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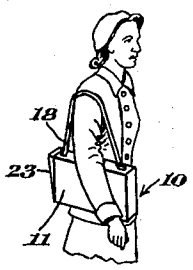


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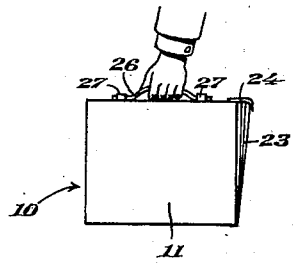


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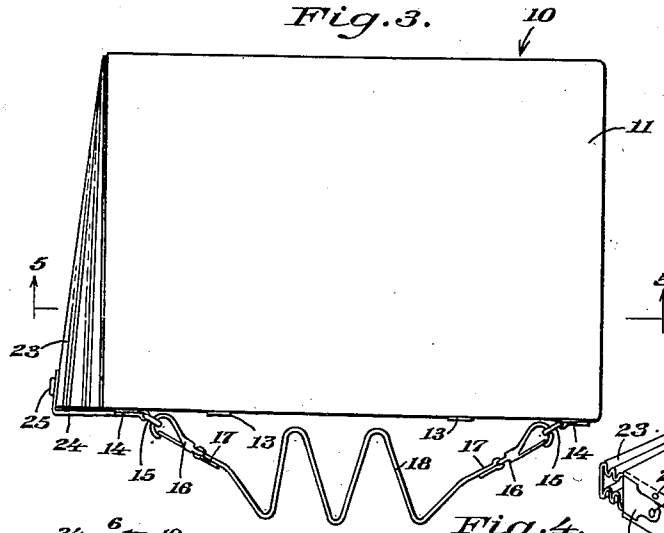


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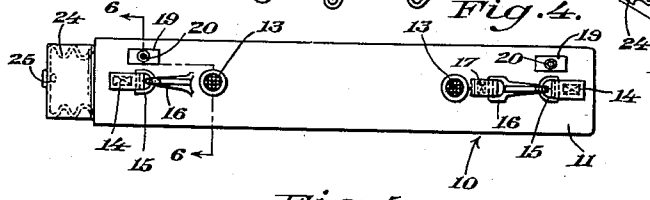


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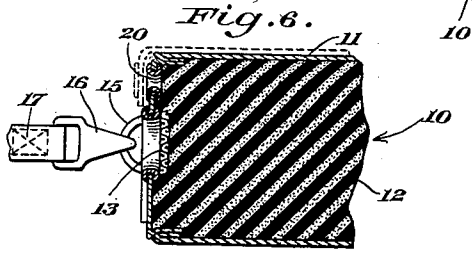


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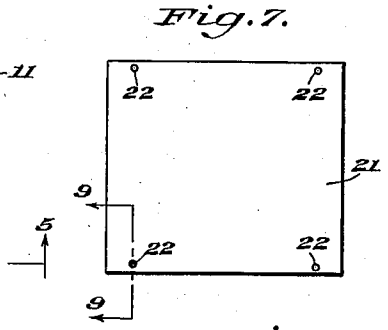


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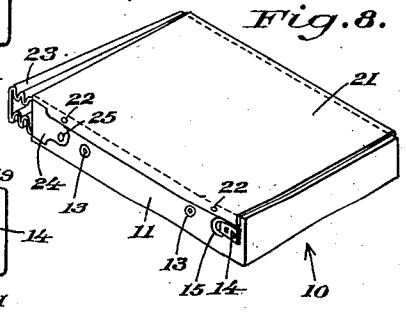
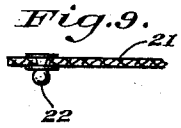


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This invention relates to a portable stadium or sports cushion, and is especially designed to provide a light weight cushion which is provided with carrying means therefor that is adaptable for use by men, women or children.

An object of the invention is to provide a cushion that is of the size of a stadium bench, which can be easily carried and used by a spectator of indoor or outdoor sports, as well as in motor vehicles and boats and other places where a cushion is desired to be used.

Another object of the invention is to provide a cushion having a bellows pocket formed thereon in which articles may be carried, the pocket being of such unique formation that the overall size of the cushion is not greatly enlarged or the cushion made bulky by the use thereof.

With the above and other objects and advantages in view, the invention consists of the novel details of construction, arrangement and combination of parts more fully hereinafter described, claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which:

Figure 1 is a view illustrating an embodiment of the invention with a shoulder carrying strap thereon adaptable for female use;

Figure 2 is the same, with a carrying handle thereon adaptable for male use;

Figure 3 is an elevational view of the embodiment of the invention with the carrying strap connected thereto;

Figure 4 is a plan view of Figure 3;

Figure 5 is a sectional view on the line 5—5 of Figure 3;

Figure 6 is a partial sectional view on the line 6—6 of Figure 4;

Figure 7 is a plan view of a removable cover for the device;

Figure 8 is a perspective view of the device showing the cover in position thereon and

Figure 9 is a sectional view on the line 9—9 of Figure 7.

Referring more in detail to the drawing, the reference numeral 10 designates a cushion embodying the invention. The cushion comprises a cover 11 which may be made of any suitable waterproof material which is adapted to be filled to a size of a standard stadium bench by means of the filler material 12 which is made of foam rubber or any similar material.

The sides of the cover 11 are provided with screened air vents 13 which permit air in the cover to escape therefrom when the cushion is in use.

Secured to the sides of the covering adjacent

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the vents 13 are the looped straps 14 carrying the rings 15 which are engaged by the hooked fasteners 16 secured to the looped ends 17 of the shoulder carrying strap 18. While the straps 14 are shown fixed to the sides of the covering 11, they may be attached to the front or back or even the end of the covering as desired.

Adjacent the straps 14, tabs 19 are secured to the cover to carry female fasteners 20 whereby a cover 21 of similar material as the cover 11 which is provided with male fasteners 22 may be secured to the cover 11. This cover 21 is provided in various colors, such as school or team colors, so that the user can carry his favorite colors when viewing a game or similar sports.

The cover 21 can also be used advantageously in the cheering section of the schools whose teams are participating on the playing field. By using the covers 21 with assorted colors and designs and letters or parts of letters, words and designs can be formed for the amusement of the spectator, and also as an added zest to the players on the teams. The covers can be made of paper material, plastic and similar materials and will not be used to sit on, only being snapped into place on the cushion when the above mentioned displays are desired to be used.

The covers may also be used to form a flag such as a school flag or the flag of the United States. In fact, there are various ways of using the cover 21 so that it will display various interesting displays which may be suitable for the occasion.

Secured to one end of the cover 11, longitudinally thereof, is a bellows shaped pocket 23 which may be secured thereto by an adhesive or by stitching or other suitable means. This pocket is provided to carry programs, score cards or other small articles, and is so positioned that the open end of the pocket is accessible to the right hand of the user thereof. A flap 24 secured to the cover 11 will close the open end of the pocket to prevent the articles therein from being lost, and a snap fastener 25 on the flap and cover will retain the flap in closed position.

Should a man prefer a carrying handle for the cushion, said handle 26 is secured thereto by the keepers 27. Thus the cushion can be adaptable for use for men, women or children, since the light weight of the cushion makes it suitable for all ages.

There has thus been provided a cushion that is light in weight, comfortable, smart in appearance, adaptable to carry school or team colors and convenient for the carrying thereof. A car-

rying pocket is also provided, whereby programs and score cards may be carried, and when in use, the carrying strap 18 may be conveniently placed in the pocket.

It is believed that from the foregoing description, the structure and use for which the invention is designed will be apparent to those skilled in the art, and it is to be understood that changes in the minor details of construction, arrangement and combination of parts may be resorted to, provided they fall within the spirit of the invention and the scope of the appended claim.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new and desired to be secured by Letters Patent is:

A device of the character described, comprising a cushion having a covering, a filler in said covering, a bellows shaped pocket secured to one end of said covering, a closure flap secured to said covering for closing said pocket, air vents

in said covering means secured to said covering for receiving removable means for carrying said cushion, a protective covering of contrasting colors over said first covering and detachable fastening means for securing said protective covering to said first covering.

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