

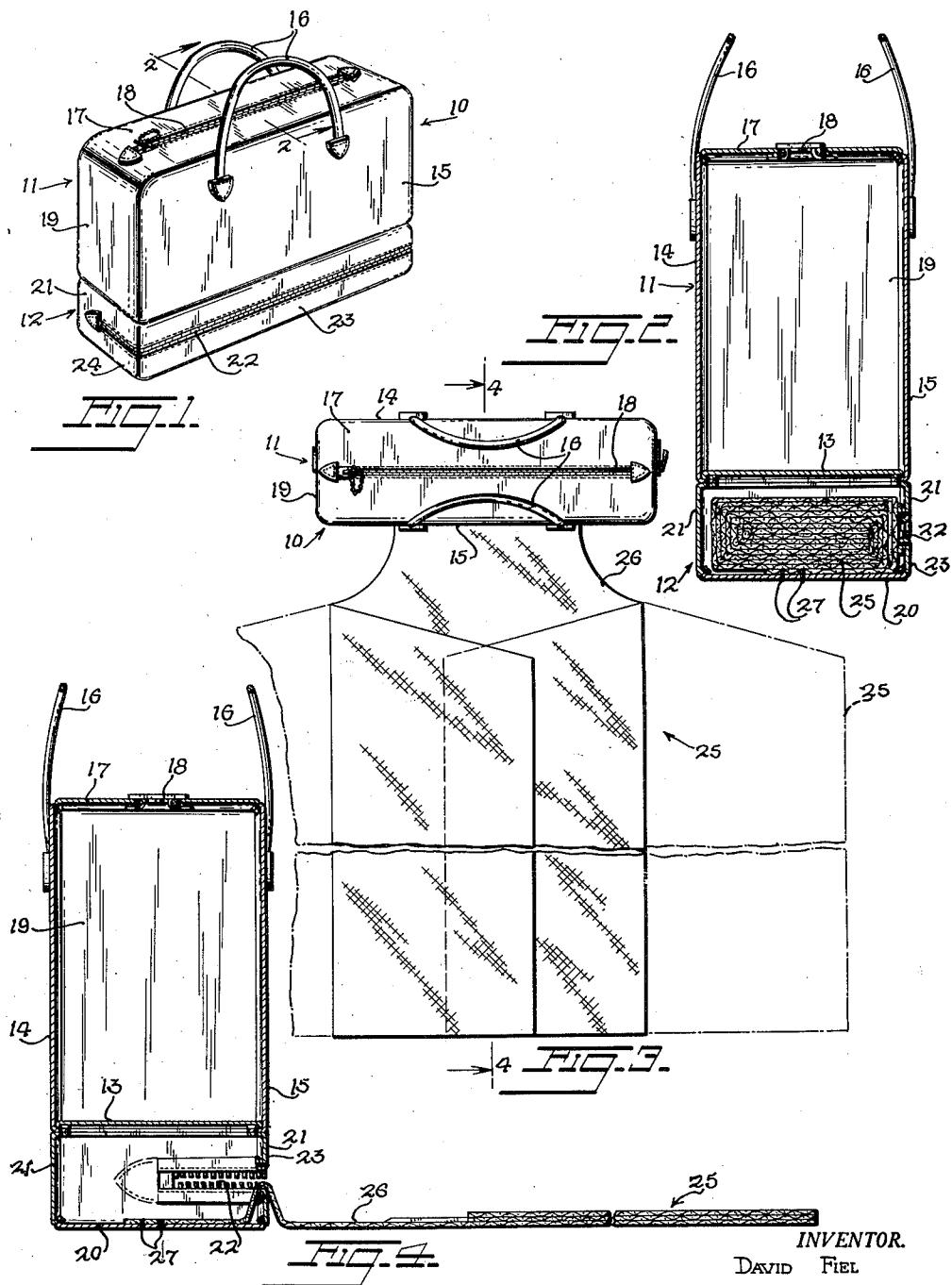
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The present invention relates to a combination beach bag and beach mat and refers more particularly to a bag comprising separate compartments, one of which is adapted to receive a beach mat which is preferably firmly attached to the bag inside its own compartment so that the compartment may be closed with the mat inside. The mat may be extended exteriorly of the compartment when the latter is open and the user may lie upon the mat and fall asleep without fear of losing the bag.

An object of the present invention is to provide a bag combined with a mat in an inconspicuous manner, the combined article resembling a bag alone except upon close inspection.

A further object is the provision of such an article in which the operation of the bag portion is identical with the operation of an ordinary beach bag.

A further object is the provision of an article of the class described which shall be cheap to manufacture.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, and to the appended claims in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawings forming a material part of this disclosure:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a combination bag embodying the present invention.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged transverse vertical sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a plan view of the article showing the mat in extended position.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged transverse vertical sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

The combination beach bag and beach mat, according to the present invention, includes a bag body 10 having a bag compartment 11 superimposed on a mat compartment 12, the two being separated by a partition 13 constituting the floor of the bag compartment. The bag compartment 11 is formed with side walls 14 and 15 to which are attached carrying straps 16. A member 17 constitutes both end walls and a top wall of the bag compartment 11 and is furnished with a "zipper" closure 18 for access to the interior 19 of the bag compartment 11.

The mat compartment 12 comprises a bottom portion 20 and a side member 21 which preferably extends around four sides of the compartment and is provided with a "zipper" portion 22 extending along a front portion 23 and adjacent

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side portions 24 of the end walls of mat compartment 12. The mat 25 comprises a neck portion 26 which is preferably firmly fastened as by stitches 27 to bottom portion 20. Mat 25 can be folded as in Fig. 2 so as to lie entirely within mat compartment 12 and may be enclosed therein by operation of "zipper" closure 22. As seen from Fig. 2, folded mat 25 is lying flat and beneath bag compartment 11. This contributes to the normal appearance of bag 10, the location and position of mat 25 being as inconspicuous as possible. Thus positioned and located, the mat 25 is a further protection to bag 11 and its contents in case the combination 10 is set in a wet or dirty place. The mat 25 may, after "zipper" closure 22 is opened, be unrolled and extend out of mat compartment 12, as is clearly seen in Figs. 3 and 4. The particular shape of mat 25 is immaterial to the present invention as its greatest dimension may be parallel to or perpendicular to the greatest dimension of bag 10. It is preferable that mat 25 be of such a size that when fully unfolded, as indicated in Fig. 3 in broken lines, one or more persons may comfortably lie thereupon.

An advantage of the construction disclosed herein is that a person lying on the mat may fall asleep without fear of having the bag stolen or removed by mischievous or other unauthorized parties.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiments of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise constructions herein disclosed and the right is reserved to all changes and modifications coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent is:

1. In a beach bag having a bag body separated into an upper bag compartment and a lower mat compartment having side walls, end walls and a bottom portion, said mat compartment having an opening extending along one side wall and partially into the end walls thereof, a beach mat having a width greater than the length of the mat compartment, and a neck portion continuing from one side of said beach mat intermediate the width thereof, said neck portion being narrower than the length of the mat compartment and having its free end extended into the mat compartment and secured to the bottom portion thereof, whereby the side portions of said mat may be folded into superimposed positions on the cen-

ter portion, thus making the width of said mat less than the length of the mat compartment, after which said mat may be folded at right angles to said first-mentioned folds to be received completely within the mat compartment.

2. In a beach bag having a bag body separated into an upper bag compartment and a lower mat compartment having side walls, end walls and a bottom portion, said mat compartment having an opening extending along one side wall and 10 partially into the end walls thereof, a beach mat having a width greater than the length of the mat compartment, and a neck portion continuing from one side of said beach mat intermediate the width thereof, said neck portion being narrower 15 than the length of the mat compartment and having its free end extended into the mat compartment and secured to the bottom portion thereof, whereby the side portions of said mat may be folded into superimposed positions on the center 20 portion, thus making the width of said mat less

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than the length of the mat compartment, after which said mat may be folded at right angles to said first-mentioned folds to be received completely within the mat compartment, and rows of fasteners secured to the material of the mat compartment on opposite sides of said opening for closing said opening when said mat is in folded condition within the mat compartment.

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