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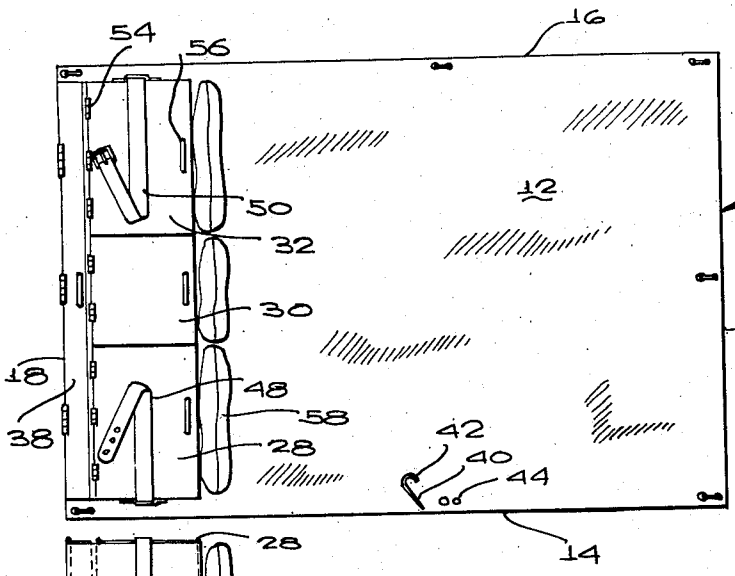


FIG. 1

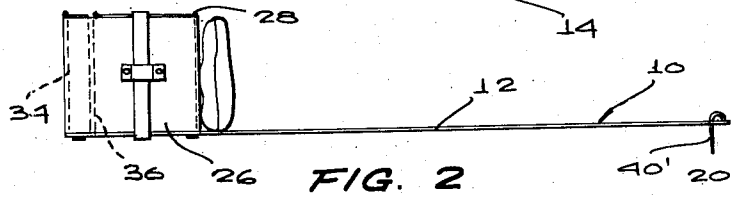


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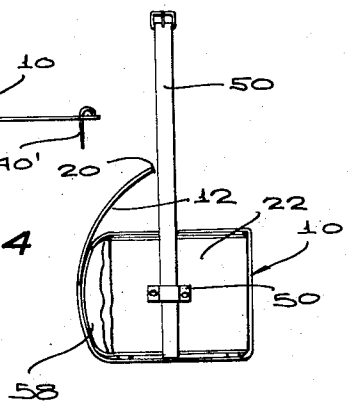


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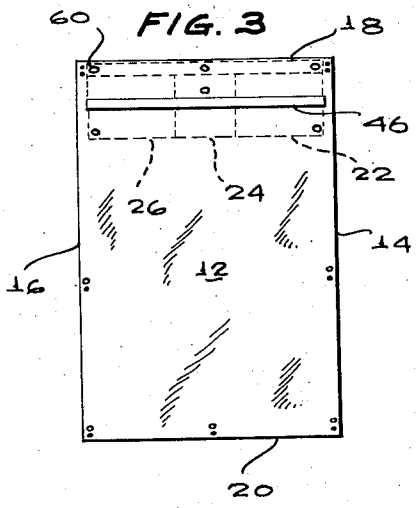


FIG. 3

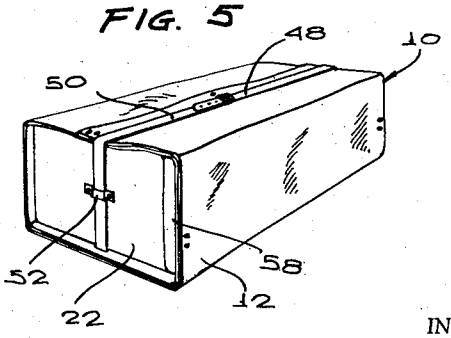


FIG. 5

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The present invention relates to a camping pack adapted for use as a container of camping equipment.

An object of the present invention is to provide a camping pack which lends itself to ready portability and storage within the trunk compartment of a vehicle, one which has a plurality of compartments for the packing therein of picnic materials, and one which is highly effective in action.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a camping pack which is packed and unpacked with facility, one having great utility for campers, fishermen, one which is sturdy in construction and of simple structure, and one economically feasible.

These and other objects and advantages of the present invention will be fully apparent from the following description when taken in connection with the annexed drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a plan view of the camping pack of the present invention in a position of use;

Figure 2 is an elevational view of the assembly shown in Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a plan view on a reduced scale of the reverse side of the assembly shown in Figure 1;

Figure 4 is an elevational view showing the camping pack in a partially wrapped condition; and

Figure 5 is an isometric view showing the camping pack in a fully wrapped condition.

Referring in greater detail to the drawings in which like numerals indicate like parts throughout the several views, the camping pack according to the present invention is designated generally by the reference numeral **10** and comprises a flexible flat sheet **12** having spaced side edges **14** and **16**, an end edge **18** extending between one of the adjacent ends of the side edges **14** and **16** and another end edge **20** extending between the other of the adjacent ends of the side edges **14** and **16**.

In Figure 1 the sheet **12** is in a position of use spread upon a ground surface with one face abutting and resting upon the ground surface.

Three receptacles **22**, **24**, and **26**, are arranged in a transverse row in side by side abutting relation and are fixedly positioned upon the upper face of the sheet **12** so that the receptacles extend transversely between the side edges **14** and **16** inwardly of and adjacent the one end edge **18**. The receptacles **22**, **24**, and **26** each have an open top with an openable and closable cover **28**, **30**, and **32**, respectively, extending over the open top of the respective receptacle. The covers **28**, **30**, and **32** are shown in Figure 1, and the receptacles **22**, **24**, and **26** are indicated in dotted lines in Figure 3.

A single receptacle **34** is arranged on one side of said row of receptacles and extends along the entire row, the receptacle **34** being formed by a partition **36** extending from the outer side wall of the receptacle **22** to the outer side wall of the receptacle **26**. The partition **36** is shown in dotted lines in Figure 2. An elongated cover **38** extends over the receptacle **34** adjacent the open top of the latter.

Spaced means is provided by the present invention and arranged along each of the side edges **14** and **16** and along the end edges **18** and **20** of the sheet **12** for the reception of anchoring elements for fixedly attaching the sheet **12** to the ground surface. One of the anchoring elements is shown in a position out of engagement with the adjacent anchoring element receiving means in Figure 1 and is seen to be a pin **40** having a hook **42** on the upper end thereof. The sheet **12** is provided with a pair of holes as at **44** in Figure 1 receiving the shank of the pin **40** and also receiving the downwardly projecting portion of the hook **42** when the pin **40** is used to anchor the sheet **12** to the ground surface as at **40'** in Figure 2.

Separated strap means is carried by the sheet **12** and is operable to a secured position after the sheet **12** has been wrapped to the closed packed position about the receptacles **22**, **24**, **26**, and **34**, to retain the sheet **12** in the closed packed position. This separated strap means is shown in Figure 3 to extend through slits provided in the sheet **12** with a portion adjacent the central part of the strap means underlying the sheet **12** when the sheet **12** is in the position resting upon a ground surface. This strap means portion is designated by the reference numeral **46**. The end portions **48** and **50** of the strap means are shown unattached in Figure 1 and are shown attached to each other in Figure 5, completing the camp pack with the sheet **12** wrapped around the receptacles.

A short length of strap **52** extends horizontally over the central portion of each of the outer end walls of the receptacles **22** and **26** and forms a means for positioning the adjacent portions of the strap means when the sheet **12** is wrapped about the receptacles, as shown in Figure 5.

Hinges **54** are used to connect the covers **28**, **30**, **32**, and **38**, to the respective receptacle open top. Each cover is provided with a slot **56** forming a means by which the cover may be lifted from the closed position to an open position.

It is intended that the sheet **12** be fabricated of suitable plastic or waterproof material and that the receptacles be formed of rigid cardboard, sheet aluminum, or other lightweight material so that the camping pack when assembled may be readily transported by hand and stored in the trunk compartment of an automobile or other vehicle with ease. Pillows **58** may be carried in the camping pack **10** and preferably stored in a position in face to face abutting relation with the front wall of the rotary receptacles opposite to the one receptacle **38**. The pillows **58** may be bound within the wrapped receptacles, as shown in Figure 5, when it is desired to transport the camping pack of the present invention.

The receptacles may be used to store such articles useful in camping as fishing rods, beach umbrellas, bathing suits, and the like.

Snap fasteners **60**, or other suitable means, are used to detachably secure the bottom of the receptacles to the adjacent portion of the sheet **12**.

While only a single embodiment of the present invention has been shown and described, other embodiments are contemplated and numerous changes and modifications may be made therein without departing from the spirit of the invention as set forth in the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A camping pack comprising a flexible sheet having spaced side edges and an end edge extending between each of the adjacent ends of said side edges, said sheet being adapted to be spread upon a ground surface so that one face abuts and rests upon said surface, a plurality of separate receptacles each having an open top fixedly positioned upon the other face of said sheet so

that the receptacles extend transversely between the side edges inwardly of and adjacent one of said end edges, an openable and closable cover extending over the open top of each of said receptacles, and spaced means arranged along each of said side and end edges for reception of anchoring elements for fixedly attaching said sheet to said ground surface, the portion of said sheet unoccupied by said receptacles being adapted to be wrapped about said receptacles to form a closed pack.

2. A camping pack comprising a flexible sheet having spaced side edges and an end edge extending between each of the adjacent ends of said side edges, said sheet being adapted to be spread upon a ground surface so that one face abuts and rests upon said surface, a plurality of separate receptacles each having an open top fixedly positioned upon the other face of said sheet so that the receptacles extend transversely between the side edges inwardly of and adjacent one of said end edges, an openable and closable cover extending over the open top of each of said receptacles, spaced means arranged along each of said side and end edges for reception of anchoring elements for fixedly attaching said sheet to said ground surface, the portion of said sheet unoccupied by said receptacles being adapted to be wrapped about said receptacles to form a closed pack, and separated strap means carried by said sheet and operable to a secured position after said sheet has been wrapped to the closed pack position to retain the sheet in said closed pack position.

3. A camping pack comprising a flexible sheet having

spaced side edges and an end edge extending between each of the adjacent ends of said side edges, said sheet being adapted to be spread upon a ground surface so that one face abuts and rests upon a ground surface, a plurality of separate receptacles each having an open top fixedly positioned upon the other face of said sheet so that the receptacles extend transversely between the side edges inwardly of and adjacent one of said end edges, said receptacles including at least two receptacles arranged in a transverse row in side by side abutting relation, and a single receptacle arranged on one side of said row and extending along the entire row, an openable and closable cover extending over the open top of each of said receptacles, and spaced means arranged along each of said side and end edges for reception of anchoring elements for fixedly attaching said sheet to said ground surface, the portion of said sheet unoccupied by said receptacles being adapted to be wrapped about said receptacles to form a closed pack.

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