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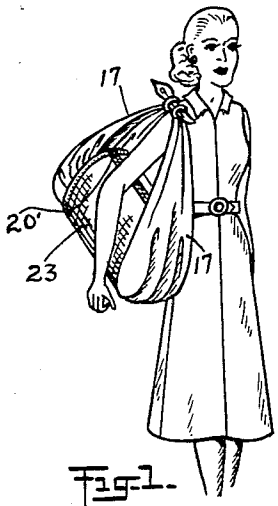


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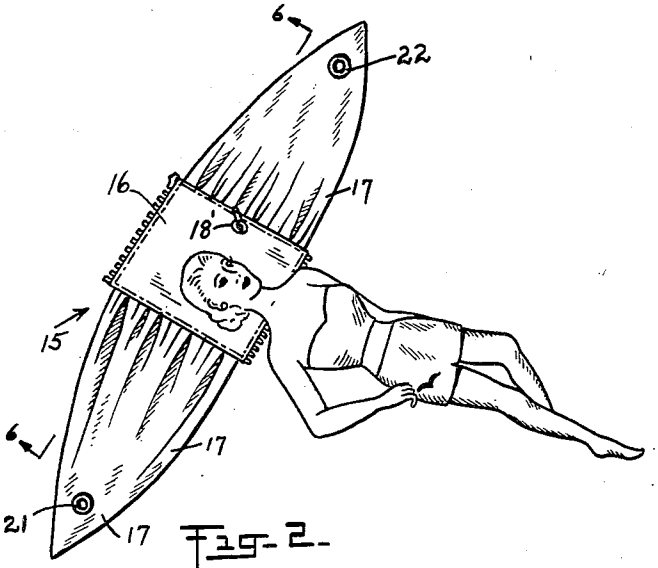


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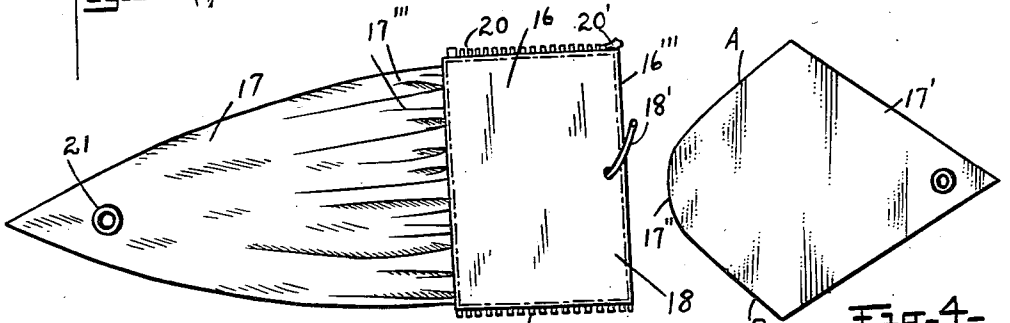


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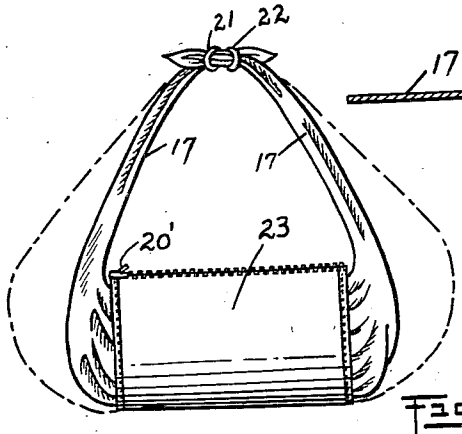


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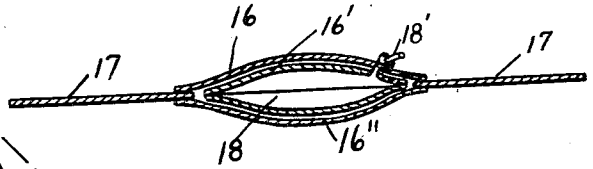


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The present invention relates to a novel and improved article which is a combined beach bag and pillow, and as is evident from such designation, it is for use to carry bathing apparel and other beach items and is adaptable to serve as a pillow.

The principal object of this invention is to provide a novel and improved combined beach bag and pillow. When used as a bag, provision is made that its capacity is automatically adjustable beyond a minimum if the things carried take up more room than such minimum. When used as a pillow, parts of my new article may be used to protect the face from the sun.

Another object hereof is to provide a combined beach bag and pillow of novel and improved construction, which is decorative in appearance when used as a bag and which can serve as a shawl if desired.

Another object hereof is to provide a novel and improved article of the character mentioned, which is reasonably cheap to manufacture, simple in structure, easy to use and efficient in carrying out the purposes for which it is designed.

Other objects and advantages will become apparent as this disclosure proceeds.

For the practice of this invention, the article may assume the form comprising a central section rectangular in shape and preferably made of two plies joined along their perimeters to form a housing or cover for a sponge rubber slab insert or for an inflatable pillow. Means are provided on the top and bottom edges of this central section so that said edges may be releasably joined to become a tubular form. From each side edge of said central section, there extends a fabric or other pliable sheet member joined thereto by gathers or shirring whereby pouches are formed thereby at each end of the central section. The outer ply of the central section is of somewhat stiff material so that the tubular form is maintained when the top and bottom edges thereof are joined as for instance by use of a separable zipper, snap fasteners, button and button-holes or similar closure means.

In the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification, similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Fig. 1 is a pictorial illustration showing a lady carrying the beach bag which embodies the present invention.

Fig. 2 is a pictorial illustration showing the lady lying on the beach and using my new article as a pillow.

Fig. 3 shows part of the combined beach bag and pillow, spread flat. Such part comprising the mentioned rectangular central section of the embodiment illustrated, and one of the fabric end members.

Fig. 4 shows the pattern of one of such end members.

Fig. 5 is a front view of the article when in use as a beach bag.

Fig. 6 is a section taken at lines 6—6 in Fig. 2, drawn to a slightly enlarged scale.

In the drawings, the numeral 15 designates generally one form of my combined beach bag and pillow. The article comprises a central section 16 and the end sections 17. The central section is here rectangular and is made of two plies 16', 16'' joined along their perimeters to form a casing for a suitable resilient soft mass which can serve for pillow purposes and is not too thick, as for instance a slab of sponge rubber, or better yet, I use for this purpose an inflatable, deflatable pillow 18, whose exposed blow-up tube is indicated at 18'. To and substantially along the entire length of each side edge of the central section 16, there is sewn one of the end sections 17. The free opposite edges of the central section 16, may be provided with any suitable releasable engagement means to secure such free edges together, thereby making the central section a tubular form. Such means may be a separable zipper or other slide fastener indicated by the strings 19 and 20. Instead of such zipper, such means may comprise snaps, hooks and eyes, buttons and button holes or the like. In use, the outer sections may be held together in hand and may be provided with handle means which may even be capable of ties or other engagement as for instance the rings 21, 22 or suitable releasable hook-on means as snaps or T-bar and ring arrangements or buckle not shown but well understood without further illustration.

Each end section 17 may initially be of the pattern shown in Fig. 4, meaning in the form of a square whose side is longer than the length of the edge 16''' of the central section 16. One corner 17'' of said square piece 17' is convexedly rounded. The two sides "A" and "B" of said square piece, which includes said rounded corner, including the perimeter of such corner, are gathered or shirred until their total length is about equal to the length of the edge 16''' of the central section. In such gathered condition, each end section 17 is sewn onto the central section 16, as shown in Fig. 3. The mentioned gathers indicated by the numeral 17''', cause the end sections 17 to be in the form of pouches which cover the respective ends of the tubular form the central section assumes when the article is in condition where it is used as a bag 23 as shown in Figs. 1 and 5. Here, the T-piece 21 and the ring 22 are engaged so that the article 15 can be carried in hand or slung over a shoulder as in Fig. 1.

The end sections 17 may be of terry cloth, the pillow 18 may be of rubber or plastic sheeting, the central section's plies 16', 16'' may be of a thick cloth, canvas, heavy plastic sheeting and of course, other suitable sheetings may be used for these components. The free edges of the end sections 17 are suitably finished with a narrow hem or decorative edging and all components may be of colors and decorated in any manner as style may dictate.

To use the article 15 as a beach bag, deflate the pillow 18 and lay the article out flat as in Fig. 2. Place articles to be carried, as bathing suit, shoes etc., onto the central section 16. Close the zipper 19, 20 by means of its operating slide 20'. The expendable pouches formed in the end sections may be used to hold more articles to be carried. Now engage the T-piece 21 with the ring 22, and sling over the shoulder as in Fig. 1. The weight of the articles carried will constrain the pouches automatically and none will fall out therefrom. Mere reference to Fig. 2 explains sufficiently the use of the article as a pillow. In the event the weather becomes chily, the article can be worn as a shawl or scarf by placing the central section 16 on the back and draping the end sections 17 about the shoulders.

This invention is capable of numerous forms and various applications without departing from the essential features herein disclosed. It is therefore intended and desired that the embodiment herein shall be deemed illustrative and not restrictive and that the patent shall cover all patentable novelty herein set forth; reference being had to the following claims rather than to the specific description herein to indicate the scope of this invention.

I claim:

1. In a beach carryall bag of the character described, a central section of pliant material adapted to be set out flat, end sections of pliant material extending from said central section; said central section having opposite edges between said end sections, means on said edges to releasably join them whereby the central section is formed into tube form with the ends of such tube at said end sections respectively; the ends of said tube being in respective planes which are substantially perpendicular to the line of the length of such tube and the end sections being positionable across such tube ends and holdable together away from said tube form, whereby the tube form is substantially closed at both ends by said end sections and the article may be carried by holding the end sections at their junction.

2. The article as defined in claim 1, wherein the central section is rectangular and each end section is joined along substantially the entire length of an edge of the central section respectively.

3. The article as defined in claim 1, wherein each end section is formed with a pouch communicative with said tubular form when the end sections are held in hand.

4. The article as defined in claim 1, wherein the end sections are joined by means permitting them to be parted.

5. The article as defined in claim 1, wherein each of the end sections is gathered along its juncture with the central section.

6. The article as defined in claim 1, wherein each end section end which is joined to the central section is initially an angular edge whose angle has a convexedly rounded apex, such angular edge being gathered whereby each end section is formed into a pouch when the article is carried; said pouches being across the ends of the tubular form.

7. The article as defined in claim 6, wherein each end section is made of a square piece having a convexedly rounded corner; said corner and the sides of the square including same, being gathered.

8. The article as defined in claim 6, wherein each end section is joined to substantially an entire edge of the central section.

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