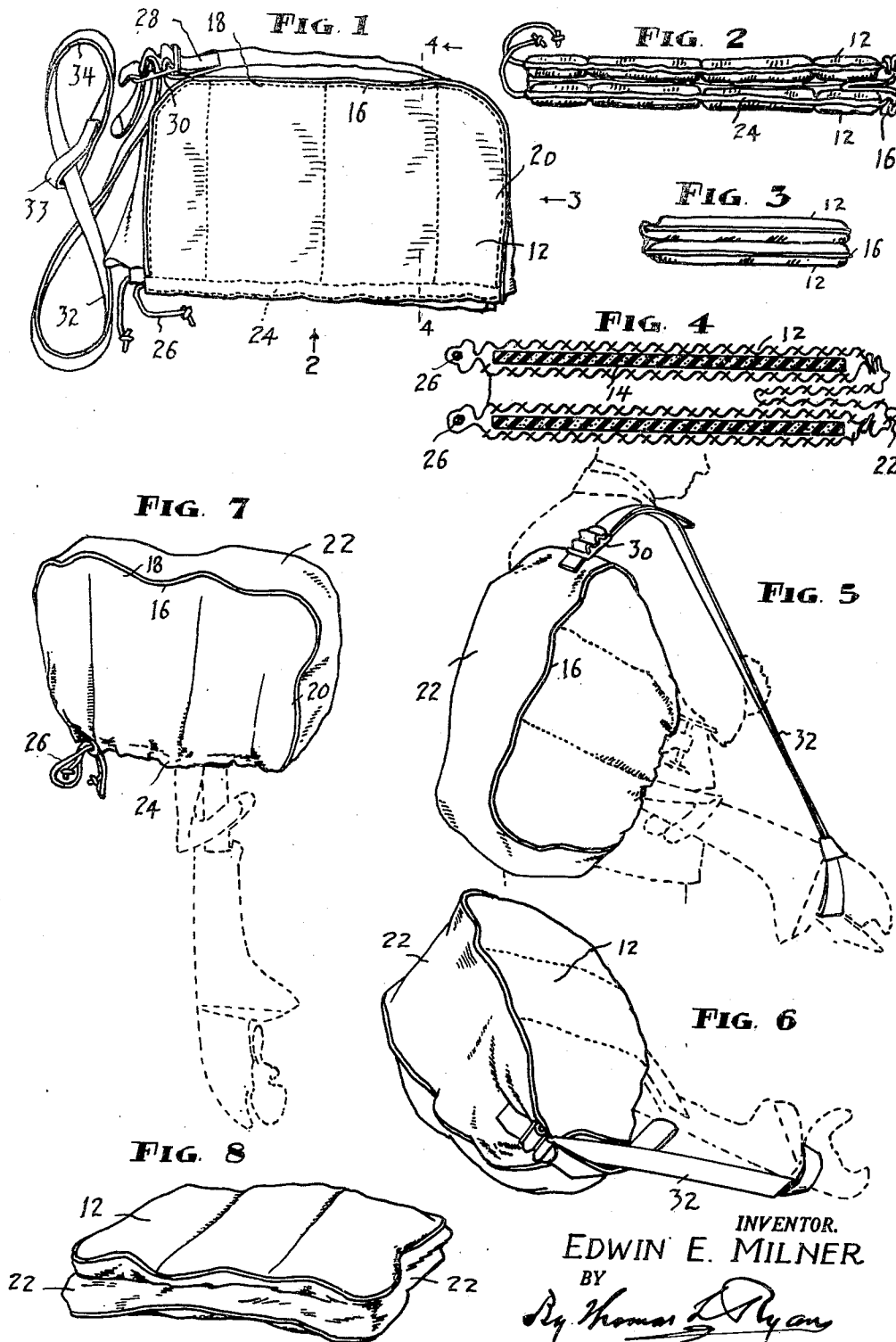


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This invention relates to improvements in boat equipment.

In activities which are incident to the use of power driven boats, as the transporting of the motor from its place of storage and to destination where it is to be used, the providing of a cushion for the boat-seat to be occupied by the operator of the boat, the manipulating of the boat, and the care, handling and conservation of the motor during the season; and then again at the close of the season, the rehandling of the seat cushion, the detaching of the motor, and the transporting of the seat cushion and the motor to the place of storage, there has long been the need of an invention whereby such activities may be facilitated.

With the above considerations in mind, the object of my invention is to provide a portable contrivance light in weight, economical of manufacture, durable and dependable, comprising, in combination, a boat-seat cushion, a protective cover for the head portion of the motor, and a carrier sling, the several parts being of such design, construction, combination and arrangement that whereas the seat cushion when not serving as such, may serve as a cover for the head portion of the motor, and that upon detaching the motor from the boat, and attaching the carrier sling to interconnection with the cushion and the motor, the user may conveniently and with minimum exertion carry the motor to destination. Moreover, that the motor when not in use and at all times while being transported and while in storage is protected and shielded from injury.

The object as above stated, and also certain specific aims, as will presently appear, are accomplished by, and my invention is embodied in the new construction, combination and arrangement of parts described in the following specification and illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

In the drawings—

Figure 1 is a plan view of my new combination boat-seat cushion, outboard-motor cover and carrier.

Figure 2 is a view of my invention, taken in the direction of arrow 2 in Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a view of said invention taken in the direction of arrow 3 in Figure 1.

Figure 4 is an enlarged cross section view taken on the broken line 4-4 in the direction of arrow 4 in Figure 1.

Figure 5 is a perspective view of the invention as it appears when applied and attached to the motor, and as carried by the user.

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Figure 6 is a perspective view of the invention as it appears in said applied and attached status, and when prone.

Figure 7 is a perspective view showing the appearance of the invention when the sling has been detached and the motor is in upright position, as when attached to the boat.

Figure 8 is a perspective view of my invention as it appears in its status removed from the motor and available for use as a seat cushion.

Each of two similar pads of the formation in plan as indicated in Figure 1, is composed of two plies 12 of textile fabric as duck or canvas, between which said plies are panels 14 of stuffing as flock, or preferably, sponge rubber. Bound between the meeting marginal portions of the ends and of one side of said plies, as by stitching is a welt 16 which imparts suitable security and finish.

Interconnecting said pads at the margins 18 of one side each, and the margins 20 of both ends each, of said pads, as by stitching is a web 22, as of duck or canvas. This web is of such width that when the pads are in expanded status, the distance between them, is sufficient (as indicated in Figures 5 and 6) that the structure described may be slipped over the head portion of the motor.

Through a hem 24 which is provided in the unbound margin each, of said pads, a draw cord 26 is passed and is tacked at its inboard end. The free end portion of each cord is extended, whereby said cords may be readily handled and tied, in the transaction of drawing the free marginal portions of the pads to closed relation with the said motor.

Secured to the said web 22 at an end portion thereof, is a short length of webbing 28 and to which is secured a web buckle 30. A sling consists of a webbing 32 or strap of suitable length, one end portion thereof folded upon itself and made into an eye 33 through which the webbing is passed thereby forming a loop 34 which is adapted to be placed in supporting engagement with the foot portion of the motor structure. The other end of said webbing is adapted to be disposed in holding engagement with the said buckle.

In my invention as embodied in the typical form and arrangement herein shown and described, and as intended for use in connection with an outboard motor of conventional type and dimensions, the pads are about twenty six inches in length and fourteen inches in width, the web being of width that the spread between the pads is ample. It is preferred that the stuffing be provided in the form of panels as herein described

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the pads thereby more readily conforming to the outline contour of the object covered; also it is desirable that the marginal portions of the pads may be of width to afford suitable flexibility thereat. It will be understood of course that modifications in the several detailed features shown and described may be made without departing from the spirit and principle of my invention or sacrificing any of its advantages.

The pads and web structure besides serving as a protective shield when the motor is in storage and also at all times between periods of actual operating of the motor, is also serviceable as the boat-seat cushion, it thereby being of usefulness during the seasons while the motor is in use, as well as when the motor is being transported to and while it is in storage. Besides shielding the motor at all times when in the installed status on the boat, it also serves to protect the motor from bruises or marring which otherwise might occur in rough handling, as in the use of common carriers, or transport trucks, freight and express trains.

What I claim as my invention is:

1. A combination cushion and outboard-motor carrier, comprising a flexible cover adapted to removably enclose the head portion of the motor, the sides of said cover embodying panels of spongy material, draw cords operable through the marginal parts of the free edge portions of the sides of sides of said cover for taking up the fullness thereof, and a sling, its one end adjustably attached to said cover, and the other end adapted to be removably attached to the foot portion of the said motor.

2. A device of the kind described, comprising a cover or form to enclose the head portion of an

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outboard motor, the sides of said cover embodying panels of spongy material, and a flexible web interconnecting the edges of three boundaries of said sides, draw strings contained in the free edges of said sides, operable to close the mouth of said cover, and a sling adjustably connected to said web, its free end embodying a loop adapted to be removably attached to the foot portion of the motor.

3. A combination boat-seat cushion, outboard-motor cover, and carrier comprising opposed spaced pads, each pad consisting of two plies of flexible fabric and panels of spongy material arranged between said plies, the opposed side edges of each of said panels being in confronting relation to the opposed side edges of the other of said panels, and said plies being interconnected in the areas thereof between the confronting side edges of said panels, a flexible web interconnecting the marginal portion of one side each, and the marginal portions of both ends each, of said pads, draw cords through the marginal portions of the free sides of said pads, and a sling, its one end removably and adjustably attached to a median portion of said web, and its other end embodying a loop.

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