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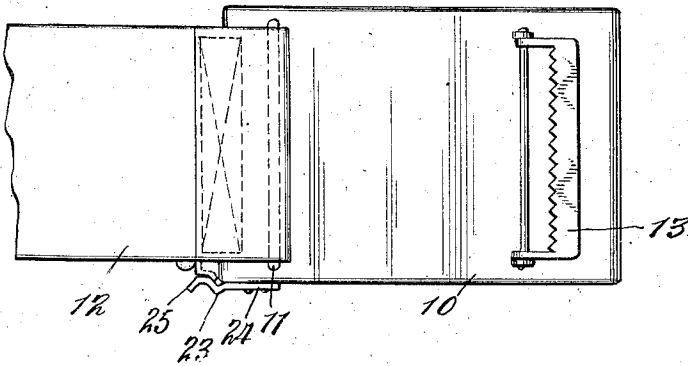


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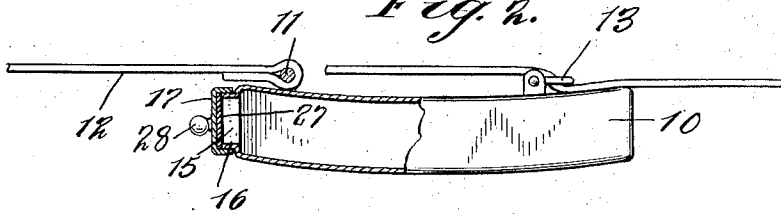


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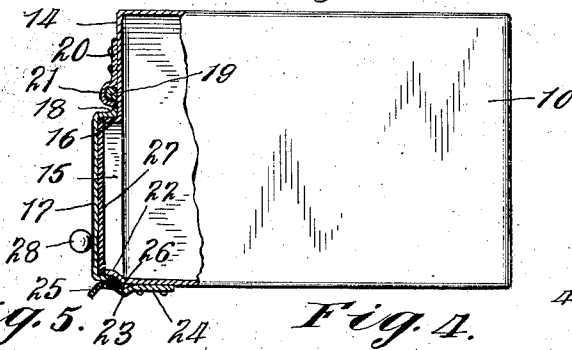


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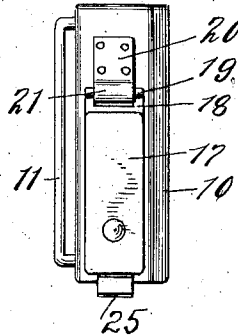


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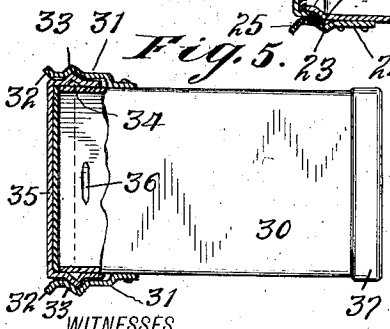
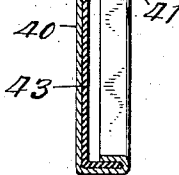


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER R. RUMAGE, citizen of the United States, and resident of Stapleton, in the county of Richmond and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Water-proof Receptacles, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to water proof receptacles, particularly such as may be carried about the person of a bather, swimmer, hunter or anyone engaged in any other occupation or sport which exposes him to the elements.

Among bathers, particularly at the sea-side resorts, the need has often been felt for some means for keeping about the person a few articles such as small change, smoking materials, matches, etc., which, of course, have to be kept dry. On the other hand the bathing suits such as are now in vogue, are not adapted for holding an ordinary receptacle.

The object of the present invention is to fill the want as above set forth in a practical satisfactory manner and so as not to encumber the bather or to mar the appearance of his garments.

To this end I provide a small, neat water proof receptacle which may be attached to the belt of the bathing suit, so as to appear as one of the parts of the bathing outfit itself rather than an encumbrance. Preferably this water proof receptacle may be used also as the buckle of the belt and as such will have substantially the same appearance as the usual buckle now in use, the two differing merely in depth. If desired, however, the receptacle may be attached to another portion of the belt, as at the back or the side thereof without sacrificing in any considerable degree the neatness in appearance of the wearer.

In the drawing illustrating the preferred embodiment of this invention, Figure 1 is a rear elevation of the improved receptacle in the form of a buckle. Fig. 2 is a plan view partly in section, Fig. 3 is a front elevation also partly in section, and Fig. 4 is an end view of the form corresponding to Fig. 1. Fig. 5 is an elevation partly in section of a modified form of receptacle. Fig. 6 is a section of the cover on an enlarged scale illustrating a modified construction for retaining the packing.

Referring in detail to Figs. 1 to 4 of the

drawings, the water proof receptacle may be in the form of a buckle, having a body portion 10 formed with a curve corresponding to the curvature of the body of the wearer. At the back of the buckle, may be fixed the attachment bar 11 to which is attached the strap 12 of the belt and the pivoted toothed member 13 which serves to hold the other end of the strap in adjusted position. Located preferably at one of the lateral ends 14 of the receptacle is the mouth 15 formed with an upstanding ridge 16 thereabout. To close the mouth of the receptacle to make the same water tight, a cover 17 is provided having extending therefrom a tail portion 18 formed with a pivot 19 adapted to engage within the socket or hinge member 20. The latter is preferably in the form of a spring attached to the end 14 of the receptacle and is provided with an overturned portion 21 forming the socket proper. When the cover is closed the tendency of the pivot 19 will be to raise the socket portion 21 and the latter will thus exert a spring tension tending to keep the cover tightly against the ridge 16 formed about the mouth of the receptacle. At the end of the cover opposite from the pivot 19 is preferably disposed an inclined face 22 which is engaged by a spring 23 to hold that end of the cover also snugly against the mouth of the receptacle. This spring is preferably formed with an attachment portion 24 secured in suitable manner to the bottom end of the receptacle and with beveled portions 25 and 26, which respectively cause the spring to bend back when the cover is snapped into place and then hold the same snugly in position against the ridge 16. Suitable packing 27, such as rubber or some fibrous material may be disposed in the interior of the cover to engage the outer edge of the ridge 16, so as to insure a water tight fit. The box may be opened by pulling on the handle 28 formed on the cover adjacent to the free end thereof.

In the modified form of receptacle illustrated in Fig. 5, the body portion 30 has two springs 31 at the top and bottom ends thereof formed with inclined faces 32 and 33 to engage the inclined projecting portions 34 formed upon a separable cover 35. The latter slips over the end of the receptacle and telescopes therewith, the two springs maintaining it snugly against the mouth of the receptacle. Suitable means, such as a thumb projection 36, may be formed on the sides

of the cover for grasping the same to open the box. The end of the receptacle opposite to the cover is preferably formed with a projecting ridge 37, so as to make that end of the box symmetrical with the other end over which the cover is inserted.

In the section of a form of cover illustrated in Fig. 6, the edges of the cover 40 are formed with overturned portions 41 which engage the edges 42 of the packing 43. The latter may thus be securely held in place.

It will be apparent that the improved receptacle may be readily stamped of sheet metal and also may be formed with ornamental designs to enhance the beauty of the article and at the same time keep the cost of manufacture of the same very low.

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

1. As an article of manufacture, a water proof receptacle adapted to be attached to a belt of a person, the receptacle comprising a body portion curved in the direction of the length thereof and formed with a mouth at a lateral end thereof, a cover, packing between the interior of the cover and said mouth and yielding means for holding the cover to compress the packing against the mouth, the material within the receptacle being removable by inclining the receptacle when opened.

2. As an article of manufacture, a belt buckle containing a water proof chamber forming a water proof receptacle, the receptacle comprising a body portion formed with a mouth, a cover formed with an inclined edge, packing within the cover and yielding means formed with an inclined portion engaging said inclined edge of the cover for holding the cover to compress the packing against the mouth.

3. As an article of manufacture, a water proof receptacle adapted to be attached to a belt of a person, the receptacle comprising

a body portion curved in the direction of the length thereof and formed with a mouth at a lateral end thereof, a cover formed with an inclined edge, a spring formed with one inclined portion to engage said inclined edge of the cover to hold the same snugly against the mouth and with another inclined portion at the end thereof by means of which the spring is bent by the cover to permit the latter to snap into place, the material within the receptacle being removable by inclining the receptacle when opened.

4. As an article of manufacture, a water proof receptacle adapted to be attached to a belt of a person, the receptacle comprising a body portion formed with a mouth, a cover having a pivot at a lateral end thereof and an inclined edge at the other end, a spring hinge portion attached to the body and engaging the pivot on the cover and another spring having an inclined portion engaging the inclined edge of the cover to hold the same snugly against the mouth, the material within the receptacle being removable by inclining the receptacle when opened.

5. As an article of manufacture, a belt buckle having means for attaching the belt thereto, said buckle having a hollow body portion formed with a curve in the direction of its length and provided with a mouth, a cover pivoted to the body, packing between the body of the cover and the mouth and readily operable means for locking the cover to the body to compress the packing in snug water tight fit against the mouth.

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