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Fig. 2.

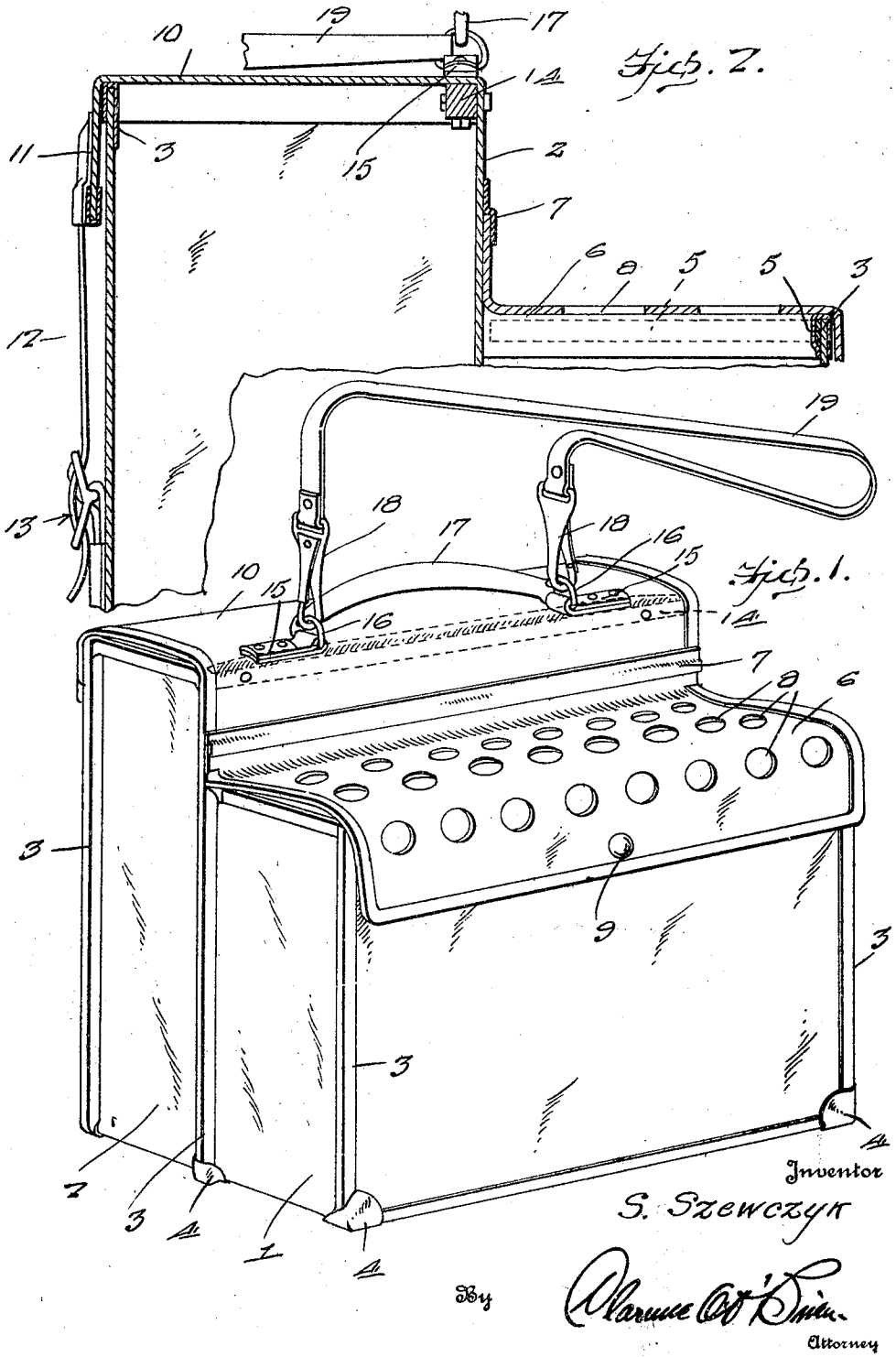


Fig. 1.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, STANISLAW SZEWCZYK, a citizen of Poland, residing at Passaic, in the county of Passaic and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in an Angler's Creel, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved creel or bag which is especially adapted for use by anglers or the like.

The invention has more particular reference to a carrying creel which is formed from rubberized fabric to render it substantially water proof, and is so designed as to provide an aerated fish containing pouch, and a tool carrying kit, the same being formed into a one-piece structure so that it may be swung over one's back to be carried conveniently through the medium of a shoulder strap.

The various features and advantages derived from the novel construction and arrangement of parts will become apparent from the following description and drawing.

In the accompanying drawing forming a part of this application, and in which like numerals are employed to designate like parts throughout the same:

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of an angler's creel constructed in accordance with the present invention.

Figure 2 is a fragmentary sectional and elevational view showing the details of the structure formed precisely.

As before stated, the improved bag or creel is formed of rubberized fabric, the pieces of which are secured together to provide an outer fish containing pouch 1, and an inner kit 2 for carrying paraphernalia used in fishing. By preference the pouch is somewhat shorter in height than the kit. The pieces of fabric forming these two containers are secured together through the medium of rubber cornices 3, and additional wear pieces 4 arranged especially upon the bottom cornice. The cornices 3 are more accurately in the form of binders, the same being formulated as thoroughly elastic rubber strips. For the purpose of maintaining the expanded condition of the pouch, a substantially U-shaped metal frame 5 is arranged at the top thereof as shown in Figure 2, the rubber strip 3 in this instance forming a binder for the upper edge of the pouch, covering and retaining the frame in place. A flap 6 is fastened to the outer wall of the kit 2 as at 7 and constitutes a cover for the open top of the pouch, this flap being formed with a multiplicity of air holes 8 for thoroughly aerating the pouch. As shown in Figure 1, the free end of the flap extends down over the outer wall of the pouch and is fastened by a snap fastener or its equivalent 9. The tool kit 2 is also open at its top and a cover flap 10 extends over the same by extending the outer wall laterally as shown in Figure 2, the free end of the flap depending as indicated at 11 and there being retaining straps 12 appropriately fastened thereto. The straps are adapted to cooperate at their free ends with buckles of suitable design 13 for maintaining the flap closed. It will be noted from Figure 2 that a strip or bar of wood 14 extends crosswise of the outer face of the kit at the top thereof to reinforce the structure and to serve as anchoring means for eye carrying straps 15. These straps 15 carry eyes 16 to which an appropriate handle 17 has its ends connected. In addition, snap fasteners 18 are secured to the eyes and these snap fasteners connected with a shoulder strap 19. Thus, it will be seen that the contrivance can be suspended over the angler's shoulder when carrying the same over a great distance, but when moving the same about during the fishing period, the handle 17 will suffice.

From the foregoing it will be seen that I have evolved and produced an exceedingly novel creel for use by fishermen, the same being made up of material which is water proof. The same embodies properly separated compartments, one for the tools and the other for the fish, the tools being held against displacement, but being readily accessible and the fish likewise being held against displacement. The rubberized fabric from which the device is composed in the main is comparatively flexible and is foldable so that under certain conditions it can be folded into a comparatively compact package. These and other features and advantages of the invention have doubtless been made apparent by the foregoing description and the accompanying drawing. Therefore, a more lengthy description is deemed unnecessary.

Although the preferred embodiment of the invention has been shown and described, it is to be understood that minor changes

coming within the field of invention claimed may be resorted to if desired.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is:—

1. A creel comprising a substantially U-shaped frame, front, end, and rear walls on said frame and a bottom forming with said walls, a substantially foldable fish pouch, an upper extension carried by said rear wall, a tool kit formed integral with the rear wall of said pouch, a reinforcing strip carried by said extension, said extension forming a cover for said tool kit, means for closing said cover over said tool kit, a flap on the intermediate portion of said extension having a plurality of openings formed therein and adapted to cover said pouch, means for securing said cover over said pouch, a handle secured to said reinforcing strip, and means adapted to be attached to said handle for suspending said creel from the shoulders of a user.

2. A rubberized fabric creel comprising a U-shaped metal frame, front, rear, and end walls depending from said frame, and a bottom forming with said walls a pouch for the reception of fish, an upper extension on said rear wall to form a flap, a tool kit formed at the rear of said pouch foldable against the same, a reinforcing strip carried by said extension, a handle attached at its ends to said strip, and a cover flap attached to the front of said extension and having a plurality of air holes therein to cover said pouch, means for closing said tool kit flap over said kit, means for closing said perforated cover over said pouch, and a means attached to said handle allowing a suspension of the creel.

3. A combined foldable pouch and a tool kit of rubberized fabric, comprising a rigid U-shaped frame for said pouch, an upper extension on the rear wall of said pouch adapted to form a closing flap for said tool kit, a longitudinal reinforcing strip carried by the intermediate portion of said extension, a handle having its ends secured in said strip, said handle adapted to receive and hold a strap for suspending the device from a support, and a front flap having a plurality of air holes formed therein attached to the front part of said extension to cover said pouch, means for closing said flap over said tool kit, means for closing said front flap over said pouch, and reinforcing cornices for the meeting edges of the kit and pouch and said flap and cover.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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