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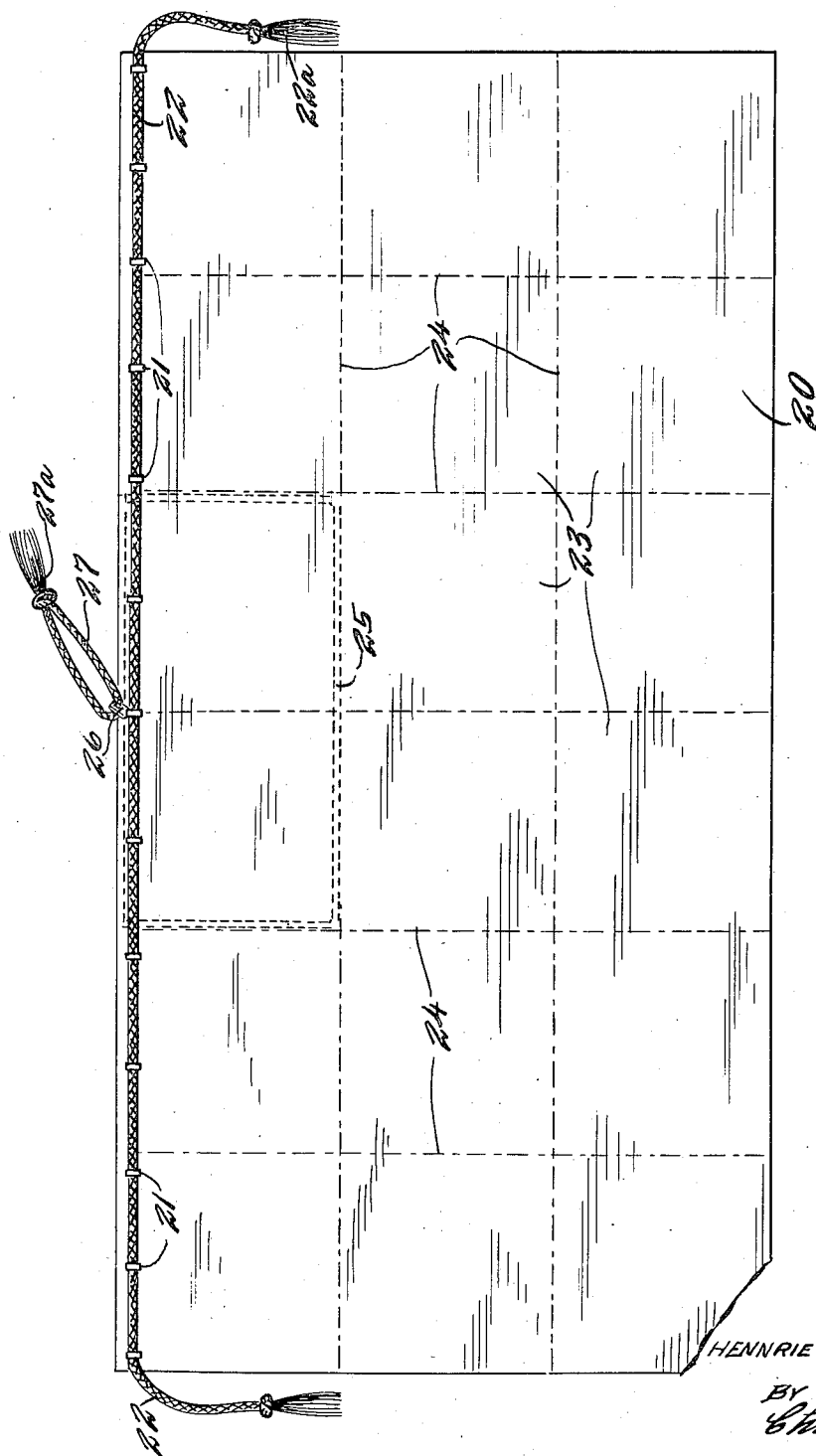


Fig. 1.

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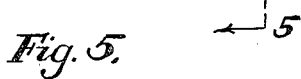
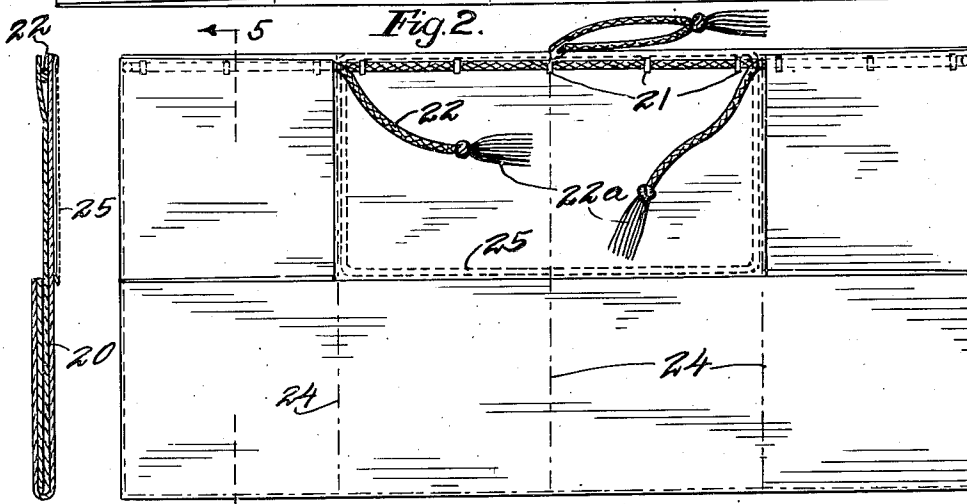
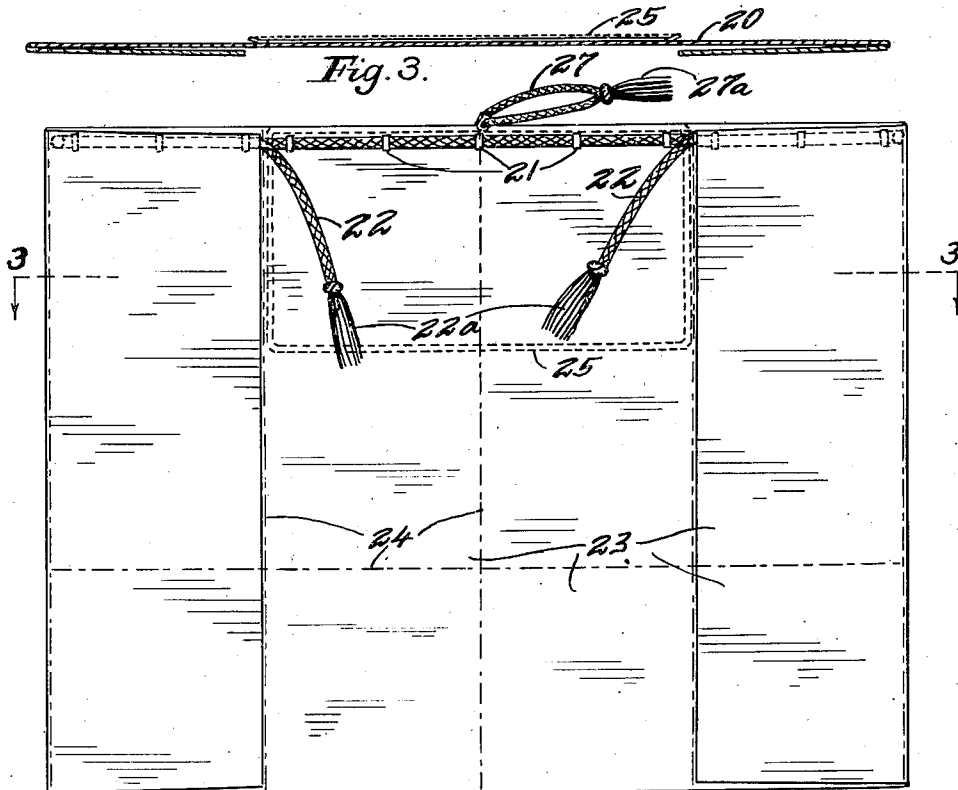


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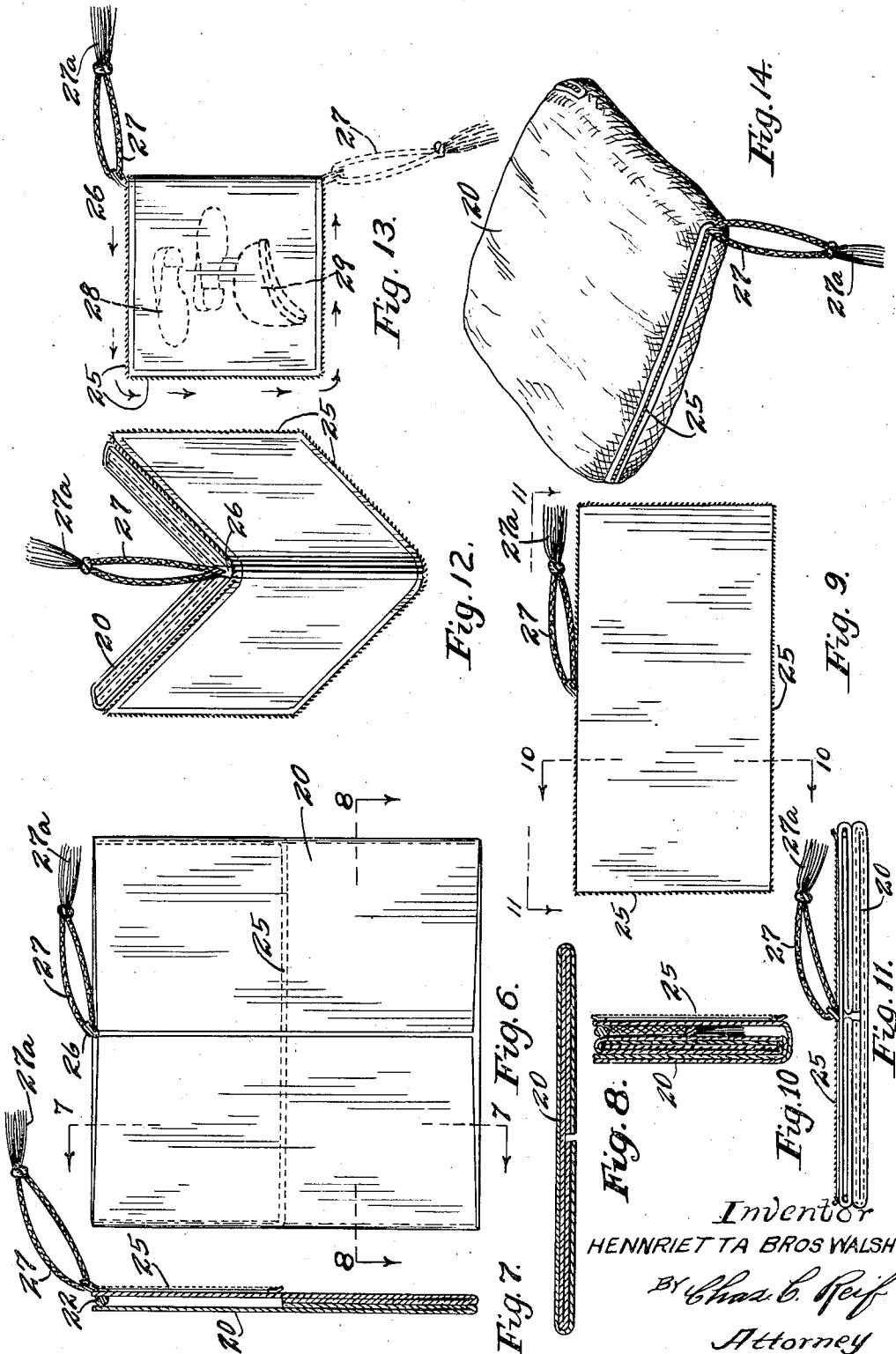
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1 Claim. (Cl. 2—69)

This invention relates to a garment and/or device which may be variously used but is particularly adapted for use in bathing. Where people frequent a bathing beach it is desirable to carry a towel or have one at hand, it is often desirable to have a sheet of fabric material which can be spread upon the sand to recline upon, it is desirable at times to have a cushion to sit upon and it is also very desirable to have a receptacle in which bathing shoes, bathing cap or other articles used can be placed. It is often desirable to have a robe which can be thrown about the body in going to and from the beach.

It is an object of this invention to provide a simple, efficient and convenient device which can be used as a robe and which can be made out of toweling material to form a towel, the same also being constructed and arranged to form a receptacle or cushion.

It is a further object of the invention to provide a device comprising a sheet preferably formed of toweling which can be spread upon the ground or sand to recline upon and which can be folded into small and compact form to form a receptacle or cushion.

It is also an object of the invention to provide a device in the form of a sheet, said sheet having secured thereto at one side connectable fastening means arranged in a line enclosing an area, said sheet being foldable inwardly upon the opposite side to lie within said area and then being foldable upon a median line of said area to bring said fastening means into adjacent parallel relation whereby they may be connected to form a closed receptacle-like body, which may contain articles such as bathing cap and shoes and which may also be used as a cushion.

It is more specifically an object of the invention to provide a device comprising a sheet preferably of rectangular form having secured to one side thereof rows of hookless fasteners arranged in the form of a rectangle, a closure member for said fastener normally disposed at the center of one side of said rectangle when said sheet is in open form, said sheet being foldable inwardly at its opposite side to lie within the area of said rectangle and then being foldable along a transverse median line of said rectangle to bring said rows of fasteners into adjacent parallel relation whereby said closure member may be moved along the same so that a pillow-like body is formed closed along three sides by said fasteners and having an area which is preferably such that the area of said sheet is a multiple thereof.

These and other objects and advantages of the

invention will be fully set forth in the following description made in connection with the accompanying drawings in which like reference characters refer to similar parts throughout the several views and in which:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of the device showing one side thereof;

Fig. 2 is a plan view showing the end portions of said device or sheet folded inwardly;

Fig. 3 is a vertical section taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 2 as indicated by the arrows;

Fig. 4 is a plan view showing the lower part of the device shown in Fig. 2 folded upwardly and inwardly;

Fig. 5 is a vertical section taken on line 5—5 of Fig. 4 as indicated by the arrows;

Fig. 6 is a plan view showing the device as illustrated in Fig. 4 with its end portions folded inwardly;

Fig. 7 is a vertical section taken on line 7—7 of Fig. 6 as indicated by the arrows;

Fig. 8 is a vertical section taken on line 8—8 of Fig. 6 as indicated by the arrows;

Fig. 9 is a plan view showing the device as it appears in Fig. 6 with its lower portion folded inwardly;

Fig. 10 is a vertical section taken on line 10—10 of Fig. 9 as indicated by the arrows;

Fig. 11 is a top plan view of Fig. 9 or a view as seen from line 11—11 of Fig. 9 as indicated by the arrows;

Fig. 12 is a perspective view showing the device of Fig. 9 folded partially on a transverse median line;

Fig. 13 is a plan view showing the device as it appears in Fig. 9 folded in a transverse median line; and

Fig. 14 is a perspective view showing the device in completely folded and closed condition.

Referring to the drawings in Fig. 1 a sheet 20 is shown and while this sheet might be made of any suitable fabric material in practice it has been found suitable to make it of rather heavy fabric material such as toweling or chenille. While sheet 20 might have various forms, in the embodiment of the invention illustrated it is shown as of rectangular form. A plurality of loops 21 are secured to sheet 20 arranged in a line adjacent and parallel to one long side thereof and a cord 22 passes through said loops. Cord 22 in practice has been made of rather heavy soft cord and the same is provided at its ends with tassels 22a. For convenience of illustration the area of sheet 20 is shown divided into small square zones 23 by the dot and dash lines 24. There are no divisions

on the actual sheet of material. On the side opposite that to which loops 21 and cord 22 are disposed said sheet has secured thereto fastening means 25. While these fastening means might take various forms, in the embodiment of the invention illustrated and in practice the well known hookless fasteners have been used. These fastening means 25 are arranged to enclose an area and while this area might take various forms, in the embodiment of the invention illustrated it is shown in the form of a rectangle comprising two of the units or small zones 23. A closure member 26 is provided and cooperates with the fastening means 25 and when the sheet is in open condition this closure member is located at the center of one long side of the rectangle enclosed by the fastening means 25. A handle means 27 is connected to closure member 26 and while this could be variously formed, in the embodiment of the invention illustrated it is shown as made of a looped cord, the ends of which is attached to a tassel 27a.

The sheet 20 can be folded at the side opposite the fastening means 25 so that it will lie within the area of the rectangle formed by fastening means 25 and this folding is preferably done by folding the sheet in a plurality of successive folds. The sheet will first be folded by folding inwardly the end portions as seen in Fig. 1 along the outer transverse lines 24. This brings the sheet to the form shown in Fig. 2. The sheet as seen in Fig. 2 will then be folded by folding its lower portion upwardly and inwardly along the lower longitudinal line 24. This brings the sheet to the condition shown in Fig. 4. The sheet as seen in Fig. 4 will then be folded inwardly along the outer transverse lines 24 and the sheet will be brought to the condition shown in Fig. 6. The arrangement of the overlying folds can be seen in the sections shown in Figs. 3, 5, 7 and 8. The device as shown in Fig. 6 will be again folded upwardly and inwardly along the transverse median line and will be brought to the position shown in Fig. 9. It will be seen that at this point the sheet 20 has been folded in successive folds to bring the same into the area of the rectangle formed by the fastening means 25 and the sheet and the folds thereof are disposed at the side opposite that to which fastening means 25 are secured. The sheet will now be again folded along the transverse median line as seen in Fig. 9 and as indicated in Fig. 12. This will bring the device to the position shown in Fig. 13 and at this time the fastening means at one side of the transverse median line of the rectangle formed thereby will be brought into adjacent and parallel relation to the fastening means at the other side of said median line. While these fastening means will be somewhat spaced, owing to the softness of the material they can readily be brought together. This will be done by moving the closure member 26 around three sides of the device as it appears in Fig. 13. A pillow-like body rectangular in plan is thus formed as shown in Fig. 14. The device can be carried by member 27 and will thus be held in closed condition. It will be seen that the device as shown in Fig. 14 forms

in effect a receptacle and the same can be opened along one or more sides and desired articles such as bathing shoes 28 and bathing cap 29 may be placed therein. The device is thus now in small and compact shape and it is no trouble to carry the same.

The device as shown in Fig. 1 can be used as a robe. The wearer can dispose the same about his neck and shoulders with the edge adjacent cord 22 at the top and the sheet can be gathered about the neck and shoulders by drawing upon the ends of said cord. The cord can be tied if desired and a convenient cape or robe is thus formed. The sheet can be spread upon the beach or sand and used to recline upon if desired. As the sheet is preferably made of absorbent material such as toweling it can be used as a towel when the bathers leave the water. The device can then be folded as already described and if desired the bathing shoes and cap placed therein. The device as shown in Fig. 14 forms a very convenient and comfortable cushion and can be used for this purpose.

From the above description it will be seen that I have provided a simple and efficient device and one having a high degree of utility when used as a bathing garment or device. The same forms a combination robe, towel, rug, receptacle and/or cushion. The device can be made and sold at very moderate price. The same has been amply demonstrated in actual practice and found to be very successful and efficient.

It will, of course, be understood that various changes may be made in the form, details, arrangement and proportions of the parts, without departing from the scope of applicant's invention, which generally stated, consists in a device capable of carrying out the objects above set forth, in the parts and combination of parts disclosed and defined in the appended claim.

What is claimed is:

A combination robe, receptacle, and/or cushion comprising a rectangular sheet of toweling material having on one side thereof rows of fastening means arranged in the form of a rectangle, one long side of said rectangle extending parallel to and closely adjacent one long edge of said sheet and disposed centrally of said long edge, the area of said sheet comprising a multiple of one half of the area of said rectangle so that said sheet may be folded inwardly from its short ends along lines parallel to said ends and folded inwardly from the long side opposite said rectangle then folded inwardly again from its ends to form a rectangle, then folded along a median line to bring the same within the area of said rectangle and then folded along its median line to bring the fasteners at opposite sides of said rectangle into adjacent relation so that they may be connected to form a rectangular cushion-like body formed of equal superposed folds and a handle means by which said body may be carried, said body means being also capable of being used as a receptacle.

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