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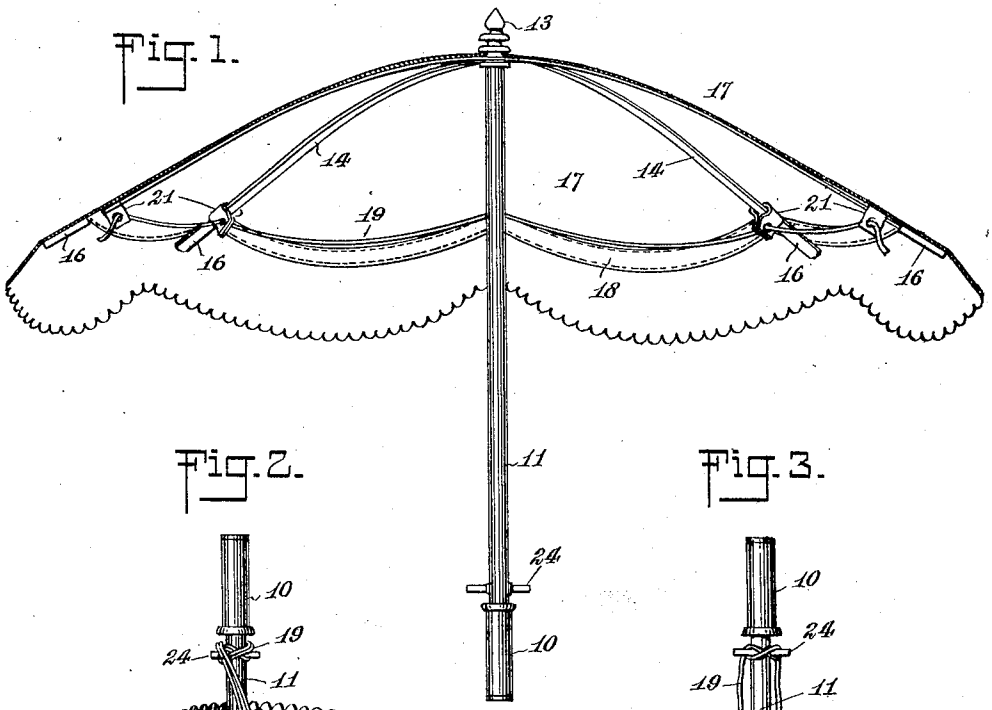

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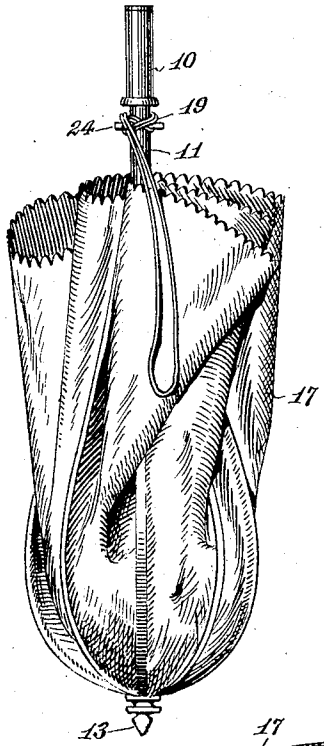

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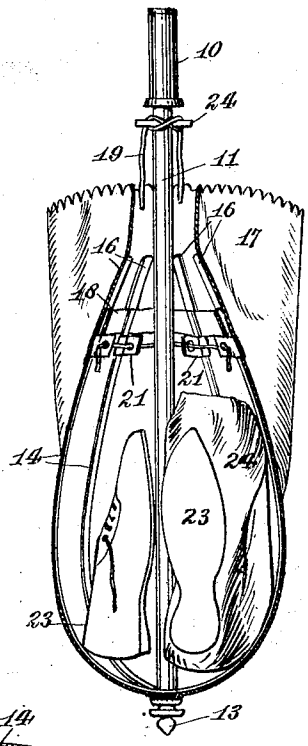

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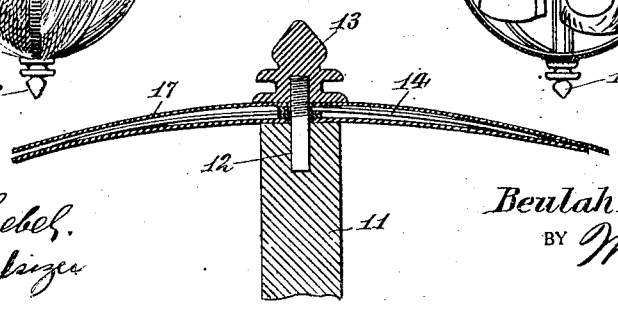

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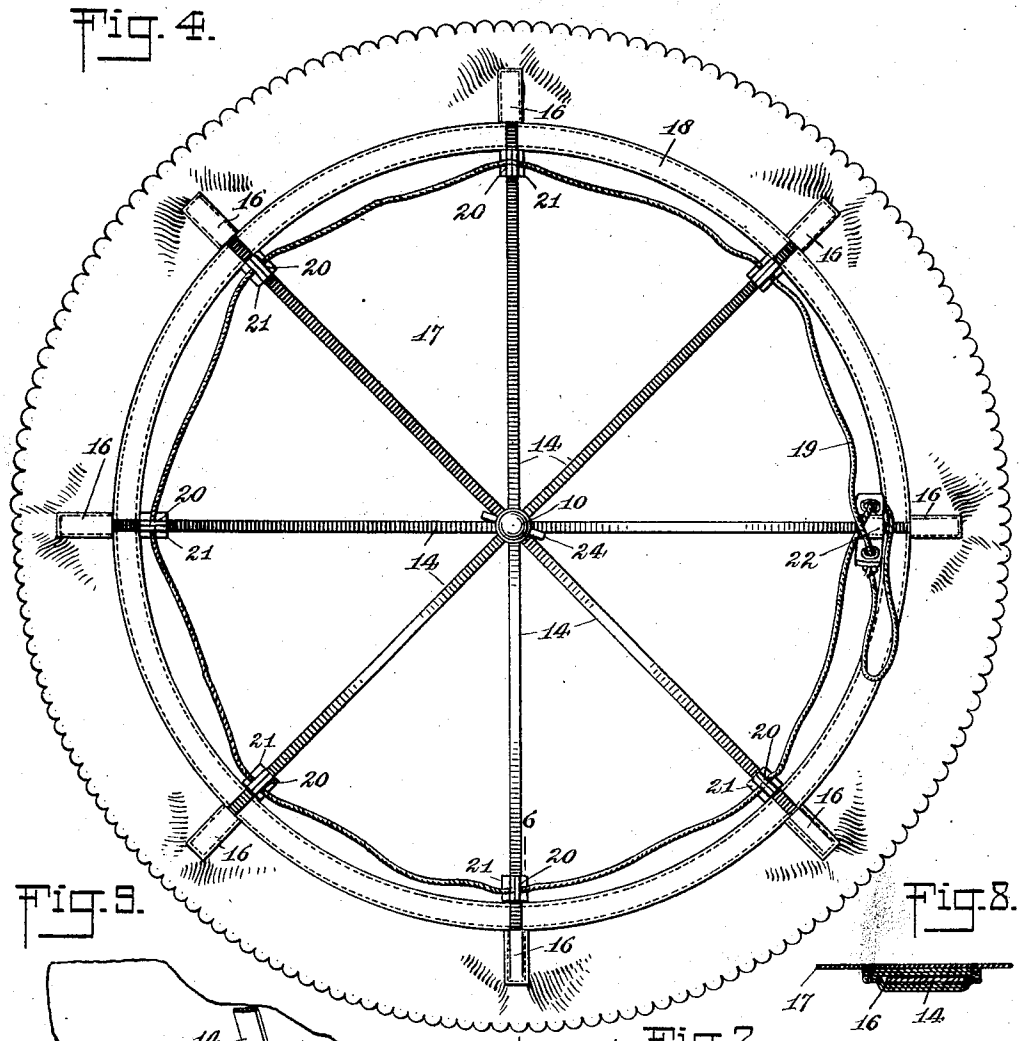

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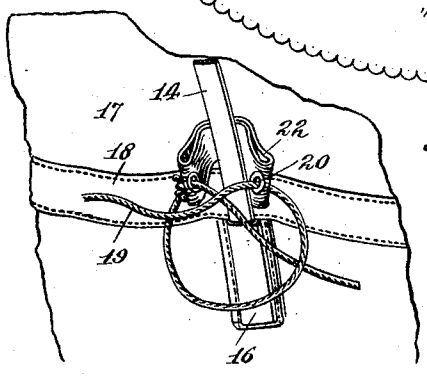

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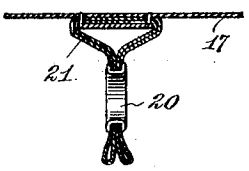

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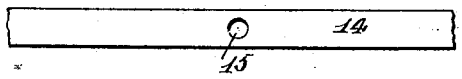

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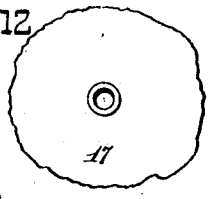

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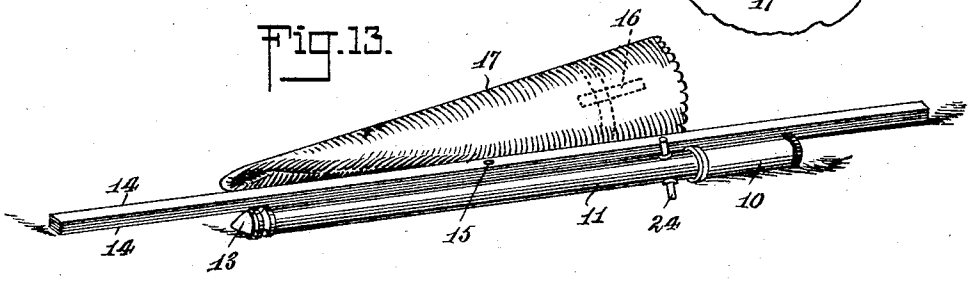

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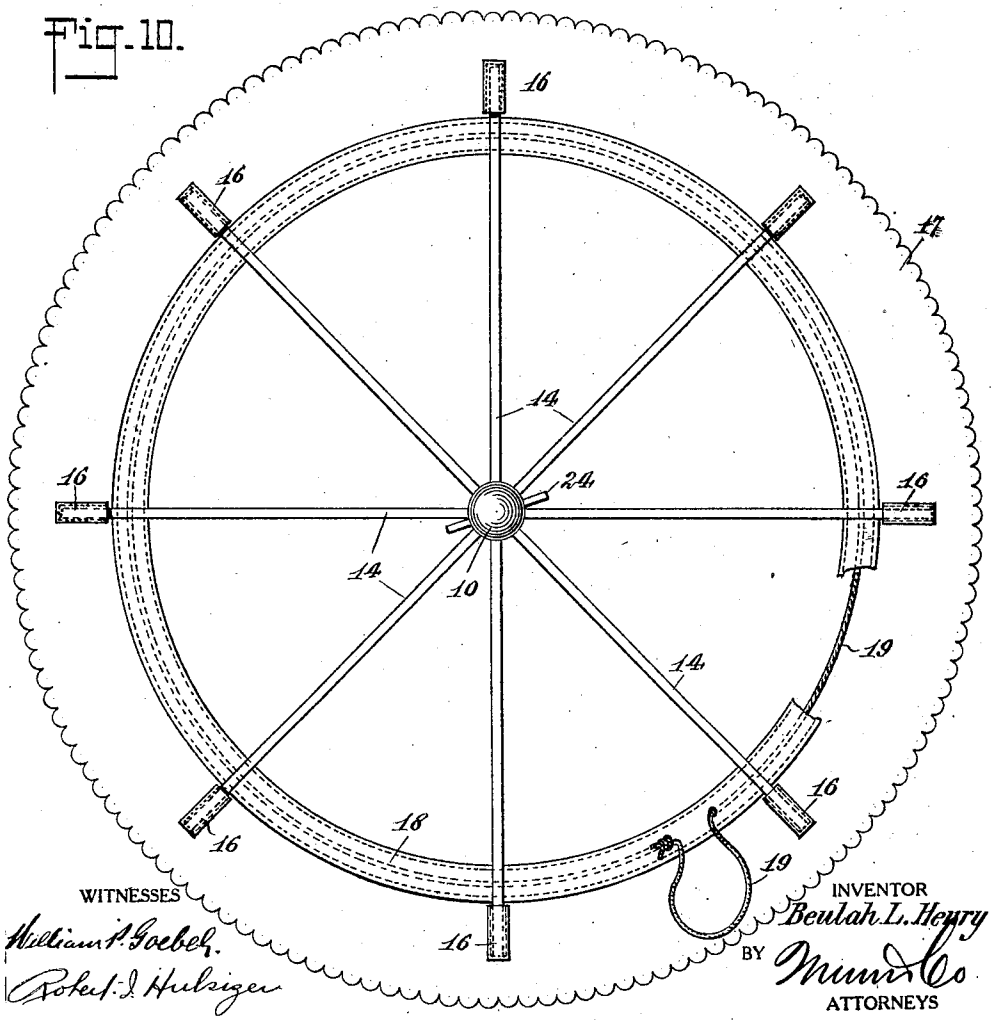

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This invention relates to a parasol bag.

An object of the invention is to provide a parasol which can be used as such and at the same time is readily adapted to be used as a bag for holding such things as bathing shoes, bathing suits and similar articles.

A further object resides in the provision of means whereby the bag is extremely simple in its construction and operation.

A further object resides in the provision of means whereby the parts of the bag can be readily assembled and disassembled.

The invention is illustrated in the drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a cross-section through the parasol, open.

Figure 2 is a side elevation showing the parasol closed.

Figure 3 is a side elevation partly broken away showing the parasol closed, and its contents.

Figure 4 is an inverted plan view of the parasol open.

Figure 5 is a detailed section through the top of the parasol showing the manner in which the frame is connected to the stem or handle.

Figure 6 is a section taken on the line 6—6 of Figure 4.

Figure 7 is a section taken on the line 7—7 of Figure 6.

Figure 8 is a section taken through the pocket in the cover for receiving the ends of the frame or ribs.

Figure 9 is a perspective view of the manner in which the drawstring is attached to the frame.

Figure 10 is an inverted plan view of a modified form of bag.

Figure 11 is a plan view of a portion of one of the ribs or frame element.

Figure 12 is a partial plan view of the portion of the cover through which the handle or stem projects.

Figure 13 is a perspective view of the handle, the frame and the cover detached from each other.

The form of the invention shown in the drawings is a preferred form, although it is understood that modifications in the construction and arrangement of the parts and in the character of the materials used may be adopted without departing from the spirit of the invention as set forth in the appended claims.

In its general aspect the invention aims to provide a device such as a parasol having a flexible frame connected preferably rigidly to the handle or stem with a cover over the frame and means attached to the frame and the cover adjacent the outer edges thereof, to permit the bag to be drawn together along these portions around a handle, so that when drawn together the parasol will form a curved receptacle for carrying articles such as bathing apparel. This sort of construction will make it exceedingly convenient for persons who are traveling to the beaches to have a neat, good-looking bag for carrying their bathing apparel and at the same time have this bag capable of use as a parasol to protect them from the rays of the sun.

One of the main features of the invention, in addition to the idea of drawing the parasol together as above mentioned is to provide a frame for the parasol made up of flexible members which are rigidly connected to the handle but otherwise flexible throughout and provided with a cover, the dimensions of which will cause the parasol to assume a slightly curvilinear shape when open. Preferably the frame and the cover are associated with suitable means such as a drawstring arrangement disposed near the periphery of the cover so that this portion can be drawn in close to the handle or stem when the parasol is to be used as a bag. Preferably the frame is made of a plurality of flat strips of spring steel having holes intermediate their length through which means can be passed to hold them rigidly on the end of the handle or stem and the outer ends of each frame strip are housed in suitable pockets formed in the cover. Adjacent this point of connection between the cover and the frame are disposed a plurality of rings and a drawstring which can be associated therewith in any desired way for the purpose of collapsing the parasol. The parasol can be quickly disassembled by preferably merely unscrewing the head on the end of the stem, which will permit the ribs or frame to be removed from the stem, and the frame can be removed from the cover merely by withdrawing the end of the ribs out of the pockets in the cover.

In the preferred form of the invention shown in the drawings I provide a parasol having a handle 10 connected to a stem 11, the upper end of which is provided with a threaded pin 12 set therein. This threaded

pin is adapted to be engaged by a head 13 having a threaded bore therein. A plurality of ribs such as 14 are adapted to be disposed between the head and the end of the stem. These ribs are made of strips of spring steel and are provided intermediate their ends with a hole 15 through which the pin 12 passes. These ribs are disposed as shown in Figure 4, angularly with respect to each other, to form a frame. The ends of each rib are adapted to be disposed in pockets such as 16 formed on the under surface of a cover 17 made of any suitable fabric, the pockets being disposed near the periphery of the cover. The dimensions of the cover are such that when attached to the frame the parasol will assume a curved form as shown in Figure 1. Adjacent each pocket on the cover extending around in the form of a ring is a beading 18 which, as shown in Figure 10, is adapted to receive a drawstring 19. As shown in Figure 4, however, the drawstring 19 passes through rings 20 disposed on each rib, these rings being mounted in suitable flaps 21, of fabric or other suitable material which can be attached to the ribs or to the cover in any desired manner. In the form shown in Figure 4 the ends of the drawstring are passed respectively through a pair of rings such as 20 connected to opposite ends of a flap 22 fastened to one of the ribs.

When the parasol is to be collapsed in the form of a bag the drawstring is pulled and by reason of this pull on the cover and the frame adjacent the outer portions thereof and also due to the flexibility of the frame elements and their rigid connection to the stem, the frame and the cover will assume the curved form shown in Figures 2 and 3 to provide an ample receptacle for articles of apparel such as bathing shoes 23 and bathing suits 24 shown in Figure 3. The drawstring may be knotted or tied over the ends of a pin 24 disposed in the stem 11 near the handle 10.

The entire device can be quickly disassembled by first unscrewing the head 13 and then removing the ends of the ribs 14 from the pockets 16, after which the cover can be taken off and then the ribs can be lifted off the pin 12.

As shown in Figure 13 the entire device comprises three main portions, the stem, the plurality of ribs to form the frame and the cover with the drawstring arrangement fastened thereto. The form of drawstring arrangement shown in Figure 4 is a preferred form with the drawstring in view. In this case the drawstring does not have to be run through the beading 18, as it is shown in Figure 10.

This device is extremely simple and economical to manufacture and provides a neat and convenient combination of parasol and bag. It can be made up in many attractive forms and serves efficiently in both of its capacities.

What I claim is:

1. A parasol bag which comprises a handle, a frame attached to the handle only at the end thereof, a cover on said frame and means for drawing the outer edges only of the frame and cover together to form a bag.

2. A parasol bag which comprises a stem, a cover and a frame connected to the stem and supporting the cover, said frame comprising a plurality of flexible elements rigidly connected to the stem, the cover being fastened on the frame and means associated with the outer portions of the frame and the cover for drawing the outer portions thereof together around the stem to form a bag.

3. A parasol bag which includes a flexible frame formed of a plurality of flexible strips of spring material rigidly fastened intermediate their ends to the stem.

4. A parasol bag which includes a stem, a cover, a flexible frame to which the cover is attached, said frame comprising a plurality of flexible spring ribs and means for rigidly connecting said ribs to the stem intermediate their length.

5. A parasol bag which includes a stem, a cover, a flexible frame to which the cover is attached, said frame comprising a plurality of flexible spring ribs and means for rigidly connecting said ribs to the stem intermediate their length, and a drawstring associated with the outer portions of the cover and ribs and adapted to draw those portions together around the stem.

6. A parasol bag which includes a frame, said frame being comprised entirely of flexible spring strips of metal and means for rigidly connecting said strips intermediate their length to the handle of the parasol.

7. A parasol bag which comprises a cover having pockets therein, a flexible frame formed of spring ribs, the ends of the ribs nested in the pockets, and a drawstring associated with the frame and the cover adjacent the outer portions thereof to draw them together.

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