure for the said holder which can be instantly operated so as to open and close the holder or bag and also always provide a perfectly reliable closure. Other objects of my invention are set forth in the following description and drawings which illustrate a preferred embodiment thereof.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my holder.

Fig. 2 is a section along the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a section along the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a plan view showing in detail the closure strip for the holder.

Fig. 5 is a sectional view of the canal member.

As shown in Fig. 1, the holder has the general outline of a box, being provided with substantially square ends 2 and a loop 3 which enables it to be readily carried. The end of the loop 3 which is secured to the top of the holder is secured to the tops of the strips 30 which are secured to the doubled over ends 8 of the bag, and which are made of any suitable flexible material such as cloth. These strips 30 have a plurality of fasteners 9 secured thereto. Each fastener 9 has its inner ends suitably secured to its strip 30, the outer ends 31 of the strips 30 being suitably thickened so as to fill up the inner hollow parts of the fasteners 9, and hold these fasteners 9 very firmly when their inner ends are clamped together so as to firmly embrace and compress the thickened parts 31. The outer ends of the fasteners 9 are stamped out as shown in Figs. 2, 3, and 4, so as to present a series of alternating hollows and projections.

As seen in Fig. 4, the fasteners 9 of one series are arranged in staggered relation to the fasteners 9 of the other series, so that if the closure strips 30 are brought together, the projections of one series will mesh with the hollows or recesses of the adjacent fasteners of the opposite series. In this manner the closure strips are very firmly interlocked, because when the fasteners 9 are in the position shown at the left end of Fig. 4, it is easier to tear the fabric than to dislodge the fasteners themselves.

In order to connect and disconnect the two series of fasteners 9, a canal-like member 4 is provided. This canal member 4 is split so as to enable the closure strips 30 to be passed through it and its parts above and below the strip 30, which are connected to the guide 5 carrying the tab 6, have a U-shaped cross section. The vertical members of the U diverge from each other as shown in Fig. 4, being substantially parallel to each other at one end of the canal member 4, the distance between the said parallel parts being substantially equal to the distance between the opposite ends of the fasteners 9, when they are in the position shown in the left end of Fig. 4, which may be called their interlocking position.

The canal member 4 has a guide 5 secured thereto and spaced therefrom and a tab 6 is connected to the guide 5 by means of the loop 7, so that the tab 6 may be in the position shown in Fig. 4, or it may be inverted and slid over to the opposite end of the canal member 4.

The tab 6 has a string with a ball on its end suitably secured thereto.

The ends of the closure strips 30 opposite to the loop hold 3 are secured by a suitable cross bar, so as to prevent the canal member 4 from being pushed off the strips 30 at this end of the bag or holder.

As one end of the loop hold 3 is sewed on to the strips 30, this prevents the removal of the canal member 4 in the opposite direction.

To open the bag, tab 6 is moved to that end of the guide 5, which is opposite the end at which it is located in Fig. 4, and the simple sliding of the canal member 4 causes the fasteners 9 to be disconnected from each other so that the holder or bag 1 can be freely opened. A pull upon the tab 6 when

it occupies the position shown in Fig. 4, causes the fasteners 9 to be interlocked so that an absolutely reliable closure is secured.

I have shown a preferred embodiment of my invention but it is clear that changes in detail could be made without departing from its spirit.

Thus, while it is preferable to have the thickened parts 31 so firmly compressed by the clamping action of the fasteners 9, so that the said fasteners 9 completely engage said thickened portion 31 throughout their entire interior surface adjacent the said thickened portion, the fasteners 9 could be prevented from shifting by other suitable means.

I claim:

1. In a bathing suit holder or the like, the combination of a bag portion, one of the faces of the said bag being opened so as to present separate ends, closure strips secured to said separate ends, the adjacent sides of said closure strips being thickened, said closure strips being connected at one end to a loop hold secured to said holder, the said closure strips being also secured to each other at the opposite end of the said holder, each said closure strip having a series of fasteners secured thereto, the said fasteners having ends which embrace and compress the said thickened ends of the said closure strips, the adjacent ends of said fasteners being stamped so as to present recesses on one side and projections on the other side, the fasteners secured to one strip being arranged in staggered relation to the fasteners of the other strip, and a canal member having longitudinal slits through which said closure strips pass, the movement of the said canal member in one direction or the other being adapted to cause the said fasteners to be either interlocked with or to become disengaged from the adjacent fasteners secured to the other strip.

2. In a bathing suit holder or the like, the combination of a bag portion one of the faces of said bag being opened so as to present separate ends, closure strips secured to said separate ends, the adjacent sides of said closure strips being thickened, means for connecting said closure strips to each other at their ends, each said closure strip having a series of fasteners secured thereto, the said fasteners having ends of a contour similar to the thickened portion of the said closure strips and embracing and compressing the said thickened portions so as to obtain a firm hold thereon, the adjacent ends of said fasteners being stamped out so as to present recesses on one side and projections on the other side, the said projections being parallel to the said face of the holder, the fasteners secured to one strip being arranged in staggered relation to the fasteners of the other strip, and a canal member having longitudinal slits through which said closure strips pass, the movement of the said canal member in one direction or the other being adapted to cause the said fasteners to be either interlocked with or to become disengaged from the adjacent fasteners secured to the other strip.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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