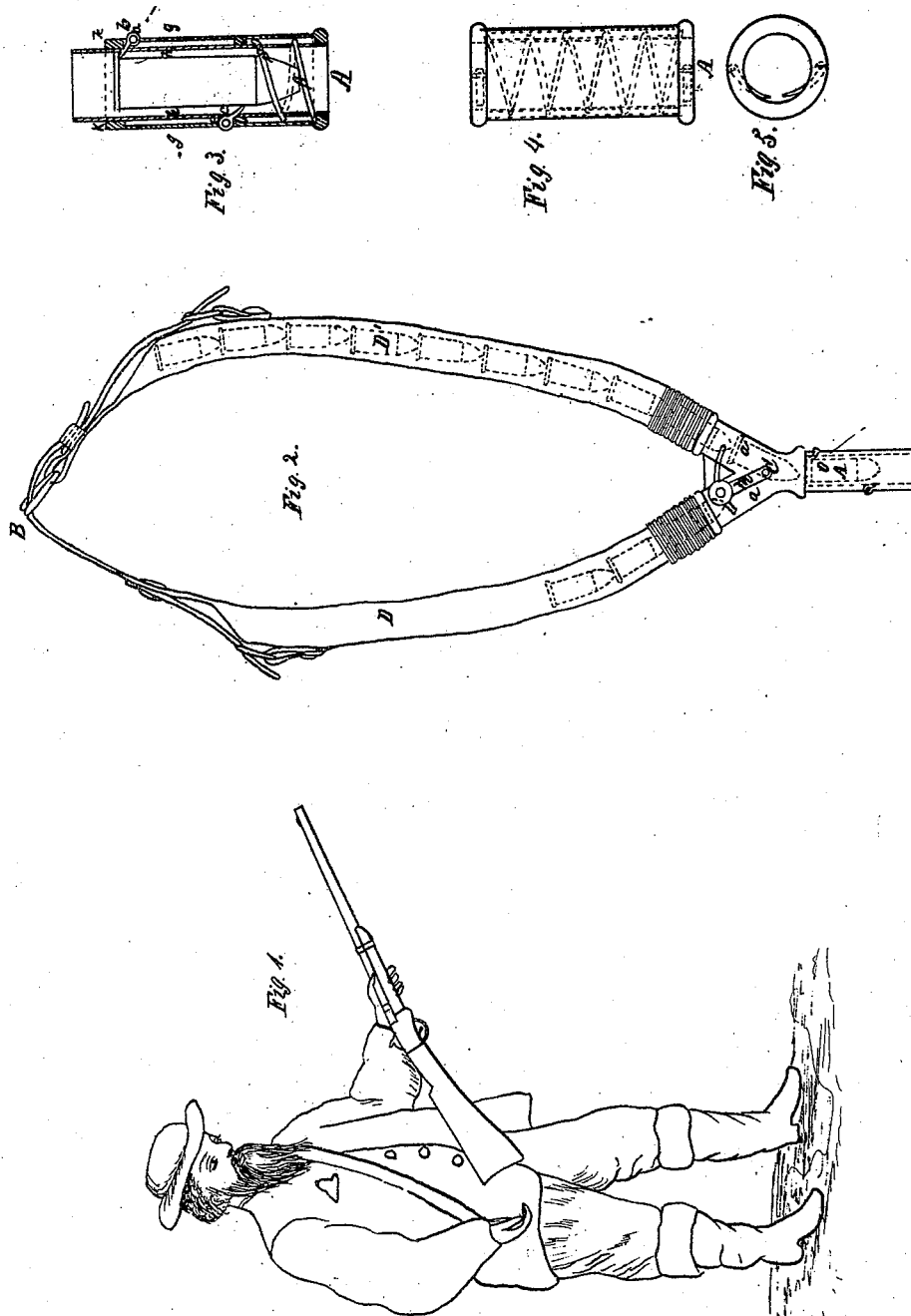


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IMPROVEMENT IN SHOT AND CARTRIDGE POUCHES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY HAMMOND, of Bridgeport, Fairfield county, Commonwealth of Connecticut, have invented a new and Improved Cartridge and Shot Holder, of which I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon.

In the drawings, Figure 1 shows my invention in practice. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the same. Figs. 3, 4, and 5 are views of two forms of the tube A.

The object of this invention is to obtain a convenient and quickly-operated arrangement for holding and discharging, one at a time, metallic cartridges, and the same invention, with slight alterations, may be used for shot, &c.

To show how I have accomplished this I will now describe the construction of my invention, and afterward its operation.

In construction it consists of a double leather tube, D D', for holding the cartridges. This tube is buckled together at the top at B and bottom at C, and is joined, by the branching tube *a a*, into one, A. This tube A is constructed in a peculiar manner, as I will now describe. In order to get the cartridges out one at a time, it is necessary to hold them alternately by the pieces *b c*, which are hung on pins *d e* in the outer shell, *g*, of the tube A. This outer shell, *g*, slides on the inner, *h*, through which the pieces *b c* project, and the collars *k l* are formed around the inner tube, *h*. The gate *m* is arranged at the conjunction of the two tubes, so that from either the cartridges may be prevented from flowing into the tube A, or by setting this gate in the center both columns of cartridges may be kept from falling into the tube A.

The operation of this invention I will now describe. Being buckled together at the top, it is thrown across the shoulder and the tubes D D' filled with cartridges. The gate *m*, being now turned to one side, stops the fall of the cartridges on that side. Those in the other side now take the position shown in Fig. 1, the rim of the lower one resting on the piece *b*, thus preventing it from falling out. In order to get this lower cartridge out and allow another to

fall into its place the outer tube, *g*, is slid downward, thus drawing in the upper catch-piece, *b*, and throwing out the lower one, *c*, so that the lower cartridge, *o*, rests on this lower catch-piece, *c*. The hand is then taken from the slide and the spring *s* forces it up, drawing in the lower catch-piece, *c*, and allowing the cartridge to drop out into the hand held to receive it. The upper catch-piece is forced into the inner tube again by this same motion and now supports another cartridge, and the tube is ready for another similar operation.

It will be readily seen from this description I have a neat compact arrangement for the purpose, easily and quickly operated, and by the use of which I dispense with the ordinary cartridge box and belt, and by distributing the cartridges along the belt avoid the large and inconvenient projection of the box, while at the same time the mouth of the tube is in the most convenient place for the hand.

Figs. 4 and 5 represent a tube for the end, to be used in place of A, if desired, the general principles of its operation being similar, excepting that a partial rotation of the outer shell of the tube is made to operate the catch-pieces *b* and *c*, instead of a sliding motion, as before mentioned.

Now, having described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In combination with the pouch or holder in form of a shoulder-belt, as described, the mouth-piece consisting of the tube A, for discharging the cartridges, and the two catch-pieces *b* and *c* combined therewith, and with suitable moving mechanism for alternately forcing in and drawing back the pieces *b* and *c*, substantially in the manner and for the purpose herein set forth.

2. The single gate *m*, when used in combination with the branches *a a'* and D D' of the holder, for the purpose of closing one or both of these branches and stopping the discharge therefrom, as herein described.

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