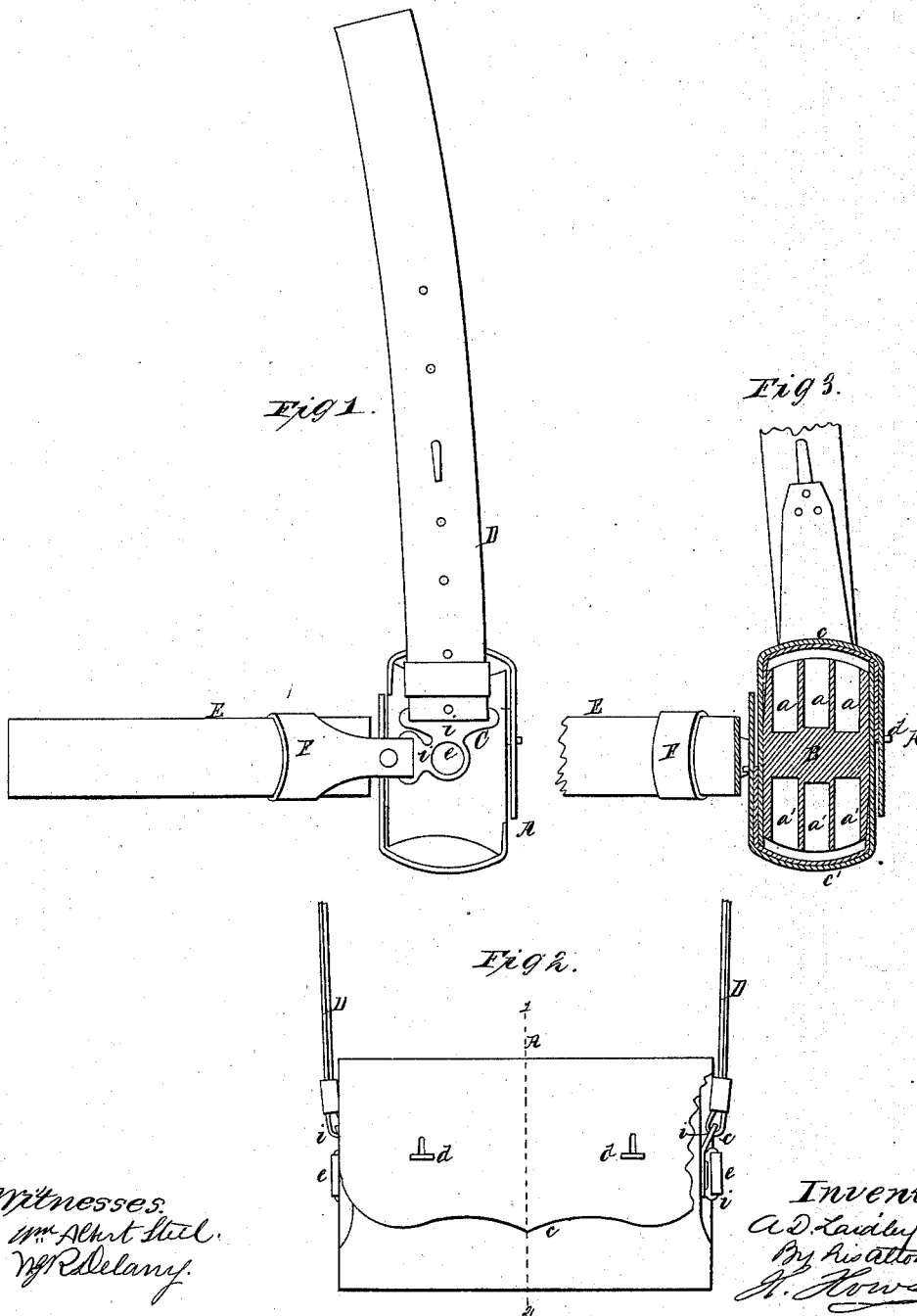


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IMPROVED CARTRIDGE-BOX.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, A. D. LAIDLEY, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented an Improved Cartridge-Box; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

My invention consists of a cartridge-case with recesses in both edges for containing cartridges, provided with two flaps, and so suspended to the accouterments that it can be reversed for the purpose of withdrawing the cartridges from the recesses in either edge of the case.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation.

On reference to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a side view of my improved cartridge-box, showing a portion of the accouterments and the manner in which the box is attached to the same; Fig. 2, a front view, and Fig. 3 a section on the line 1 2, Fig. 2.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

A is a leather box or case, which is open at both edges, and within which is a block, B, of wood or other suitable material. In one edge of the block B are recesses *a a* for the reception of the cartridges, and in the opposite edge are similar recesses, *a' a'*, for a similar purpose. The leather at one side of the case A is extended so as to form a flap or cover, *c*, which is turned over the edge of the case, and is secured to the opposite side of the same by buttons *d*, a similar flap, *c'*, extending over the other edge of the case and being buttoned in a similar manner to the opposite side of the same.

To a stud, *e*, at the center of each end of the case A, is hung a plate, C, and to one arm, *i*, of each plate is secured one end of the shoulder-belt D. On the waist-belt E slide two bands, F F, from each of which extends a tongue, the latter being connected to the arm *i'* of the plate C on one end of the case, and the other to the arm *i'* of the plate C on the opposite end of the case.

The belt D is passed round the neck of the wearer, the ends passing down over the breast, and the waist-belt is secured in its position so that the box will be suspended in the usual place in front of the wearer, the uppermost flap, *c*, being buttoned to the front side of the box. When a cartridge is required the uppermost flap, *c*, is raised and a cartridge is withdrawn from one of the recesses *a*, the operation being repeated until all the cartridges have been removed. Should more cartridges be then required, the box is turned on the studs *e* until the opposite edge of the block B is uppermost, when the flap *c'* is unbuttoned and the cartridges withdrawn from the openings *a'*, as before.

In boxes of the ordinary character the cartridges are combined in two cases, placed one above the other, the upper case being removed when empty. This operation of removing and replacing the cases is tedious and inconvenient, the cartridges are difficult of access, and the case is cumbersome and bulky.

It will be apparent that by making the case reversible and so that it can be opened at both sides, and by arranging the recesses for containing the cartridges as described, ready access may be had to all the cartridges, which can be withdrawn without difficulty.

A case of the character above described is but about two-thirds of the size of the ordinary case, while it will contain one-third more cartridges.

I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A cartridge-case with recesses in both edges for containing cartridges, and provided with two flaps, and so suspended to the accouterments that it can be reversed, as described, for the purpose specified.

2. The plates C, hung to the ends of the case and constructed for attachment to the belts D and E, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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