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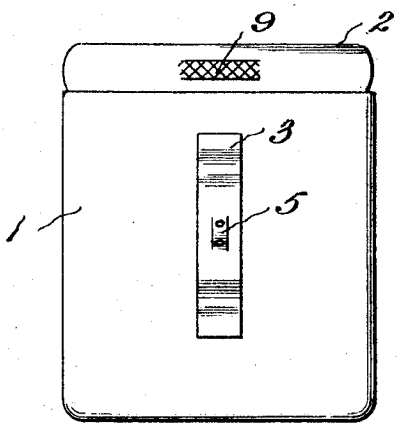


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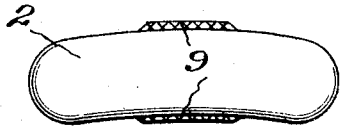


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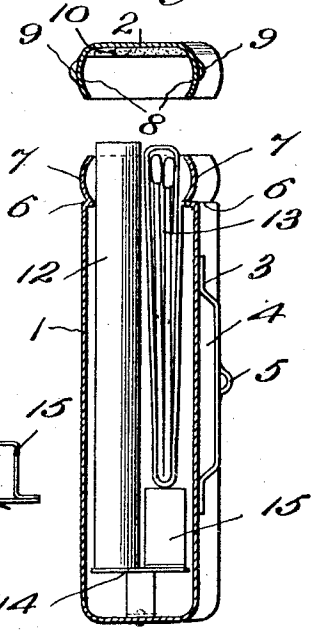


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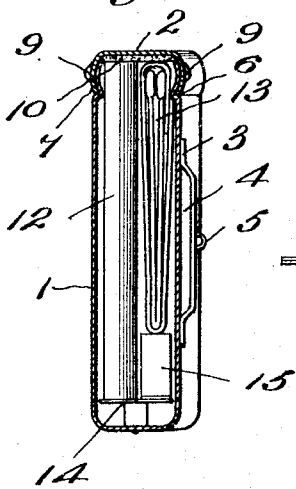
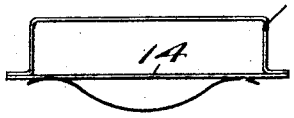


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JAMES CHIARI and STEPHEN SANTO, both citizens of the United States, and both residing at Paterson, Passaic County, State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Waterproof Receptacles, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to waterproof receptacles of the type disclosed in our copending U. S. patent application filed February 28th, 1923, Serial Number 621,931 and is principally adapted for personal use, such as by bathers for maintaining the contents of the receptacle in a perfectly dry condition.

An object of the invention is to provide a simple device of this character that will be very light in weight and which may be manufactured and sold for a relatively low price.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevational view of the receptacle.

Figure 2 is a top plan view.

Figure 3 is a longitudinal sectional view.

Figure 4 is an enlarged longitudinal sectional view showing the cover removed, and

Figure 5 is a detail side elevational view of the spring pressed bottom removed from the receptacle.

The invention comprises a body portion 1 and a cover portion 2 and may be constructed of any suitable material and of any desired size and configuration, but is preferably made of a light sheet metal so that its weight will not be an impediment to a bather when worn in the water.

The receptacle is curved as shown to conform to the body of a wearer and has secured to its rear or convex side a metal strip 3 which has a portion of its length offset from the side of the body to provide an opening 4 so that the receptacle may be secured to a belt sometimes worn by bathers. The strip 3 is also provided with a central perforated offset or struck-up portion 5 to receive a safety pin, if desired, for securing the receptacle to the bathing suit of a wearer, when a belt is not worn.

The body portion is provided at one end with a shouldered portion 6 and surmounting the shouldered portion is an upwardly projecting collar portion 7. This collar portion is curved or bulged outwardly to provide a convex outer surface to be engaged by the concave inner surface of the correspondingly bulged sides 8 of the cover 2 to securely fasten and retain the cover in a closed position on the body portion. The cover forming a closure for the receptacle has its opposite sides provided with upstruck and roughened finger gripping portions 9 so as to facilitate its removal and replacement on the body when desired. A gasket 10 preferably formed of soft material, such as rubber or cork, is secured to the inner face of the cover and serves to make a water tight seal between the body and cover.

The receptacle in the present instance discloses a waterproof cigarette case for holding both cigarettes 12 and matches 13 and may be worn by a bather into the water with the assurance that the contents of the case will not be affected by the water and when he leaves the water he has the cigarettes and matches at his convenience, thus eliminating the trouble of running into the bath house to get a match or cigarette when needed.

To facilitate the removal of the matches or cigarettes when desired, the body portion 1 is provided within its lower end portion with a spring pressed bottom, 14, which, when the cover is removed, acts to project both the cigarettes and matches upwardly beyond the open end of the body, see Figure 4, so that they may be readily gripped by the fingers and removed from the receptacle when desired. When the cover is replaced the cigarettes and matches are forced down into the body of the receptacle against the tension of the spring, see Figure 3.

It is desirable to use matches of the well known paper strip type as shown and to provide for the difference in length between the match strip and cigarettes, the spring pressed bottom 14 is provided at one side with a raised portion 15 on which the bottom of the match strip rests.

What is claimed is—

As an article of manufacture, a waterproof receptacle for personal wear curved to conform to the body of the wearer and comprising a body portion provided at one end with a shouldered portion, an upwardly projecting outwardly bulged collar portion sur-

mounting the shouldered portion, an outwardly bulged cover frictionally engaging said collar portion, a gasket secured to the inner face of the cover and engaging the upper edge of the collar, said body portion provided at one side with a perforated upstruck portion and a spring pressed bottom mounted within the lower end of the receptacle, said bottom provided at one side with a raised portion for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof, we have signed our names to this specification this first day of May 1923.

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