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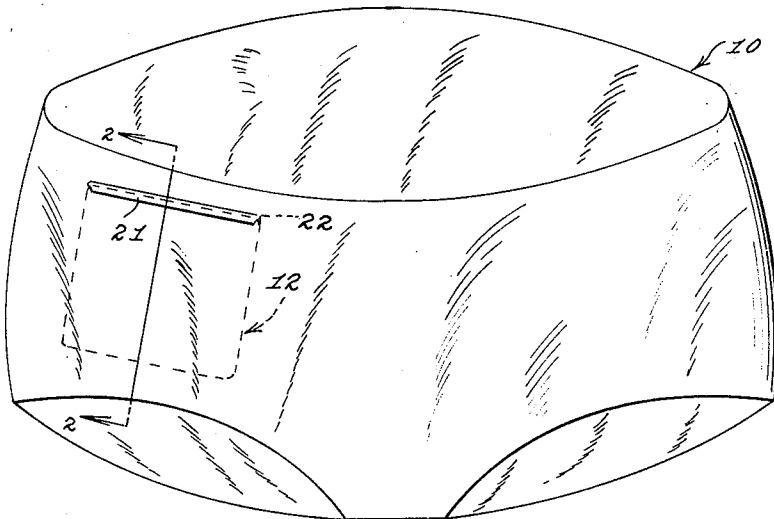


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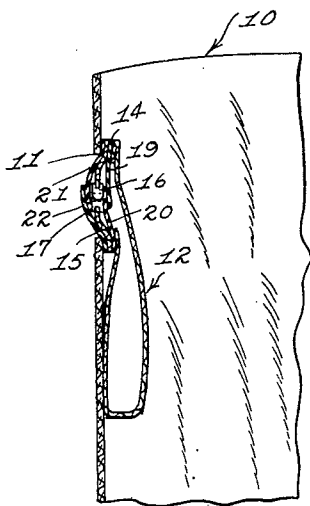


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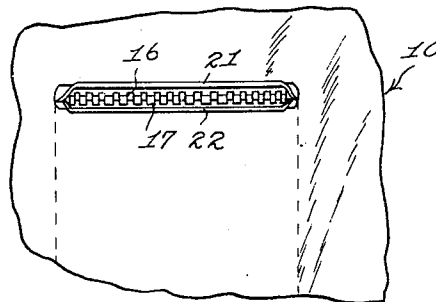
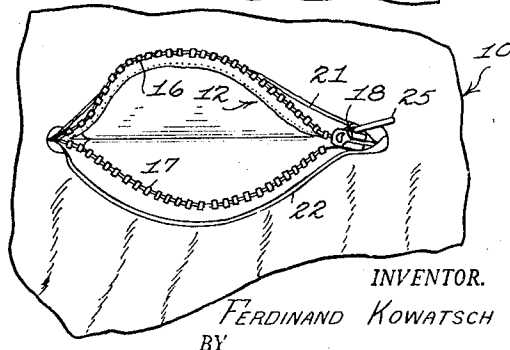


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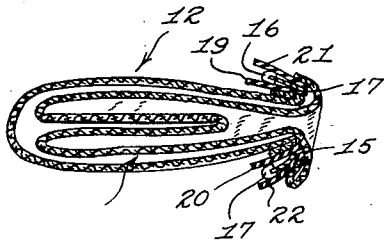


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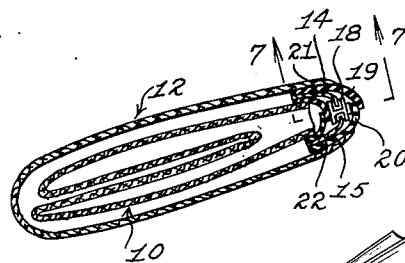


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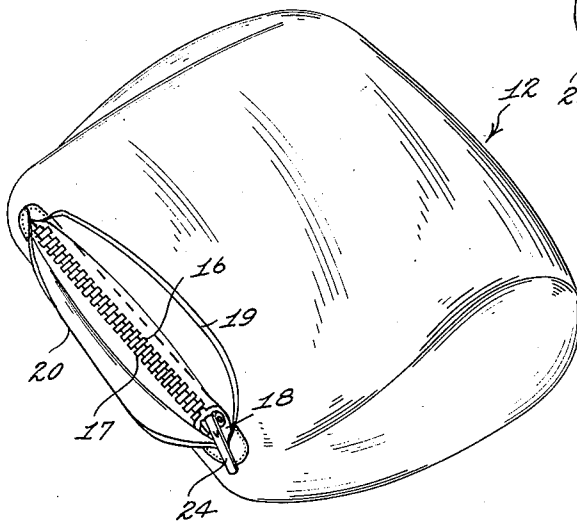


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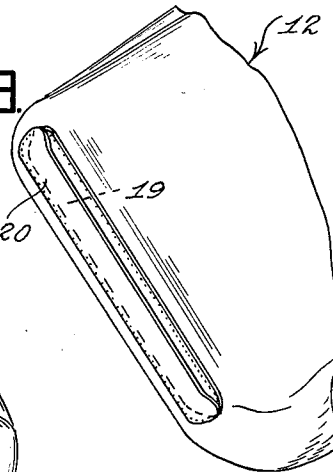
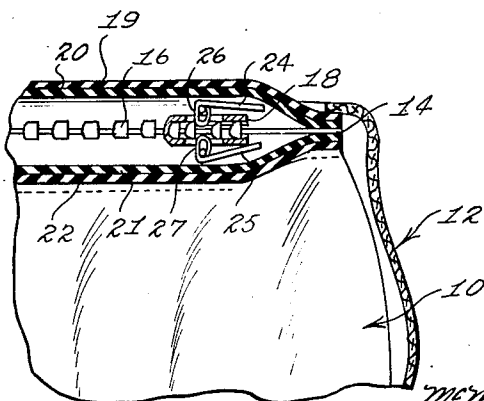


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This invention relates to bathing suits and more particularly to a pair of bathing trunks having a waterproof pocket for carrying articles in the water in a manner to preserve the articles dry while the trunks are being worn in the water.

It is an object of this invention to provide a pair of bathing trunks having a waterproof pocket for carrying articles, as keys, money, and other small devices while the trunks are being worn in the water. The pocket is so disposed and arranged on the trunks that the trunks may be folded and carried within the pocket. The pocket is foldable outwardly from within the trunks whereby the bathing suit may be gathered and folded into the pocket, which then provides a convenient carrying bag for the wet bathing suit.

Another object of this invention is to provide a bathing suit of the kind to be more particularly described hereinafter, having a waterproof pocket which is reversible from within the bathing suit to provide a carrying bag for the wet suit, the pocket having a waterproof, rubberized, closure member including a slider provided with a handle on the opposite sides thereof for moving the slider from without the pocket in either position of the pocket relative to the bathing suit. The pocket is further provided with inner and outer overlying flaps for securely sealing the closure member in the closed position.

With the above and other objects in view, my invention consists in the arrangement, combination and details of construction disclosed in the drawings and specification and then more particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a pair of bathing trunks having a waterproof pocket, constructed according to an embodiment of my invention.

Figure 2 is a fragmentary transverse section, taken on the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a fragmentary front elevation of the pocket with the outer flaps extended showing the interengaging fastening members in the closed position.

Figure 4 is a fragmentary front elevation of the garment receiving pocket, the pocket being opened to provide for the folding of the garment therethrough.

Figure 5 is a transverse section, showing the pocket with the garment folded therein, the closure being folded rearwardly along the opposite edges of the open end of the pocket.

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Figure 6 is a transverse section of the pocket with the garment folded therein, the closure being shown in its closed position.

Figure 7 is a fragmentary detailed section taken on the line 7—7 of Figure 6.

Figure 8 is a perspective view of the pocket with the garment folded therein, the closure being closed and the outermost flaps being extended.

Figure 9 is a fragmentary perspective view of the closure end of the pocket, the closure members being engaged and the outermost flaps being folded into sealing position.

Referring to the drawings, the numeral 10 designates generally a pair of bathing trunks, or bathing suit, having a pocket opening 11 on one side thereof. A pocket 12 is adapted to be carried by the bathing suit 10 and is formed with an open end secured to the bathing suit 10 on the opposite edges of the opening 11. The bathing suit 10 may be formed of any suitable fabric and the pocket member 12 is formed of a waterproof, rubberized fabric for keeping articles within the pocket 12 dry during the use of the bathing suit.

A pair of tapes 14 and 15 are fixed to the opposite edges of the open ends of the pocket 12, and a plurality of cooperating, interengaging fastener elements 16 and 17 are fixed to the confronting edges of the tapes 14 and 15. A slider element 18 slidably engages on opposite sides of the confronting, adjacent fastening elements 16 and 17 for moving the fastening elements into interengaging relation with one another upon movement of the slider element in one direction, and for separating the fastening elements upon movement of the slider element in the opposite direction.

A pair of overlying flaps 19 and 20 are fixed to the open end of the pocket 12, below the tapes 14 and 15 respectively, being fastened between the tapes and the edge of the pocket 12. A second pair of overlying flaps 21 and 22 are secured to the confronting, adjacent edges of the tapes 14 and 15, respectively, and the flaps 21 and 22 are secured between the tapes 14 and the inner side of the bathing suit 10.

The pocket 12 is free from engagement with the bathing suit 10 at all points except along the adjacent edges of the opening 11 and the underlying edges of the upper open end of the pocket 12. In this manner the pocket 12 may be folded through the opening 11 from a position within the bathing suit 10 for receiving articles to be carried therein while the bathing suit is

being worn, to a position on the opposite side of the opening 11 for receiving the bathing suit to be folded and positioned within the pocket.

In the normal use of the bathing suit 10 the pocket 12 is disposed within the bathing suit, between the fabric of the garment and the body of the wearer. With the fastening elements 16 and 17 engaged in their closing relation, the outermost flaps 21 and 22 will substantially seal the opening between the fastening elements 16 and 17 to provide for the waterproof closing of the pocket. The innermost flaps 19 and 20 will also overlie the rear side of the fastening elements 16 and 17 to provide a further waterproof seal for the upper open end of the pocket. With the fastening elements 16 and 17 engaged in their closed position, normally the flaps 21 and 22 will flatly overlie the fastening elements and the slider 18 to provide for the waterproof closing of the pocket.

For opening the pocket 12, the flaps 21 and 22 must initially be separated, as shown in Figure 3 of the drawings, to provide access to the slider 18.

For folding the bathing suit 10 into the pocket 12, the slider 18 is moved to one side to separate the fastening elements 16 and 17, as shown in Figure 4 of the drawings. From this position the pocket 12 may be folded outwardly through the opening 11 and then the bathing suit 10 may be folded within the open end of the pocket 12. In this position, the fastening elements and flaps will be folded rearwardly along the length of the pocket 12 and for closing the open end of the pocket the flaps and fastening elements must be folded from the position shown in Figure 5 to the engaging position shown in Figure 6. At this time the pocket 12 forms a waterproof carrying bag for the bathing suit and the interengaging fastening elements 16 and 17, which had formed the closure for the pocket now form the closure for the carrying bag. As the pocket has been folded inside out and the bathing suit has been folded into the pocket, the outer side of the tapes now becomes the inner side and the flaps 19 and 20 which before were the inside flaps now become the outer flaps to provide the waterproof seal for the carrying bag.

The conventional form of slider elements 18 are provided with a single handle or finger gripping member for moving the slider along the length of the fastening element. In an embodiment of this invention, as the fastening members are reversed in the operation of the device, a pair of finger gripping handle elements 24 and 25 are provided on the opposite sides of the slider 18, so that a suitable finger grip will be provided for the slider in both positions of the pocket. The handle elements 24 and 25 may be suitably supported on the slider 18 in a manner whereby a lug or arm 26 and 27 is formed on the end of the handles 24 and 25 respectively which is pivoted on the slider element so that the lugs 26 and 27 may engage between adjacent fastening elements for holding the slider element against sliding inadvertently, when the handles 24 and 25 are folded to their retracted position, overlying the cooperating fastening elements. As the fastening elements are turned inside out upon changing the pocket 12

from a pocket to a carrying case, the provision of a handle 24 and 25 on the opposite sides of the slider element 18 provide for the ready access to the slider element 18 for moving it in either of its folded positions.

In the use and operation of the bathing trunks or garment provided with a pocket formed and disposed in this manner, a substantially convertible type of garment is provided, the pocket 12 providing a suitable, waterproof container for articles while the suit is being worn as such and then providing a suitable carrying case for the garment.

The fabric on which the zipper cleats are mounted and the inner and outer flaps for the pocket are preferably rubberized to suitably exclude water from the pocket when the fasteners are closed.

I do not mean to confine myself to the exact details of construction herein disclosed, but claim all variations falling within the purview of the appended claim.

What I claim is:

In a bathing suit provided with a slit, a pocket disposed adjacent to the inner side of the bathing suit and slit and having its top open and arranged in registration with the slit, a first pair of free overlapping flaps disposed adjacent to the inner side of the bathing suit between the pocket and bathing suit and extending over the slit of the bathing suit and open top of the pocket, opposed slide fastener tapes disposed adjacent to the inner sides of said first overlapping flaps and arranged between such flaps and the pocket and extending over the open top of the pocket for covering the same, slide fastener elements secured to adjacent edges of the tapes for interlocking engagement, a slider for the slide fastener elements, separate handles pivotally secured to the inner and outer sides of the slider, and a second pair of overlapping flaps disposed adjacent to the inner sides of the slide fastener tapes and arranged between such tapes and the pocket, the overlapping portions of the first and second pairs of flaps covering the slide fastener elements when they are in interfitting engagement and the top end of the pocket, first and second pairs of flaps and slide fastener tapes being secured to the bathing suit at the opposite sides of the slit, the pocket depending from the slit and being free from connection with the bathing suit below the slit, each overlapping flap of the first and second pairs of flaps being unitary and formed of a single layer only of flexible sheet material.

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