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AUTO POCKET ARTICLE CARRIER

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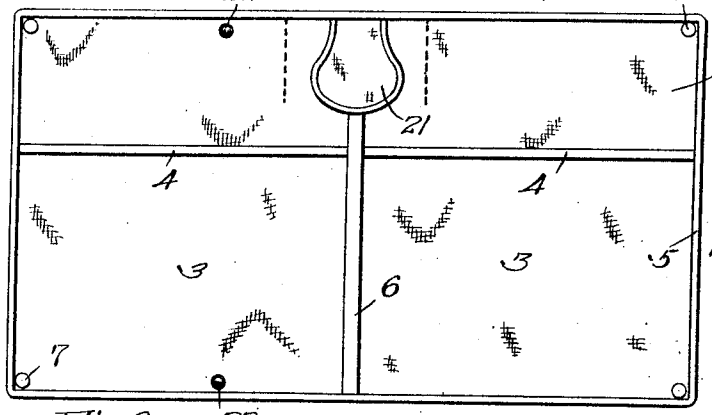


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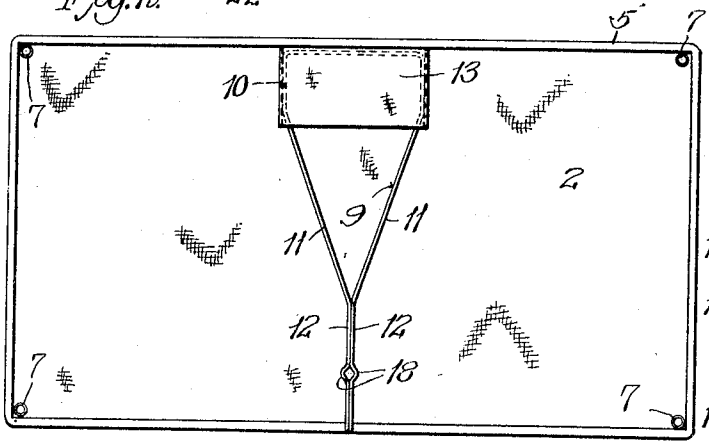


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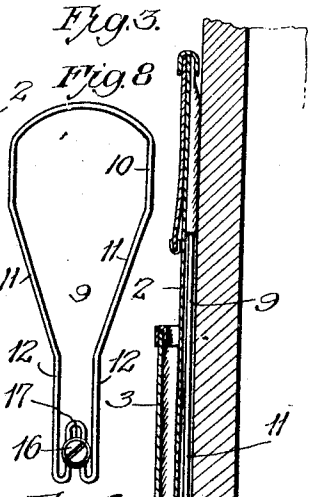


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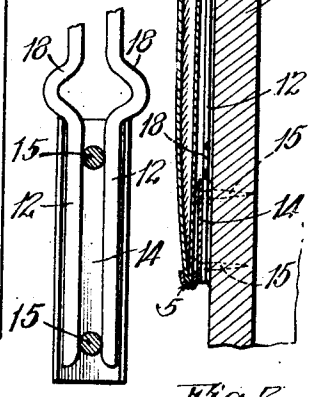


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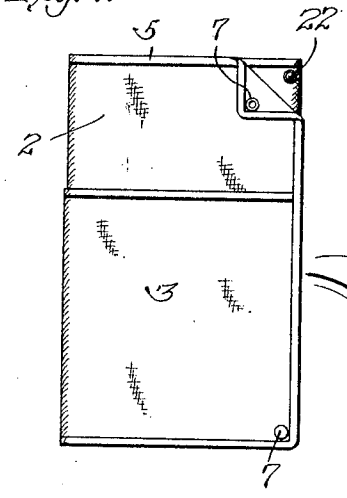


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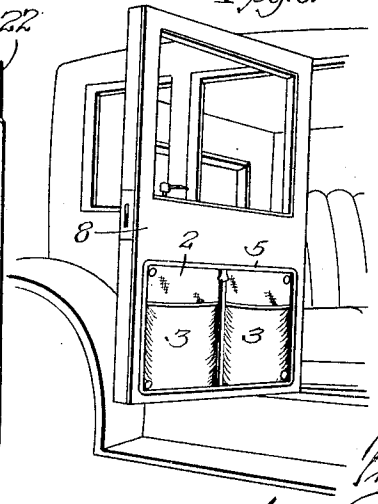
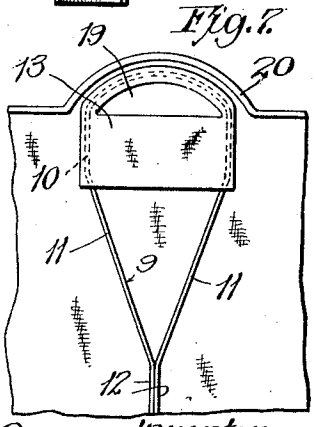


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My invention relates to article-carriers, designed more particularly for use of automobilists. It has for its object to provide such an article composed of suitable flexible material formed with one or more pockets to contain various articles, adapted to be detachably suspended or sustained from suitable means within the car and provided with means designed to guard against sagging of the carrier due to weight of articles contained therein, and also adapted to be folded into compact form when detached or removed from the automobile.

To the accomplishment of the foregoing and such other objects as may hereinafter appear, the invention consists in the features hereinafter particularly described and then sought to be clearly defined by the claims, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming a part hereof, and in which

Figure 1 is a front or face view of the carrier embodying the invention;

Figure 2 is a rear view of the same;

Figure 3 is a vertical central section through the carrier;

Figure 4 is a side view of the carrier, folded;

Figure 5 is a detail view of parts of the anti-sagging means, on an enlarged scale, with parts broken away;

Figure 6 is a perspective view of an automobile body, showing the carrier attached to the door;

Figure 7 is a side view of a portion of the carrier and anti-sagging means, and formed with a handle;

Figure 8 is a front view of a modified form of anti-sagging frame.

In the drawing the numeral 1 designates the carrier, or auto-pocket, formed of suitable flexible material, for example, duck, canvas, imitation patent leather, or other suitable flexible material. To the face of the backing or base 2 are attached any desired number of pockets 3, two being illustrated. These may be formed of a separate piece stitched or otherwise attached to the base and provided with a binding 4 and the edges of the backing may also have a binding 5, and a vertical strip 6 may be stitched across the material forming the pockets and the backing as illustrated. The backing or base 2 is provided on its rear face, preferably at the corners, with metallic sockets 7 which in connection with studs or buttons attached to the inside of the car door 8, or other suitable place, constitute snap-fasteners for attaching or suspending the carrier-pocket.

To prevent the carrier or pocket from sagging under the weight of articles placed in the pocket, I provide a reinforcement or brace preferably made detachable and located centrally of the carrier. This reinforcement may be of different forms. The preferred form is illustrated, and consists of a frame 9, preferably of metal and possessing more or less resiliency, having a bowed or loop member 10 and a depending portion 11 which may have substantial parallel legs 12 connected together as indicated in Figure 8, or disconnected as indicated in Figures 2 and 5 of the drawing. The bowed portion of the frame may be straight across at the top as shown in Figure 2, or arched as shown in Figure 7. The frame 9 is attached to the rear of the backing or base 2 by means of a socket or pocket 13 in which the bowed end of the frame will fit, being moved into the pocket by sliding upward through the open lower end of the pocket. The lower end of the frame will be detachably connected to the car door, or other support, either by a case or shell 14 secured to the door by screws 15 and in which the lower portion or legs 12 of the frame will fit as illustrated in Figures 3 and 5 of the drawing, or by means of a screw 16 and washer 17 as shown in Figure 8, the forked end of the frame in the form shown in Figure 8 straddling the screw and resting thereon as shown. In the form of frame illustrated in the other figures of the drawing the depending legs of the frame will be formed with lateral extending portions 18 which form a shoulder to rest on the top edge of the case or shell 14 as shown in Figs. 3 and 5. In both forms the frame is given a support, say upon the car door, which prevents the frame from becoming accidently displaced from the carrier or pocket when functioning to prevent sagging of the carrier or auto-

pocket. It will be observed from the foregoing that the weight of the articles placed in the pockets 3 will be received by the upper end of the bracing frame 9 and that the support for the lower end of the frame prevents downward movement of the frame and hence the carrier is prevented from sagging and is kept or maintained in a distended condition, and the insertion of articles into the pockets and removal therefrom facilitated and systematic disposition of the articles attained. If desired, the carrier or auto-pockets may be formed with a handle for carrying the pocket when detached from its support. This may be made by forming a hand or finger opening 19 through the upper part of the backing 2 and the pocket which receives the frame, so as to be below the top portion of the frame which extends from one side to the other of the pocket and thus create a handle for carrying the auto-pocket. One embodiment of such a handle is illustrated in Figure 7 of the drawing, and in that particular illustration the backing 2 is shown as made with an extension 20 which may form a more convenient shape for the handle but not essential, for formation of the handle. I also prefer to provide the carrier or auto-pocket with a finger-grip flap 21 which may be used for lifting the carrier or auto-pocket and its anti-sagging frame from its attachment to the door or support. When removed, the carrier or pocket may be folded as illustrated in Figure 4, and the folds secured together by snap fasteners 7 and 22 as indicated in that figure.

I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiment of the invention but changes may be made in the details of the various parts without departing from the essentials. The desirability of an auto-pocket embodying the features as described will be appreciated by the automobilist and need not be further amplified.

Having described my invention and set forth its merits, what I claim is:—

1. An auto-pocket article carrier consisting of a flexible base member provided with an article-carrying pocket, and means disposed substantially centrally of the base of the carrier for preventing the pocket from sagging under weight of articles in the pocket and permitting the flexible base and pocket to be transversely folded without removal of the anti-sagging means.

2. An auto-pocket article carrier consisting of a flexible base member provided with an article-carrying pocket, and means for preventing sagging of the pocket comprising a frame detachably connected at its upper end to the base member substantially centrally thereof to permit the flexible base and pocket to be transversely folded without removal of the anti-sagging means and adapted to have its lower portion attached to a suitable support affixed to the face of a car door.

3. An auto-pocket article carrier consisting of a flexible base member provided with an article-carrying pocket, a detachable frame member for attachment to one side of the flexible base, said frame member having depending parallel extensions, means detachably connecting the upper part of the frame to the base-member, and means for attaching the lower extensions of the frame to a support to sustain the base member and pocket and prevent accidental disconnection of base member and supporting frame.

4. An auto-pocket article carrier consisting of a flexible base member provided with an article-carrying pocket, a bowed anti-sagging frame for attachment to one face of the base member substantially centrally thereof, to permit transverse folding of the flexible base and pocket, and a socket member to receive the upper bowed portion of the frame.

5. An auto-pocket article carrier consisting of a flexible base member provided with an article-carrier pocket, a bowed anti-sagging frame for attachment to one face of the base-member substantially centrally thereof, to permit transverse folding of the flexible base member without detachment of the bowed anti-sagging frame, and a pocket formed on the same side of the base member to slidably receive the bowed end of the anti-sagging frame.

6. An auto-pocket article carrier consisting of a flexible base member provided with an article carrying pocket, an anti-sagging frame member for attachment to one face of the base-member substantially centrally thereof and having an expanded upper portion and depending extensions, a pocket formed on the same face of the base member to receive the expanded portion and detachably secure the frame member, and a support for the lower extensions of the frame serving to connect the frame to a fixed member-support and prevent accidental disconnection of the anti-sagging frame from the flexible base member.

7. An auto-pocket article carrier consisting of a flexible base member provided with an article carrying pocket, an anti-sagging member having its upper portion separably attached to the base member, a case or shell serving to receive the lower portion of the anti-sagging member and constituting a support therefor, and preventing accidental disconnection of the anti-sagging member from the base member, and means for attachment of the shell or case to a fixed member support.

8. An auto-pocket article carrier consisting of a flexible base member provided with an article carrying pocket, an anti-sagging member having its upper portion detachably attached to the base member and its lower portion expanded and formed with a shoul-

der, a case or shell to receive the lower portion of the anti-sagging member and upon which the shoulder of said member may seat and prevent accidental disconnection of the anti-sagging member and base member, and means for attachment of the shell or case to a fixed member support.

9. An auto-pocket article carrier consisting of a flexible base member provided with an article carrying pocket, an anti-sagging member having its upper portion expanded and attached to the base member, means for detachably attaching the anti-sagging member to a fixed member support and serving to support said anti-sagging member, and a handle having a finger opening for the article carrier, the anti-sagging member constituting a part of the handle.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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