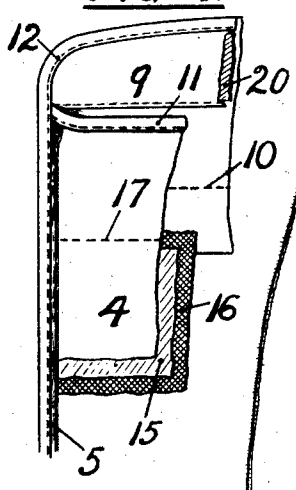
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FIG. 4.



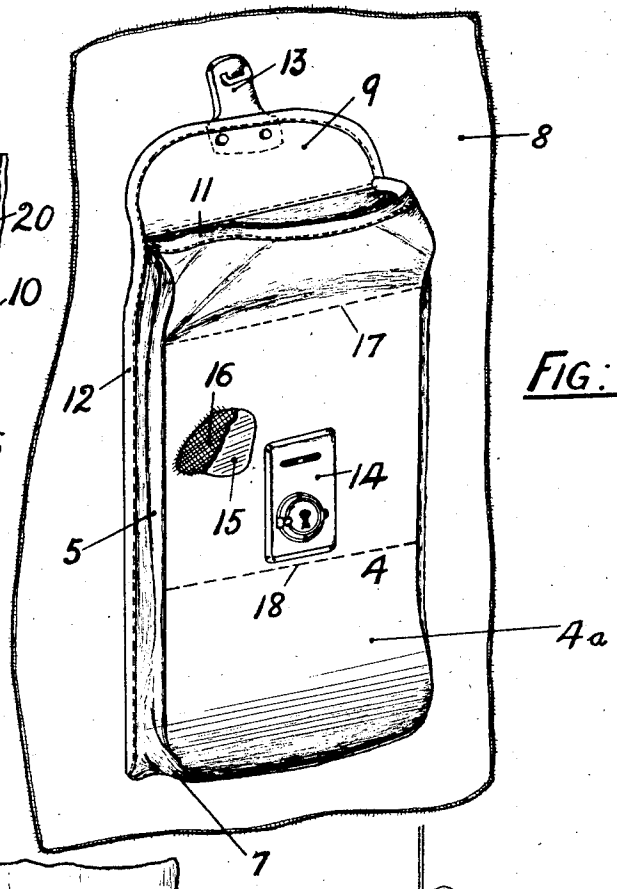


FIG. 1.

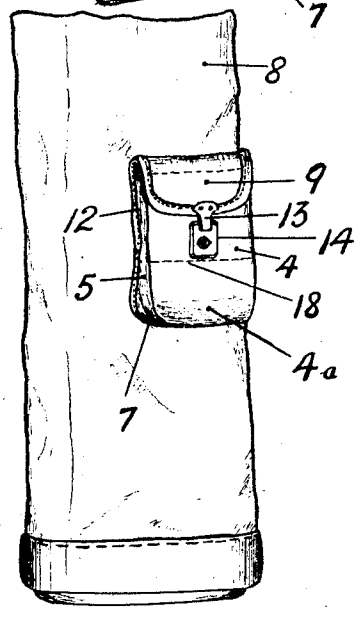


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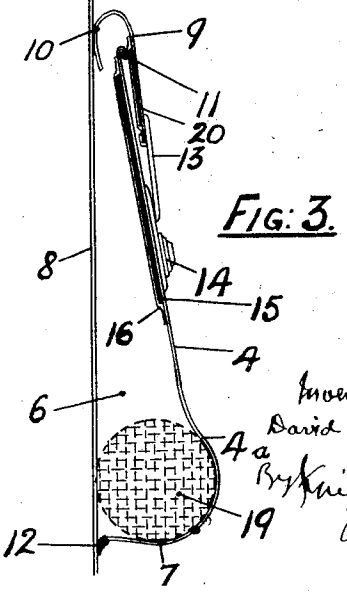


FIG. 3.

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This invention relates to flap-closed pockets, pouches, bags and like receptacles, and more especially to those constructed of canvas or like fabric. My invention is primarily intended as an external pocket for golf bags or other sports bags, but is applicable also as an external pocket for other articles, such as hand bags and the like.

In flap-closed pockets or pouches as hitherto constructed, the flap is usually secured to the pocket front by a single fastening, and the pliable nature of the material of which the pocket is made permits of the introduction of the hand into the pocket without unfastening the flap. It is a primary object of the present invention to render the pocket or pouch thief-proof whilst still depending upon a single fastening for securing the flap in its closed position. This and other objects of the invention will be hereinafter more readily understood by reference to the accompanying drawing, whereon:—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the improved pocket or pouch when open and showing a portion of the pocket front torn away.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the pocket or pouch closed, showing it applied to a golf bag.

Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view through the pocket or pouch and Fig. 4 is a fragmentary front view of part of the pocket.

The pocket or pouch consists of the usual fabric front 4 which is stitched, sewn, or otherwise secured at its edges to a strip of fabric which forms the sides 5 and 6 and bottom 7 of the pocket. The strip forming the sides 5 and 6 and bottom 7 is similarly stitched, sewn or otherwise secured to a backing 8, which may be the body of a golf bag as shown. The flap 9 consists of fabric or other suitable material which is hinged to the backing 8 by any suitable form of hinge, such as a line of stitching 10. The hinge 10, as seen in Fig. 4, is somewhat below the upper edge of the pocket front 4 and sides 5 and 6, which are preferably finished off with a binding strip 11. The flap 9 is also secured to the pocket sides 5 and 6 by a binding strip 12 which may extend around the bottom of the pocket and around the outer edge of the flap 9.

It will be seen that, when the flap 9 is turned about its hinge 10 to close the pocket, that part of the pocket above the line of the hinge 10, formed by the upper portions of the pocket front 4 and sides 5 and 6, will double over under the flap, which may be secured in closed position by any conventional form of fastening, such as a hasp or staple 13 and spring lock 14.

By reason of the fact that the mouth of the pocket is doubled over underneath the flap when the pocket is closed, articles cannot readily work out of the pocket, but it has been found that the contents of the pocket are liable to be pilfered by folding back one corner of the flap and inserting the fingers into the double portion of the pocket mouth at one side of the fastening and opening or straightening out the doubled portion of the pocket mouth.

In order to render the pocket thief-proof, I stiffen the pocket front immediately below that portion which doubles over under the flap. This construction makes it impossible to insert the fingers into the pocket, nor is it possible to open or straighten-out the doubled portion of the mouth of the pocket without unfastening the flap.

On the drawings, the stiffening of the pocket front 4 is shown effected by the provision of a sheet 15 of stiff cardboard, fibre board or other suitable material, which may be held in place against the back of the pocket front 4 by securing it between the pocket front and a canvas or like lining 16 secured, as by stitching 17 and 18, to the back of the pocket front.

The front stiffening preferably extends only part of the way down the pocket, as seen in Fig. 3, so that the lower part 4^a of the pocket front will remain pliable and thus yield outwards. The pocket is thus adapted to securely retain golf balls in the bottom of the pocket, as the lower edge of the stiffening 15 serves as an internal shoulder to retain the golf ball in the bottom of the pocket, as readily apparent from Fig. 3 in which a golf ball is indicated by the dotted circle 19.

The flap 9 of the pocket may also be stiffened by the provision of an internal stiffener 20 of cardboard, fibre board or other stiff material across the outer end portion of the flap.

I claim—

1. A flap-closed pocket or pouch constructed substantially of pliable material and comprising a pocket front and sides, a flap hinged below the upper edge of said front and sides so as to cause the mouth of the

pocket to double-over when closed, and a fastening for securing the flap to the pocket front, said pocket front being stiffened immediately below that part which doubles under the flap.

2. A flap-closed pocket or pouch comprising a pliable pocket front and sides, a flap hinged below the upper edge of said front and sides so as to cause the mouth of the pocket to double-over when closed, a stiffener attached to the pocket front to stiffen it at that part immediately below the portion which doubles under the flap, and a fastener for securing the flap to the stiffened portion of the front.

3. A flap-closed pocket as specified in claim 2 wherein the stiffener consists of a sheet of stiff material secured to the inside of the pocket front.

4. A flap-closed pocket as specified in claim 2 having a stiffener consisting of a sheet of stiff material, and a lining secured to the pocket front at the back of the stiffener.

5. A flap-closed pocket as specified in claim 2 having a stiffener consisting of a sheet of cardboard, and a fabric lining secured to the pocket front at the back of the cardboard.

6. A flap-closed pocket as specified in claim 1 wherein the lower part of the pocket front is pliable.

7. A flap-closed pocket as specified in claim 2 wherein the stiffener does not extend to the bottom of the pocket front, thus leaving a lower pliable portion.

8. A flap-closed pocket as specified in claim 1 having an internal flat stiffening strip extending across the outer end portion of the flap.

The foregoing specification signed at Edinburgh, Scotland, this 4 day of December, 1926.

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