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Fig. 1

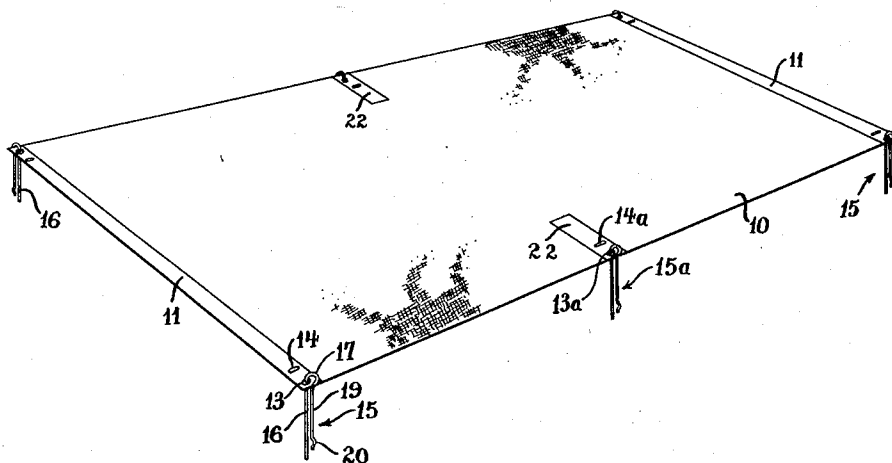
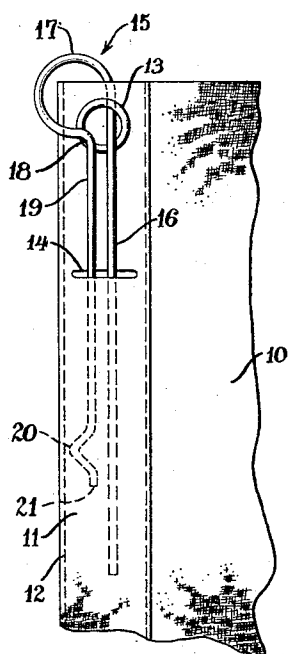


Fig. 2

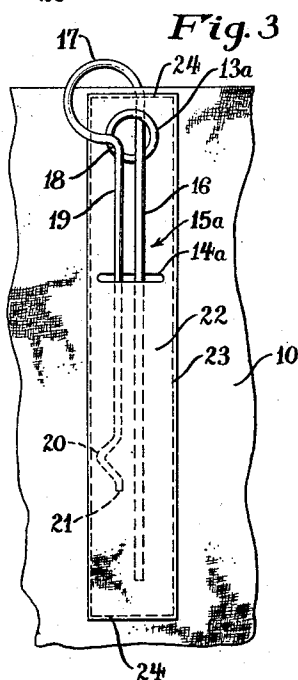


Fig. 3

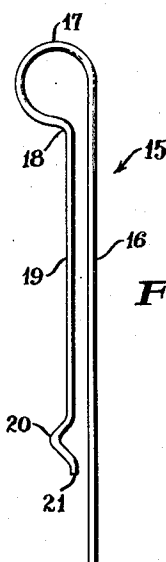


Fig. 4

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1 Claim. (Cl. 5—344)

This invention relates to a beach sheet or towel or the like, and anchoring means therefor, and has as its primary object the provision of a ground sheet for any desired purpose, such as for beach use, for sleeping, for picnic purposes, or for protection against dampness or heat, provided with means for securely anchoring the sheet in a desired location.

An additional object of the invention is the provision of such anchoring means which may be secured to the ground sheet in such manner that their disengagement by accident is rendered difficult, but which may be detached when necessary or desirable.

An additional object of the invention is the provision of means in association with such a beach sheet for holding the anchoring pins securely with the sheet for storage therewith when not in use.

Still another object of the invention is the provision of a novel anchoring pin for use with a ground sheet of this character.

Still other objects reside in the combination of elements, arrangements of parts, and features of construction, all as will be more fully pointed out hereinafter, and shown in the accompanying drawing wherein there is disclosed a preferred embodiment of this inventive concept.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of one form of beach sheet or towel and associated anchoring means therefor embodying features of the instant invention.

Figure 2 is an enlarged fragmentary plan view, disclosing one of the anchoring elements in storage position.

Figure 3 is a view similar to Figure 2, but showing a different type of storage pocket for the anchoring means.

Figure 4 is a plan view of the anchoring pin disassembled from its associated ground sheet.

Similar reference characters refer to similar parts throughout the several views of the drawing.

Having reference now to the drawing in detail, there is generally indicated at 10 a beach sheet or the like, which may be of any desired size, and of any desired flexible material, adapted to be spread on and secured to the ground for any desired purpose, such as the under surface for a sleeping bag, a picnic cloth, or a suitable protective sheet for any desired purpose.

The sheet in the illustrative embodiment is generally rectangular in configuration, and is provided with reverted end strips 11, which are suitably secured as by lines of stitching 12 to the adjacent end or side of the sheet 10.

Adjacent each end of each strip 11 is an aperture, which contains a suitable grommet 13, of any desired conventional construction, and of any suitable material. A slot

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14 is provided in the pocket formed by the reverted strip 11 at a point spaced from each grommet.

Each grommet is adapted for the reception of an anchoring pin, which is generally indicated at 15, and includes a straight leg 16, which is reverted as at 17, to form a loop of a greater extent than a half circle. The loop terminates at 18 in a second leg 19, which is positioned substantially close to the leg 16, in such manner that the loop 17 is offset relative to the leg 19, to provide substantially a complete circle, when inserted in a grommet 13. The leg 19 is provided with an indented portion 20, terminating in a tip 21, the portion 20 serving securely to hold the pin 15 in the ground, when it is inserted thereinto. Any desired number of pins 15 may be employed with the sheet 10, all of the pins being substantially identical, and the pins at the corner of the device being adapted to be inserted in the pockets formed by the slots 14 in the reverted end portions 11.

For the intermediate pins as indicated at 15a suitable strips 22 may be provided, each of a length slightly in excess of the length of the associated pin 15, and having stitching 23 along the sides thereof with additional stitching 24 at either end forming a completely closed pocket. Grommets 13a similar to the grommets 13 are provided adjacent the edges of the sheet, and an elongated slot 14a is also provided positioned similarly to the slots 14, in such manner that the pin may be inserted thereinto when not in use as best shown in Figure 3.

Obviously in the use and application of the device the sheet 10 is first extended to its full length, and then each individual pin inserted into the ground to a desired depth, and at a desired angle.

From the foregoing it will now be seen that there is herein provided an improved ground sheet and anchoring pin therefor which accomplishes all of the objects of this invention, and others, including many advantages of great practical utility and commercial importance.

As many embodiments may be made of this inventive concept, and as many modifications may be made in the embodiment hereinbefore shown and described, it is to be understood that all matter herein is to be interpreted merely as illustrative, and not in a limiting sense.

What I claim is:

In a device of the character described, the combination of a beach sheet, elongated closed pockets having slots therein at spaced points about the perimeter of said sheet, grommets extended through said pockets adjacent the edge of said sheet, a bifurcated anchoring pin extended through each grommet, said pins being adapted when not in use to have their ends inverted into said slot for retention in said pockets, said anchoring pins each comprising a straight leg terminating in a loop having an arc of approximately 270°, a second leg extending from said loop parallel to said first leg and closely adjacent to but spaced therefrom, and an offset portion in said second leg, certain of said pockets being formed by reverting the edges of said sheet and stitching said edges to the body of the sheet.

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