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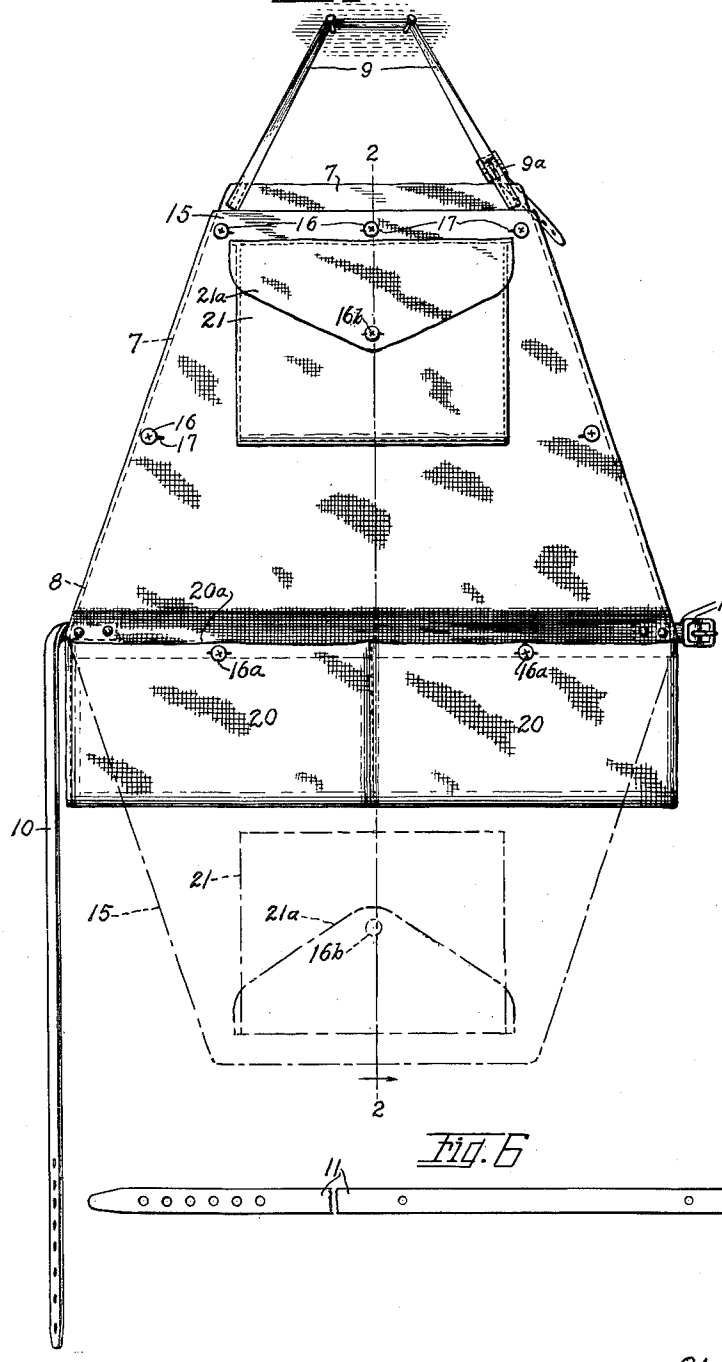


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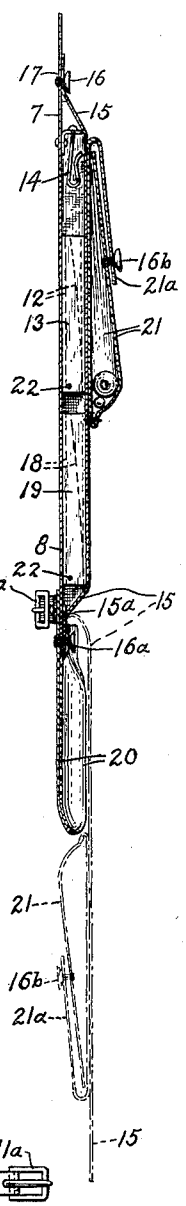


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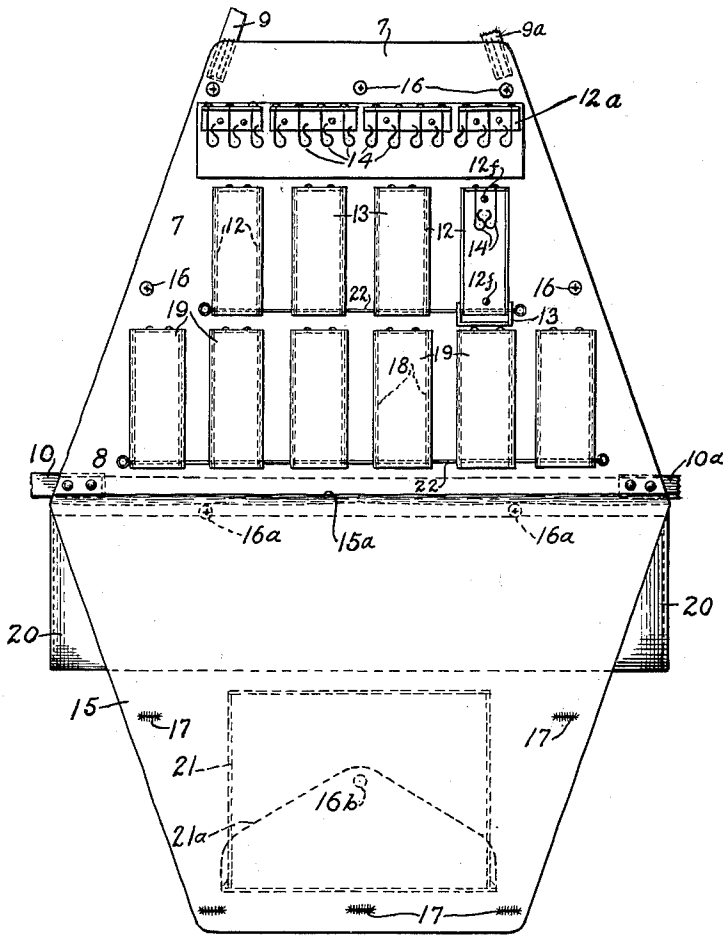


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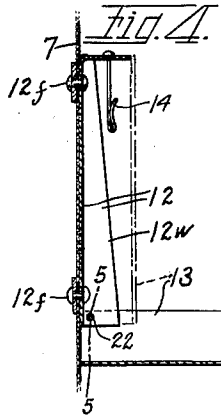
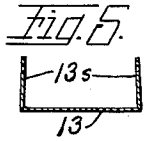


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This invention relates to package and article carriers, and especially to an apron-type article carrier to be worn by a person who desires to have various articles within convenient and easy reach, grasp and sight whenever needed.

The primary purpose of this invention is to provide an apron-type carrier that is especially designed for use by promiscuous anglers who desire to be continually prepared to quickly change hooks, lines, artificial bait and other fishing and landing tackle, according to the various kinds and sizes of fish known or believed to be present in any one of various locations in which the angler may choose to operate.

A further object of this invention is to provide an apron on which are conveniently located the receptacles in which can be removably secured the respective articles of fishing tackle, and to provide the receptacles with covers that are hinged at the lower ends of the receptacles, so the covers can be swung down from the wearer's path of vision, and so the user can see and select from the various hooks, baits, etc., and have easy manual access to the interior of the receptacles for grasping, disengaging, applying and using the selected article without undue delay or effort.

Other objects and important features are pointed out or implied in the following details of description in connection with the accompanying drawings in which:

Figure 1 is a front view of my apron-type article carrier which is shown as being hung on two nails in a wall, by a supporting strap which normally is around the neck of the wearer when the device is in use, the greater part of the apron being hidden behind a flexible flap which alternately constitutes a cover for the chest-portion and waist-portion of the apron when in the normal position where shown and which constitutes an apron extension when in the depending position indicated by dot-dash lines.

Figure 2 is a vertical sectional view, somewhat enlarged, and taken along the lines 2—2 of Fig. 1, the circular articles in the upper-front pocket being intended to indicate how this pocket would hold a cork or floats and a sinker or other similar articles.

Figure 3 is a view somewhat similar to Figure 1, but the attaching means or straps being broken off and the flap shown in the lower position in full lines, the normally upper-front pocket being shown in dotted lines and inverted, and the rows of tackle-attaching and containing devices being shown secured to the front of the apron.

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Figure 4 is an enlarged sectional view of one of the containers or receptacles for holding and removably securing one or more articles of fishing tackle, the rigid cover of the receptacle being shown in its lower receptacle-opening position in full lines, and in its upper closing position in dot-dash lines.

Figure 5 is an enlarged cross sectional view taken along lines 5—5 of Figure 4, showing the side-walls of the receptacle-cover slightly inclined toward one another or inwardly convergent.

Figure 6 shows a belt adapted to be attached to the waist-portion of the apron, in lieu of the straps and buckle shown in Figure 1, this belt having a swiveled spring-choked hooks thereon for attaching and carrying strings of fish, a minnow-bucket, or the like when desired by the user.

Referring to these drawings in detail, in which, similar references numerals refer to similar parts throughout the several views, the invention is described in detail as follows:

In broad terms, this package and article carrier comprises, in combination, an apron including a chest-portion 7 and a waist-portion 8, and includes attaching means or elements 9—9*a*—10, 10*a*, or 11 and 11*a*, also a horizontal row of substantially rigid receptacles 12 secured by appropriate fastening means 12*f* on the said chest-portion; each receptacle being provided with a hinged cover 13 and with spring-means or a spring-choked hook 14 to removably secure articles in said receptacles when the hinged covers 13 are respectively in lower position where they uncover said spring-means.

The hinges of said hinged covers are at the lower ends of said rigid receptacles, so that the wearer of the apron can look down into the interior of any one of the rigid receptacles 12 when its hinged cover 13 is in its position where it uncovers said spring-means 14. Brackets 12*a* are secured on said chest-covering portion, above the receptacles 12, and several hooks 14 are secured on and depend from each bracket 12*a*.

Each one of said receptacles 12 has substantially parallel walls 12*w* (Figure 4), and each of said hinged covers has lateral walls 13 that are somewhat springy and inwardly inclined or converging toward the free edges of one another and are normally spring-pressed against the outer sides of said parallel walls of the respective receptacles so as to resist gravitation that tends to move said hinged covers down to the receptacle-opening position; there it is supported

horizontally by its part of the long flexible pivotal element 22.

A flexible flap or apron extension 15, preferably of water-proof fabric has a substantially horizontal junction with said waist-portion at 15a and is adapted to hang downward as an apron-extension to cover front portions below the waist of the wearer, and said flap and chest portion is provided with buttons 16 and button-holes 17, or other cooperative means to secure the flap or apron extension 15 over the said chest-portion and over said row of rigid receptacles 12 and over the hinged covers 13 thereof.

A second horizontal row of rigid receptacles 18 is disposed on the apron, below the first said row, and terminates substantially at said waist-portion and is secured thereto, these receptacles and their covers 19 being substantially the same construction as receptacles 13, but larger, for containing tackle units that are larger than can conveniently be supported in the receptacles 13.

Pockets 20 are united with and depending from said waist-portion 8, and each pocket 20 has its inlet opening 20a at its upper-front portion. The flap 15 has a horizontal edge united with said waist-portion 8 in a proper relation to cover said inlet-opening when this flap is depending from said waist-portion. This flexible flap or apron extension 15 is shown in its upper position in Figure 1, where it covers all the tackle securing and containing elements on the apron's chest-portion and waist-portion.

A normally closed pocket 21 is united with the flap 15 in a proper position to cover said chest-portion when said flap is in said upper position. This pocket 21 and its cover 21a are preferably water-proof so as to protect its contents such as may be damaged by getting wet.

I have no intention to limit my patent protection to the precise details of description in the foregoing, for this invention is susceptible of numerous changes within the scope of the inventive ideas implied and claimed.

My invention is claimed as follows:

1. In an element of a package and article carrier, an apron including a chest-covering portion and a waist-attaching portion and a flexible flap that comprises an apron-extension of water-proof material, said chest-covering portion having its upper edge provided with supporting means adapted to be passed around the neck of a user, extension-fastening means near said upper edge of the chest-covering portion, means at said waist-attaching portion for cooperating with said supporting means in securing said chest-covering portion to the user, said flexible apron-extension having a substantially horizontal edge united with said waist-attaching portion and adapted to hang vertically from the latter and alternately to be held by said extension-fastening means in its upper position substantially entirely across the front of said chest-covering portion so as to cover and shield whatever may be attached on the front of said chest-covering portion against contact with rain or spray, etc.

2. The combination defined by claim 1, and a horizontal row of brackets secured to said chest-portion, at least one spring-choked or obstructed hook depending from each one of said brackets for receiving and retaining articles that may be hooked thereinto, said bracket being properly located on said chest-portion to be covered by said apron-extension when the latter is across the front side of said chest-covering portion.

3. The combination defined by claim 1, and a pocket having an openable upper edge united with said waist attaching portion immediately below said horizontal edge of said apron extension so as to be covered and protected by the latter when hanging down in front of said pocket.

4. The combination defined by claim 1, and a pocket having an openable edge provided with a normally fastened cover over said openable edge, said pocket being united with said apron-extension and having said openable edge as its upper edge when said apron-extension is in front of said chest-covering portion, said normally fastened cover of said pocket being effective to prevent emptying said pocket when the latter is inverted while said apron-extension hangs down.

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