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Fig. 1.

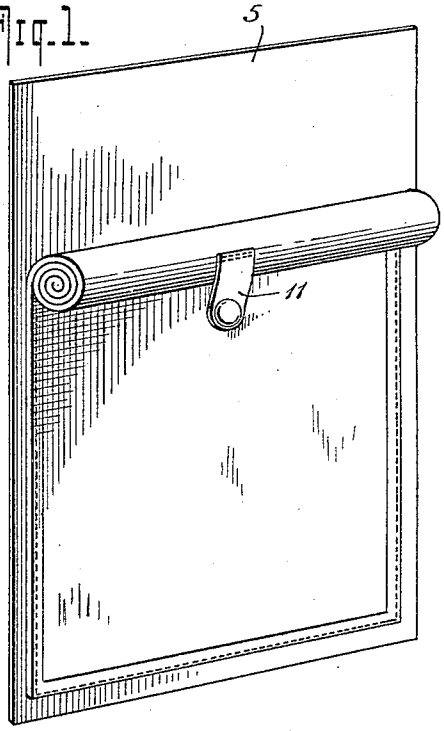
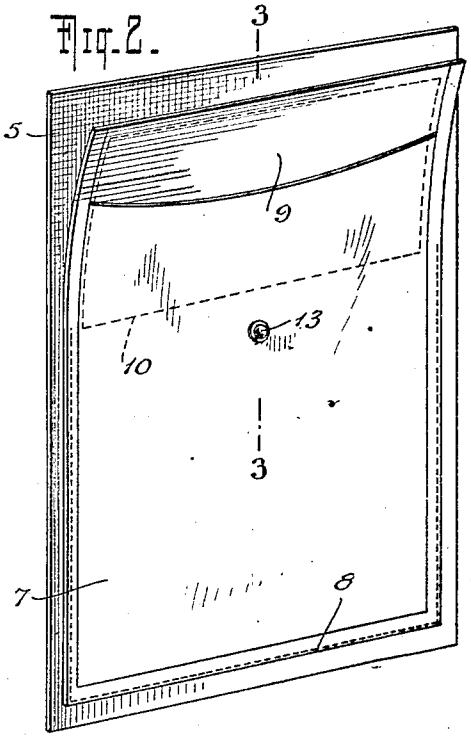


Fig. 2.



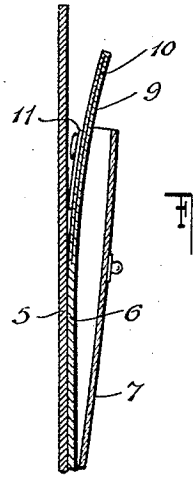


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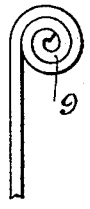


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ERNST FRANTZ, a citizen of Germany, residing at Newark, county of Essex, and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Waterproof Pockets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in pockets for garments, and has particular reference to a waterproof pocket especially adapted for use on bathing suits and the like.

An object of the invention is to provide an improved pocket of simple and inexpensive construction which, when attached to a garment and closed, will effectively protect the contents of the pocket against moisture.

Another object is to provide a pocket in which the flap is made to roll up and engage a portion of the body of the pocket adjacent the opening thereof in such manner that said opening will be securely closed by said flap and portion.

The above and other objects will appear more clearly from the following detailed description, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, which illustrates preferred embodiments of the inventive idea.

In the drawing—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the pocket showing the same in closed position;

Figure 2 is a similar view with the pocket opened;

Figure 3 is a section on the line 3—3 of Figure 2; and

Figure 4 is a fragmentary end elevation of a slightly different form of closure flap.

The pocket of the present invention is particularly designed for use on bathing suits and adapted to contain various articles such as a powder puff, cosmetics and the like, which must be kept dry in order to be of use.

In accordance with the invention, the pocket may be manufactured as a separate article to be attached to a garment or may be made as an integral part of said garment. In the former case, it is preferable to provide a backing 5 made from any suitable fabric which is of sufficient dimensions to permit it to be securely attached to the garment in any desired manner. The body of the pocket is made of rubberized fabric or other suitable material impervious to moisture and consists of a back portion 6 and a front portion 7 secured together and to the backing 5 along their bottom edges and a portion of the side edges thereof by stitches 8, said stitches terminating short of the upper edges of said portions for a purpose which will presently appear.

The back portion 6 is of greater length than the front 7 to provide a flap 9 in which is embedded, in the form of the invention shown in Figures 1 to 3, a resilient plate 10. This plate is made so as to normally assume a rolled up or coil shape and extends downwardly through the flap 9 and into the back portion 6 to a point adjacent the upper ends of the stitches 8, as clearly shown in Figure 2. With the pocket open as shown in said figure, it is necessary to hold the flap 9 to prevent the same from coiling to its closing position but upon the release of said flap, the plate 10 will roll up and in so doing will first coil the flap 9 and then the upper portion of the front 7 which is not stitched to the backing 5. After the plate is completely coiled, the flap assumes the position shown in Figure 1 in which position the opening to the pocket is completely closed with the upper edge of the front concealed and interposed between the coils of the flap and adjacent portion of the back 6. A tab 11 is attached to the back 6 and carries the head 12 of a snap fastener which may be engaged with a stud 13 of said fastener secured to the front 7 in any suitable position.

To open the pocket it is only necessary to loosen the snap fastener and then unroll the flap against the tension of the spring plate 10.

In the form of the invention shown in Figure 4 the plate 10 may be dispensed with in which case the flap is made of a suitable material which may be molded so that it will normally assume the coiled position shown in said figure and return to such position after the pocket has been opened.

What is claimed is:

1. A pocket for garments including front and back portions, a flap formed on one of said portions, and a normally coiled resilient plate carried by said flap and extending coincident with a part of the latter portion for causing said flap and said part to normally assume a coiled condition to form a rolled closure for the opening in said pocket.

2. A pocket for garments including front

and back portions formed of waterproof material, a flap forming an extension of one of said portions, and a normally coiled resilient plate embedded in said flap and a part of the last named portion and operable to coil said part and flap to form a rolled closure for the opening in said pocket.

3. A pocket for garments including a backing, front and back portions for said pocket secured to said backing along their bottom and portions of their side edges, the upper ends of said edges being unattached to said backing, a flap forming an extension of one of said portions, and a normally coiled resilient element embedded in said flap and a part of the latter portion and operable to roll up said flap and the unattached parts of said front and back portions to form a closure for said pocket.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature.

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