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### (54) Luggage waterproofing

(57) Waterproof luggage (10) has a receptacle (11), a lid with waterproof layer (12) with a waterproof layer, a zipper (15,16) closing the lid to the receptacle, and a liquid-impermeable membrane (17) attached to the receptacle adjacent the zipper and extending alongside

an inner portion of the lid.  
A security cable (14) is attached to the luggage and a cavity (13) within the lid or receptacle is provided into which the cable can be received for storage purposes whilst an end of the cable is attached to the luggage.

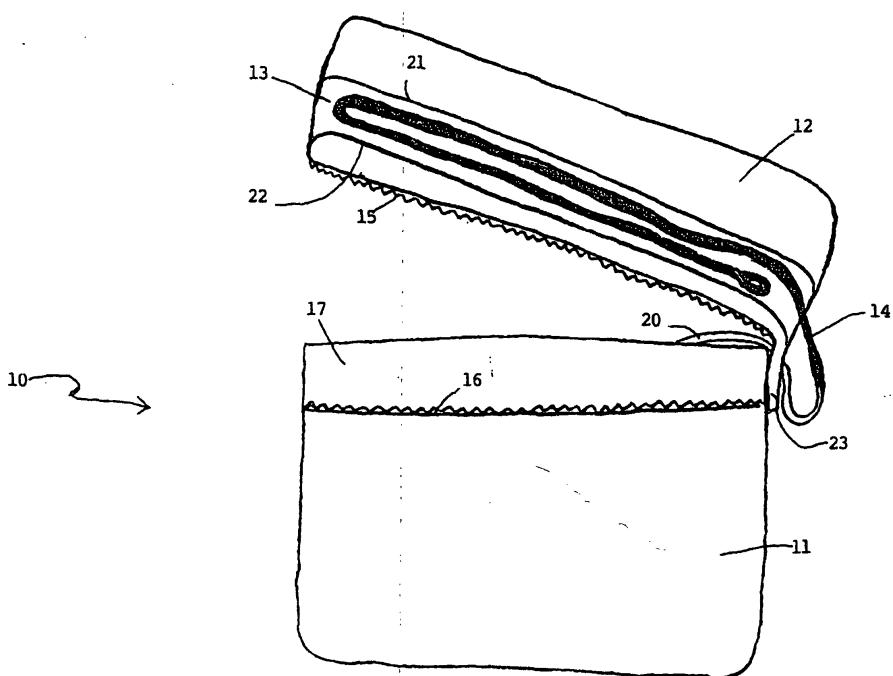


FIG. 1



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1. claims: 1-3

liquid-impermeable membrane for luggage

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2. claims: 4,5

security cable and storage cavity in luggage

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