

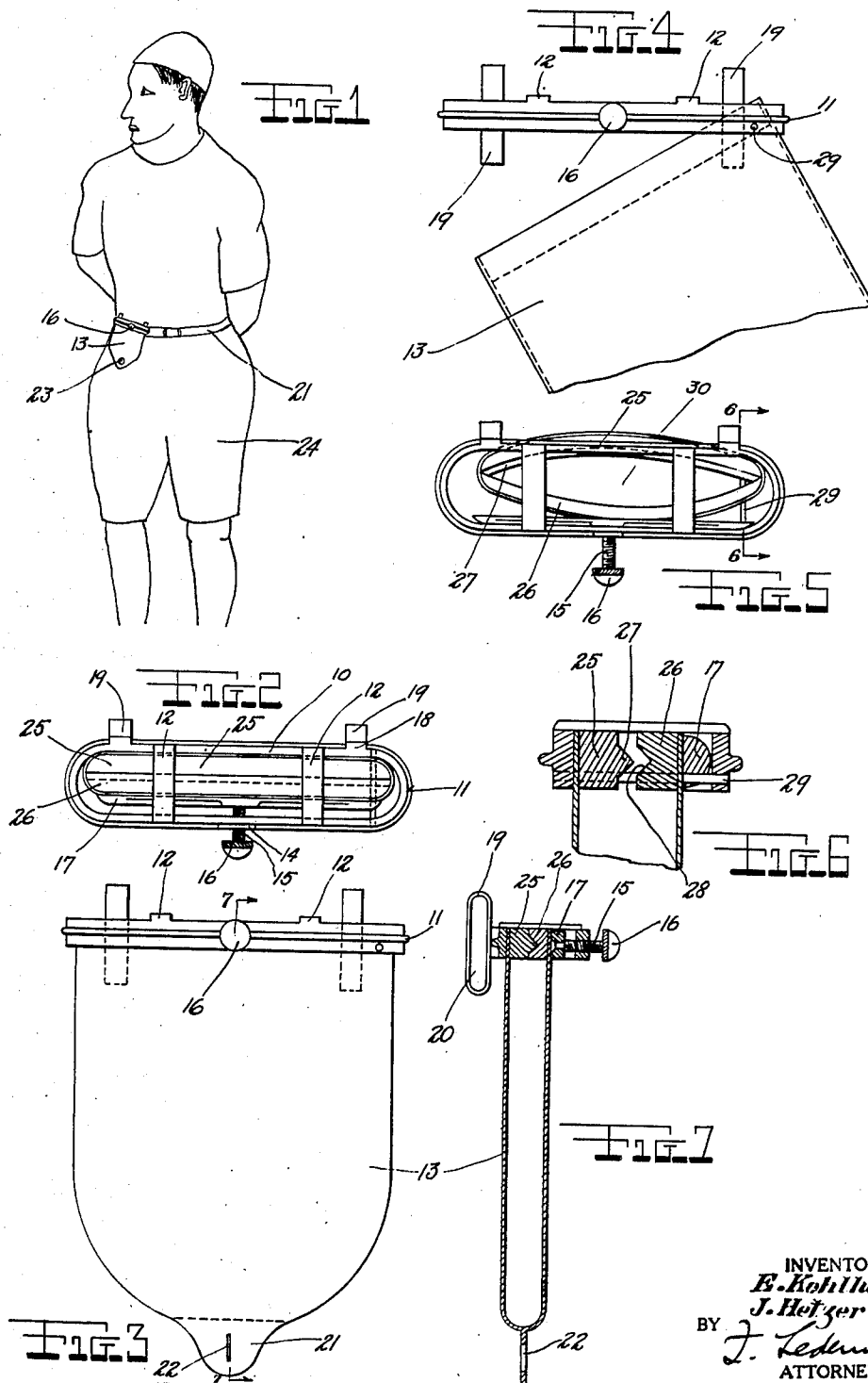
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOSEPH HETZER and ERICH KOHLHOF, citizens of the United States, residing at Corona and New York, respectively, in the counties of Queens and New York, respectively, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Swimming Purses, of which the following is a specification.

10 The main object of this invention is to provide a novel type of purse fitted for use on a bathing costume and provided with a pouch which when closed is impervious to water.

15 Another object is to provide a swimming purse having an attachment which is secured to the belt of the wearer and may be hingedly opened to permit the insertion of valuables and again closed in a manner to prevent seepage of water into the pouch.

The above and other objects will become apparent in the description below, in which characters of reference refer to like-named parts in the drawing.

25 Referring briefly to the drawing, Figure 1 is an illustration showing the method of applying the swimming purse.

Figure 2 is a top plan view of the swimming purse.

30 Figure 3 is a side elevational view of Figure 2.

Figure 4 is a fragmentary side elevational view, showing the pouch in partly opened position.

35 Figure 5 is a top plan view of Figure 4.

Figure 6 is a cross sectional view taken on line 6—6 of Figure 5, showing the waterproof joint at the open end of the pouch, the sides being spread apart to illustrate the method of opening the same.

40 Figure 7 is a sectional side elevational view of Figure 3, taken on line 7—7 of Figure 3.

45 Referring in detail to the drawing, the numeral 10 indicates the frame of the swimming purse. This frame is preferably composed of a light rigid metal and constitutes an elongated endless band which is encircled by a reinforcing rib 11, and at positions intermediate its length, is provided with stays 12 which serve as a means for positioning the flexible rubber pouch 13 in the position where it is locked. The front of the frame 10 is provided with a boss 14 thru which a screw 15 having a knurled head 16, passes.

Loosely mounted on the inner end of the screw 15 between the side members of the frame 10, is a wedge bar 17 which extends the greater part of the length of the body and is movable across the interior of the frame by rotation of the screw 15. The rear bar of the frame 10 is provided with a pair of lugs 18 to which are anchored leather loops 19 thru the openings 20 of which the belt 21 of the wearer is adapted to pass.

60 The pouch 13 is, as stated, of some flexible and waterproof material such as rubber or the like. Said pouch is an elongated pocket having side walls spaced apart from each other which are open on the top, and on the bottom have a flap integral therewith in which a button hole 22 is formed, the button hole on the flap being adapted to cooperate with a button 23 which is mounted on the trunks 24 of the bathing suit. The upper open end of the pouch has flexible strips 25 and 26 integral with the edges of the pouch walls and extend lengthwise and parallel to the side walls of the pouch. The strip 25 is provided with a triangular tongue 27 which extends thruout the length of the strip and is adapted to insert into a similarly formed triangular recess 28 formed in the opposite strip 26. The pouch is anchored to the frame of the device by a pivot pin 29 which is secured in the walls of the elongated frame 10 and spans across the frame thru the walls of the pouch and also thru the strips 25 and 26.

70 The swimming purse is manipulated in the following manner. When desiring to open the purse when the latter is closed, as shown in Figure 2, the screw 15 is rotated by manipulating the knurled head in order to move the wedge bar toward the front of the frame 10, after which the pouch can be grasped and rotated about the pin 29 to a position similar to that shown in Figure 4, in which position, valuables such as coins, or necessities, such as cigarettes, may be secured in the chamber 30 of the pouch 13. When the pouch has been loaded, it may again be rotated to a position where the strips 25 and 26 lie between the walls of the frame 10. By again rotating the screw 15 in an opposite direction, the wedge bar 17 is moved toward the strip 26 of the pouch and both strips 25 and 26 are compressed so that the triangular ridge 27 on the strip 25 enters into the recess 28 of the opposite

strip 26 and seals the pouch chamber 30 so that seepage of water thru this joint, the only joint of the pouch, is impossible.

In order to permit the swimming purse to
5 be worn or used with all types of apparel and by people who are arrayed in suits not provided with belts, the semi-circular ends of the frame 10 may be provided with eye-
10 lets, not shown, which are rigid with the frame thru which a shoulder strap may be slipped so that the entire purse may be suspended from the shoulder of the user.

We claim:—

1. A swimming purse comprising a rigid
15 elongated frame, a resilient pouch rotatably mounted in said rigid frame, stays on the top of said frame intermediate its length, loop members mounted on said frame, resilient strips integral with the upper open
20 edges of said pouch, said strips being adapted to be mutually spread to expose the chamber of the pouch, a triangular recess extending longitudinally on one of said strips, a triangular ridge extending longitudinally on the opposite strip and being
25 adapted to register in the recess of the first-named strip to form a leak-proof joint, and a wedge bar movable in said frame and being adapted to mutually compress the pouch
30 strips to seal the open end of said pouch.

2. A swimming purse comprising a rigid elongated frame, a resilient pouch rotatably mounted in said rigid frame, stays on the top of said frame intermediate its length, loop members mounted on said frame, resilient strips integral with the upper open
35 edges of said pouch, said strips being adapted to be mutually spread to expose the chamber of the pouch, a triangular recess extending longitudinally on one of said
40 strips, a triangular ridge extending longitudinally on the opposite strip and being adapted to register in the recess of the first-named strip to form a leak-proof joint, said
45 wedge bar comprising a floating member mounted longitudinally in the frame, a screw rotatable in said frame and adapted to pass loosely thru the wedge bar intermediate its length, said screw supporting
50 said wedge bar, said screw when rotated being adapted to compress the strips of the pouch to cause the triangular ridge on one strip to enter more firmly into the triangular recess of the opposite strip to form a
55 leak-proof fit.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures.

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