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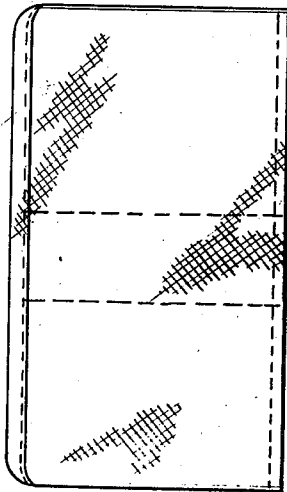
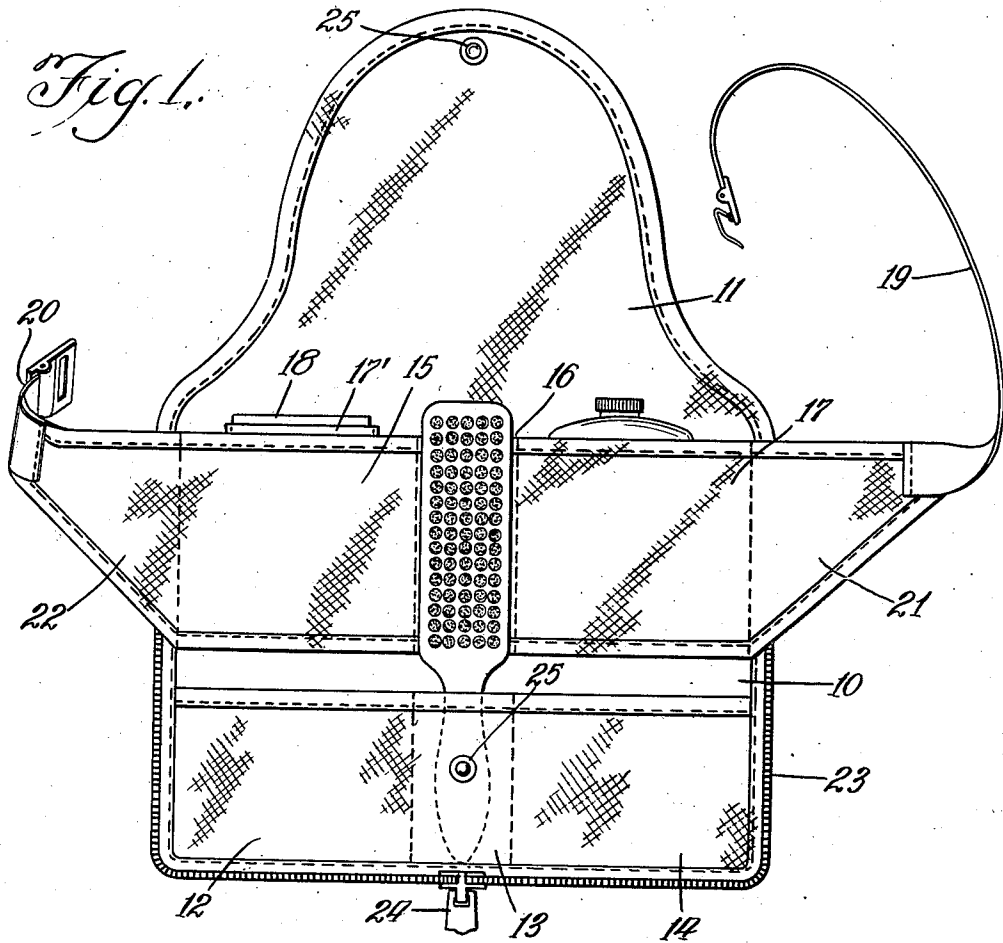
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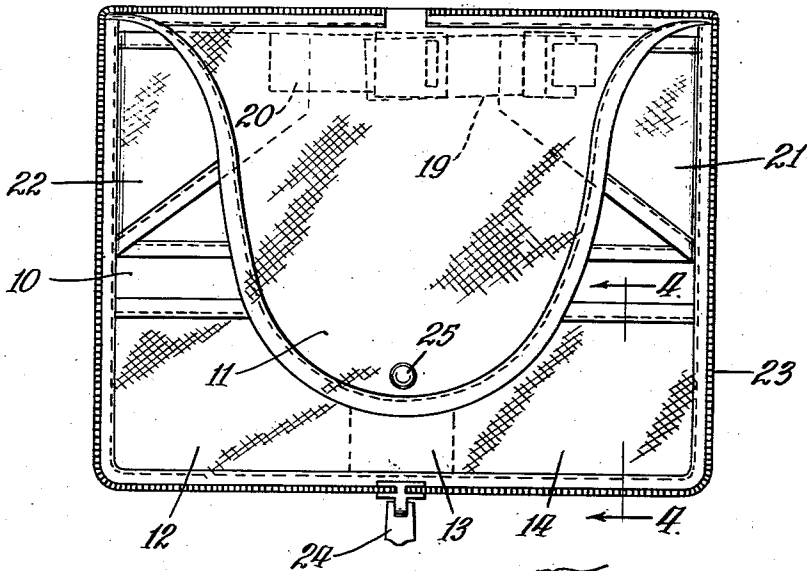


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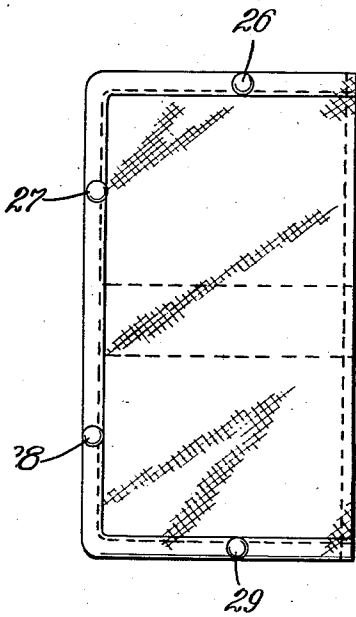


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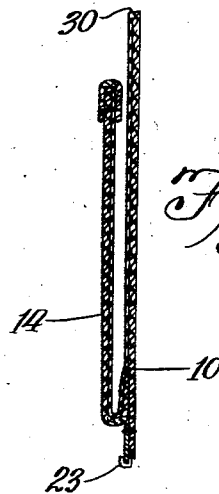


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## BELT-SUPPORTED TOILET KIT

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### 1 Claim. (Cl. 224-5)

This invention relates to toilet kits and particularly to a kit adapted to be worn as an apron to thus make readily available the toilet articles for travelers, campers or army people in situations where the facilities do not permit convenient placement of the toilet articles.

The particular object of the invention is to provide a toilet kit which will conveniently store the necessary toilet articles in a kit structure adapted to be readily worn as an apron and which may be folded and fastened in compact form to properly carry and protect toilet articles.

Other objects and benefits will be disclosed in the following descriptions and drawings in which:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of my apron kit;

Fig. 2 is a plan view of my kit closed bookwise in the position of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a plan view of my kit with the apron straps and flap folded inward, ready for closing;

Fig. 4 is an enlarged cross-sectional view on the sections lines 4-4 of Fig. 3, showing the rubber lining in the pocket; and

Fig. 5 is a plan view of my kit folded bookwise and fastened with snap fasteners.

Now referring to the drawings and at the outset particularly to Fig. 1, I designate the base member of my kit by the numeral 10. Attached to the base 10 is a foldable apron flap 11, which I show integral with the base member 10, but which may under certain conditions be joined to the base member 10 by a flexible strip to provide easy means of folding the apron member. Attached to the base 10 are pocket members 12, 13 and 14. It will be noted that the pocket 13 is relatively narrow and this is done to provide means to store long articles such as the brush shown at the bound folding side of the kit and thus protect the longer toilet articles, as well as providing a stiffening means at the folded side of the kit.

Along the upper edge of the kit are the pockets 15, 16 and 17, and on the inner side of the pocket 15 an additional pocket 17' flat against the base member 10. This pocket 17' is to provide means to store a stainless steel mirror and it will be obvious that by storing this mirror flat against the base member 10 and inside of the pocket 15, the mirror may thus be better protected.

In order to provide means to wear the kit as an apron, I provide apron straps 19 and 20 of conventional adjustable form and these are attached to the base member 10 by tapering support sections 21 and 22 integral with the top pocket section. The broad support sections are important for an apron toilet kit, and I have found that unless such broad support is provided, the kit may not be comfortably worn, because of the weight

of the kit and the consequent sag from a narrow strap. However, with the broad support, the weight is carried on the hips, rather than from the belt and thereby the kit is firmly and securely supported on the wearer.

Around the base member, as clearly shown in Fig. 3, I provide a conventional slide fastener 23 actuated by closing member 24. When the kit is folded, as shown in Fig. 3, with the belt under and secured by the flap 11 and the snap fastener 25, the kit may be readily folded bookwise with the narrow central pocket 13 forming the hinged binding side while the slide closure member may move clockwise around the three open sides of the kit to thus effectively hold it in closed position.

In Fig. 5 I show optional snap fasteners 26, 27, 28 and 29, which may be used in place of the slide fastener 23. It will also be appreciated that various other types of closures may be employed. However, I prefer to use the slide fasteners 23 and 24.

In Fig. 4 I show a cross-section of the pocket 14 on the section lines 4-4 of Fig. 3. This enlarged sectional view clearly shows a rubber lining 30, which I prefer to use in certain pockets of the kit in order to protect against moisture.

From the above description it will be appreciated that I have provided an apron toilet kit, which may be conveniently worn as an apron and thus make readily available the various toilet articles and which may be folded and closed into compact form with the toilet articles firmly and neatly secured in a compact form.

Having thus described my invention, I now claim:

In an apron toilet kit foldable bookwise, a base member including a foldable flap, a double row of pockets attached to the inner side of the base, said pockets including narrow pockets in the center of the base for long toilet articles, belt members attached to the upper front of the base member and apron straps connected to the free ends of said belt members, said belt members being approximately as broad as the upper row of pockets at their juncture at the base and tapering to normal belt width at their juncture with said straps, an apron flap attached to the base, means for securing the free end of said flap to said base, said flap being foldable outward to serve as an apron and inward to cover and secure toilet articles, and closure means to hold the kit when folded in the center, the construction and arrangement providing for folds on the edges of the narrow pockets with closure means along the three open edges of the folded base.

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