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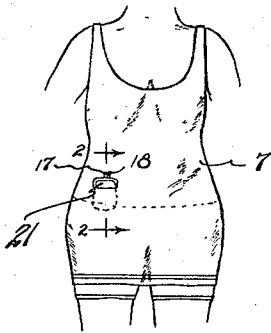


Fig. 1

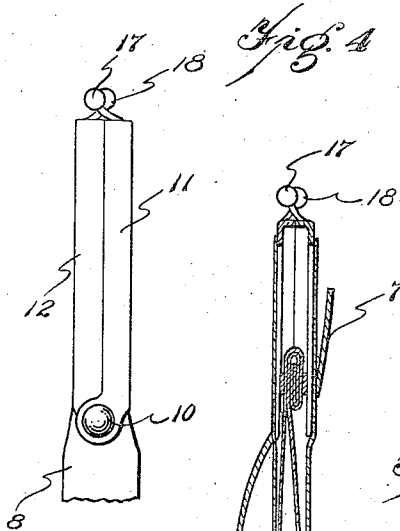


Fig. 4

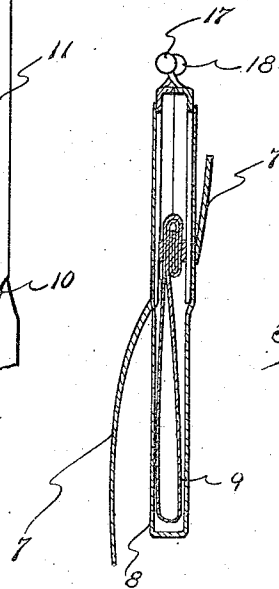


Fig. 2

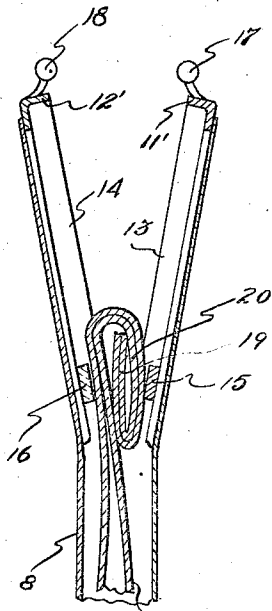


Fig. 3

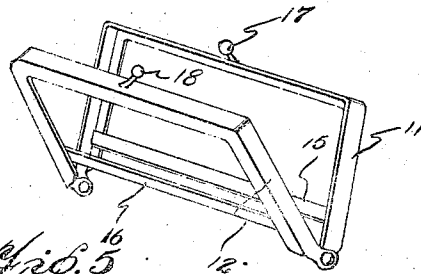


Fig. 5

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My invention relates to a new and useful improvement in a waterproof pocket and has for its object the provision of a waterproof pocket which may be used for containing various articles and tightly and securely closed at its open end so as to prevent flow or seepage of water thereinto.

The invention is particularly useful when mounted upon a garment and in the drawings I have shown it mounted upon a bathing suit. It will appear obvious it is believed that the pocket may be equally as well mounted upon some other garment worn by a person such as a bathing cap, a hunter's coat and the like. The principle of the invention may also be utilized in the construction of a separate receptacle so that it may be carried and the contents thereof kept dry and free from water.

It is another object of the present invention to provide in a pocket of this class a novel and secure means for sealing the open end thereof.

Other objects will appear hereinafter.

The invention consists in the combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

The invention will be best understood from a reference to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification and in which:—

Fig. 1 is a front elevational view showing the invention applied to a bathing suit.

Fig. 2 is a sectional view in fragment taken on substantially line 2—2 of Fig. 1 showing the waterproof pocket in closed position.

Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2 showing the closing means moving to inoperative position.

Fig. 4 is a side elevational view of the closing means in closed position.

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary perspective view illustrating the closing mechanism used with the invention.

As shown in the drawing the invention is mounted on a garment such as a bathing suit 7. Formed in the bathing suit 7 in any desirable manner is a pocket 8 positioned within which is a waterproof lining 9 preferably made from rubber and having the upper end thereof extending so that it pro-

jects above the upper end of the pocket 8,—the purposes of which will appear as the description proceeds.

Pivotally connected by means of rivets or pins 10 are the legs 11 and 12 which are connected by the bights 11' and 12' to oppositely disposed and similarly formed and connected legs 13 and 14. These legs being attached to the pocket 8 in a well known manner. Connecting the legs 13 and 11 and 12 and 14 adjacent the lower end thereof are transversely extended ribs or bars 15 and 16 respectively. As shown from the drawing these bars 15 and 16 are located adjacent the pivoted end of the legs. Mounted on the upper end of the bights 11' and 12' are snap balls 17 and 18 respectively—the construction and operation of this mechanism being somewhat similar to a well known type of pocket-book.

In operation if the contents are placed within the water-proof lining 9 the upper end thereof which extends beyond the upper end of the pocket and is folded upon itself to provide the folds 19 and 20. These folds being positioned between the ribs or bars 15 and 16 as clearly appears from Fig. 3.

Upon closing the U-shaped members into close position so as to permit the balls 17 and 18 to perform their function the overlapping folds of the rubber lining 9 are securely pressed together as shown in Fig. 2 so as to form a water tight connection. In this way there is provided a simple and durable structure whereby articles of various kinds may be carried upon the person and even submerged in water without becoming wet.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred form of structure, I do not wish to limit myself to the precise form of structure shown, but desire to avail myself of such variations and modifications as come within the scope of the appended claim.

Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

A waterproof pocket of the class described comprising a waterproof lining positioned in a pocket and extending at its upper open end beyond the upper open end of said pocket; a pair of U-shaped members pivotally connected together at the ends of their

legs adjacent the upper end of said pocket; a rib connecting the legs of each of said U-shaped members adjacent the pivoted end thereof, the upper end of said waterproof lining being foldable upon itself and adapted for positioning between said ribs, said ribs serving, upon movement of said U-shaped members into close relation on their pivots for clamping said folded over portions of said waterproof lining for effecting a water tight connection. 10

In testimony whereof, I have signed the foregoing.

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