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FIG. 1.

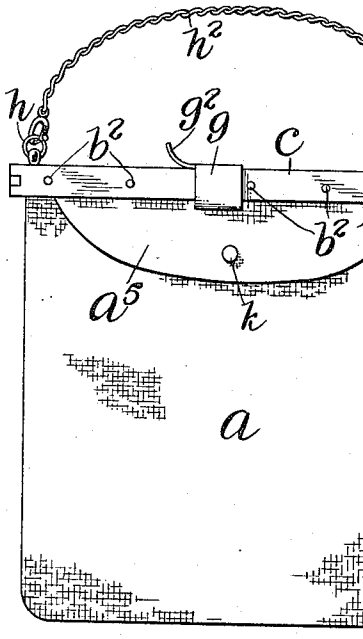



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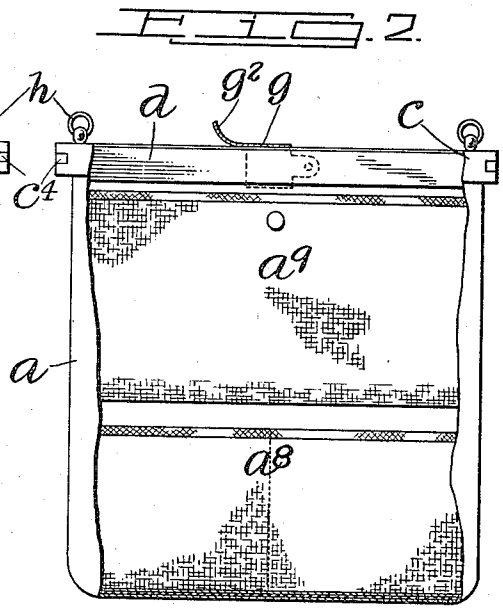
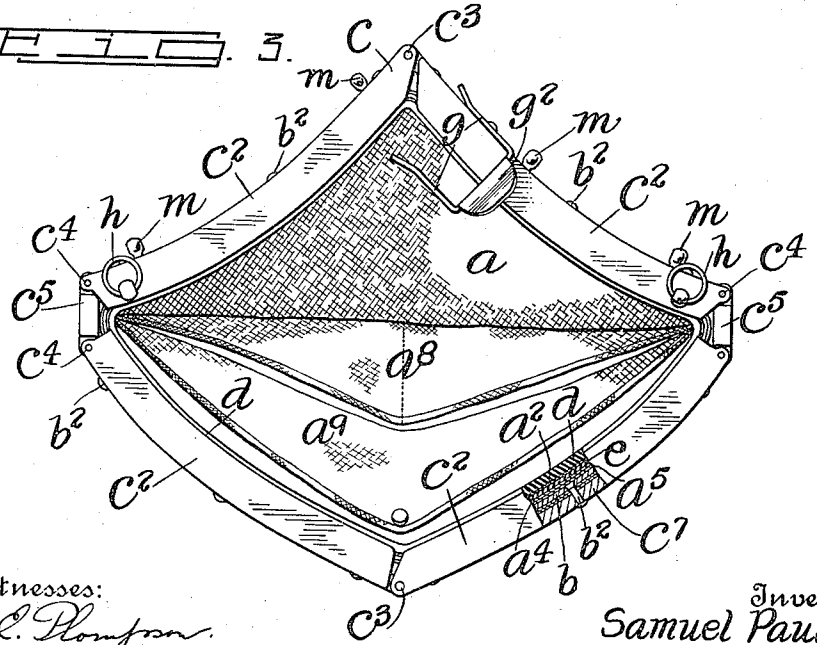



FIG. 3.




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FIG. 4.

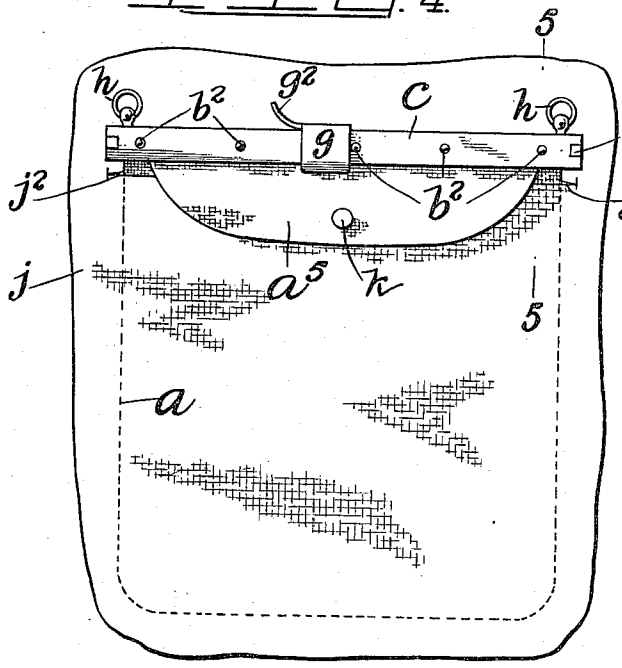



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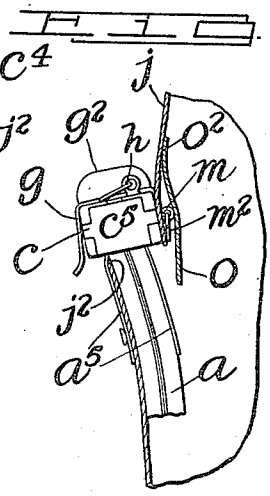



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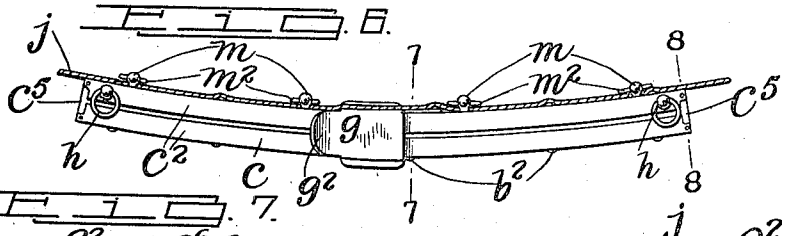



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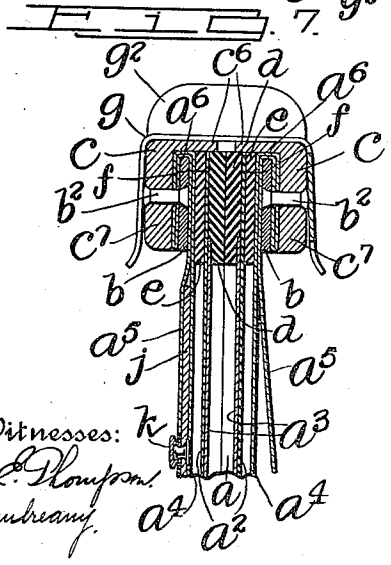
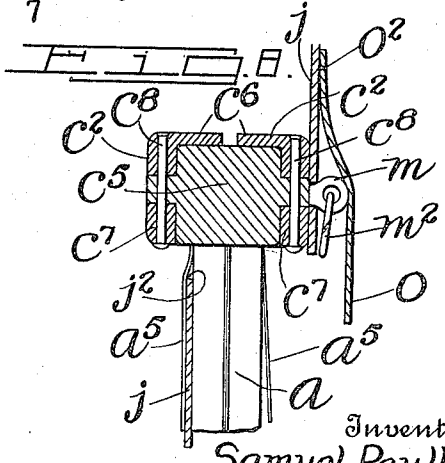



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SAMUEL PAULL, a citizen of the United States, and residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bathing-Suit Pockets, of which the following is a specification, such as will enable those skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to pockets for bathing suits, and the object thereof is to provide a device of this class which may be secured in a bathing suit, or a body garment forming part of a bathing suit, in such manner, that the head portion of the pocket will be outside of the garment and may be opened for the insertion or removal of various articles into and from the pocket whenever necessary or desirable; a further object being to provide a device of the class specified which will be waterproof and which may also be detached from the garment when desired and used as an ordinary handbag; and with these and other objects in view the invention consists in a device of the class specified, constructed as hereinafter described and claimed.

The invention is fully disclosed in the following specification, of which the accompanying drawing forms a part, in which the separate parts of my improvement are designated by suitable reference characters in each of the views, and in which:—

Figure 1 is a side view of my improved bathing suit pocket detached from the garment and adapted for use as a handbag; Fig. 2 a view similar to Fig. 1 but showing parts detached and parts broken away; Fig. 3 a plan view showing the pocket opening on an enlarged scale; Fig. 4 a side view showing part of a bathing suit or garment and showing my improved pocket connected therewith; Fig. 5 a sectional view through the garment only and on the line 5—5 of Fig. 4, the pocket being shown in full lines; Fig. 6 a plan view similar to Fig. 3 but showing the pocket closed and showing the pocket attached to the garment or a part thereof; Fig. 7 a section on the line 7—7 of Fig. 6 and on an enlarged scale; and, Fig. 8 a partial section on the line 8—8 of Fig. 6 and on an enlarged scale.

In the practice of my invention, I provide a pocket $a$ shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3 and indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 4, shown partially in side view in Figs. 5 and 8 and partially in vertical section in Fig. 7.

The pocket $a$ consists of a part $a^2$ of rubber which is lined internally with fabric as shown at $a^3$, and which is also inclosed in a fabric casing $a^4$, and the top of the pocket is provided with side flaps $a^5$ also of fabric, and in the construction shown the flaps $a^5$ are formed integrally with the side members of the outer casing $a^4$ of the pocket, and said member and flaps are folded outwardly and downwardly as shown at $a^6$ in Fig. 7 to form side spaces in which are placed flexible reinforcing strips or plates $b$ which form a part of the head of the pocket, and these strips $b$ are secured to jaw members $c$ which also constitute a part of the head of the pocket and form the frame thereof, by means of rivets $b^2$, and placed in the top of the rubber pocket member $a^2$ and vulcanized thereto and to the fabric lining $a^3$ which does not extend quite to the top of the pocket is a rubber cushioning band $d$ which extends entirely around the open top of the pocket.

On the outer side of the inner rubber portion $a^2$ of the pocket at the top thereof, and between the top of the rubber portion $a^2$ of the pocket and the outer fabric casing $a^4$ is placed another packing band $e$ composed of canvas, canvas and rubber, or other suitable material, and which also extends entirely around the top of the pocket, and the parts $e$, $a^2$, $a^4$ and $a^5$ at the opposite sides of the top of the pocket are stitched together at $f$, this stitching extending entirely around the top of the pocket.

The interior of the pocket $a$ may be formed or divided in any desired manner, but in the accompanying drawing, I have indicated at $a^8$ and $a^9$ supplemental pockets which may or may not be employed.

The jaws $c$ are slightly curved or arc-shaped in form as shown in Fig. 6, and are divided centrally into separate parts $c^2$, and the strips $b$ hereinbefore described are also divided into separate parts corresponding with the separate parts of the jaws, and the separate parts of said jaws are hinged together at $c^3$, and this hinge may be made in any desired manner, and the separate jaws $c$ are hinged together at the opposite sides of the pocket as shown at $c^4$. In the construction shown, the hinges at $c^4$ consist of separate block or lock members $c^5$ shown particularly in Figs. 3, 5 and 8, and the jaws $c$, or the separate parts $c^2$ thereof, are

composed of strips of sheet metal L-shaped in cross section forming top flange members $c^6$, and side members $c^7$, and the jaws $c$ and hinge blocks $c^5$ are connected, as shown in Fig. 8, by pintle or hinge pins $c^8$.

With this construction, the head of the pocket proper or that part thereof composed of the separate rubber and fabric portions $a^2$, $a^3$ and $a^4$ and the flaps $a^5$ are secured in the jaw members $c$ by the rivets $b^2$ and the plates $b$, and one of the jaw members $c$ is provided, adjacent to the hinged connection of the separate parts thereof, with a pivoted U-shaped clamp $g$, and when the jaw members $c$ are closed together as shown in all of the views, except Fig. 3, the clamp $g$ is swung downwardly into the closed position and securely locks or binds the separate jaw members $c$ together, and also holds the separate parts of said jaw members in rigid position, and in this way the pocket is made waterproof, the packing band member $d$ which is vulcanizd to the inner walls of the pocket proper at the top thereof being firmly pressed together, as shown in Fig. 7.

The clamp $g$ is provided with a thumb and finger piece $g^2$ by which it may be conveniently manipulated and the head of the pocket, or the jaw members $c$ are provided with attaching rings or similar devices $h$, and a chain or similar device $h^2$ may be detachably connected therewith, and the pocket when not in use in a bathing garment may be used as an ordinary handbag, and when the pocket is in use in a bathing garment the chain $h^2$ may be placed in the pocket and kept ready for use when desired.

I have also shown at $j$ in Figs. 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, a part of the body portion of a bathing garment and in the use of my improvement said garment is provided at $j^2$ with an opening through which the bottom part of the pocket is passed inwardly thus leaving the head thereof on the outside of the garment, and the outer side flap $a^5$ remains on the outside of the garment and is secured thereto by a fastening device $k$, preferably of the ball and socket type, a part of which is secured to the outer casing of the pocket and part to the outer flap $a^5$ of the pocket between which parts the garment, or a part thereof, is passed, and that part of the fastening device which is secured to the pocket, or the casing thereof, is passed through said part of the garment.

In the construction shown, the inner flap $a^5$ at the top of the pocket has no function but said flap is preferably used so as to make the pockets symmetrical and appear the same on both sides when said pocket is used as a handbag.

The inner jaw $c$, or the jaw which is adjacent to the body when the device is in use in the garment, is provided with knobs $m$ having detachable open or split rings $m^2$, and in securing the pocket in the garment, as hereinbefore described, the knobs $m$ are passed through holes in that part of the garment above the pocket, as indicated in Figs. 5 and 8, and the rings $m^2$ are used to complete the attachment and the pocket is thus firmly secured in the garment and cannot become accidentally detached therefrom, and the attaching devices $m$ and $m^2$ are covered on the inner side of the garment by a flap $o$ secured to the garment above the pocket at $o^2$, and the flap $o$ prevents the parts $m$ and $m^2$ from coming in contact with the body.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

1. A pocket of the class described, comprising a part of rubber inclosed by an outer fabric casing and having a fabric lining.

2. A pocket of the class described, comprising a part of rubber inclosed by an outer fabric casing and having a fabric lining, the open top or head of the pocket being also provided with hinged and cushioned jaws for making said pocket water-tight.

3. A pocket of the class described, comprising a part of rubber inclosed by an outer fabric casing and having a fabric lining, the open top or head portion of the pocket being also provided with an interior rubber packing band and outside thereof with another packing band outside of which reinforcing strips, and jaws secured to said strips and adapted to be open and closed, and means for securing said jaws in the closed position.

4. A bathing garment provided with a pocket the open end of which is passed outwardly therethrough and provided with hinged jaws, one of which is provided with laterally directed studs having split rings.

5. A pocket of the class described, the opposite sides of said pocket being provided with flaps, and said pockets being also provided at the top thereof with hinged jaws and one of said jaws being provided with laterally directed studs having open rings, and one side of said pocket and the corresponding flap being provided with a fastening device of the ball and socket type, one part of which is secured to said side of the pocket and the other to said flap.

6. A bathing garment provided with a pocket the open end of which is passed outwardly through said garment and provided with hinged jaws composed of separate similar parts of the same length, and hinged together and adapted to open laterally, and a clamp device connected with one of said jaws and adapted to lock said jaws in a closed position, one of said jaws being also provided with laterally directed studs, and split rings detachably connected therewith.

7. A pocket of the class described, comprising a part of rubber having an outer

fabric casing and an inner fabric lining, the sides of the outer fabric casing being provided with downwardly directed flaps and the top portions of said flaps and said sides being also folded outwardly and downwardly to form spaces in which are placed reinforcing strips, the open top of the pocket being also provided with an inner packing band of rubber secured to the top of the rubber part of the pocket and to the fabric lining, and other bands or strips of fibrous material placed between the top of the fabric casing and the top of the rubber part of the pocket and secured to said rubber part, and head or jaw members riveted to said reinforcing strips.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in presence of the subscribing witnesses this 2nd day of June, 1915.

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