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Cartridge-Holders.

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fig. 1

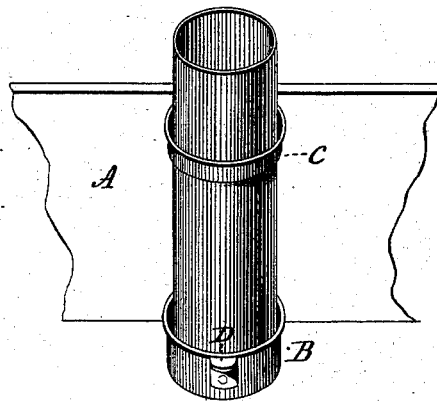
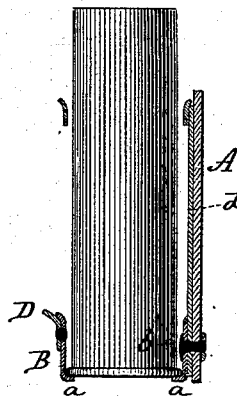


fig. 2



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IMPROVEMENT IN CARTRIDGE-HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ORMEL R. LUTHER, of Wolcottville, in the county of Litchfield and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Cartridge-Holders; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a perspective view; Fig. 2, a vertical central section.

This invention relates to an improvement in devices for holding cartridges on belts, bands, or jackets designed to be attached to the body of the person intending to use the cartridges, and so as to hold them in a convenient position for use, and generally for sporting purposes; and it consists in the construction, as hereinafter described, and particularly recited in the claim.

A represents the belt, band, or jacket, to which several of the holders are attached, according to the number of cartridges to be carried. B is a socket, the internal diameter of which is slightly larger than the diameter of the head of the cartridge-shell to be held. At its upper end it is made flaring, and at the lower end is open, but with an internal flange or projection, *a*. This socket is attached to the belt or jacket by a rivet, *b*, and so as to make a slight internal projection in the socket above the flange *a* at the bottom, and so as to afford a slight obstruction to the introduction or removal of the cartridge, and so that when the head has been forced down by the obstruction *b* it rests freely between the said obstruction and the flange, but yet so that force being applied to the head through the opening in the bottom of the socket the cartridge may be easily raised out of the socket.

Above the socket is a ring, C, concentric with the socket, and which serves as a guard,

to hold the cartridge; and, preferably, the ring and socket are connected by a metallic plate, *d*.

To introduce the cartridges, they need only to be forced down into the socket. To remove them, place the thumb or finger upon the head of the cartridge through the opening in the socket, and press upward until the cartridge is raised above the obstruction *b*; then it can easily be removed.

For convenience, a finger-piece, D, is attached to the socket at the top and projecting slightly therefrom, so that in removing the cartridge the thumb or one finger may rest upon the piece D, while the other is placed below the head.

While the obstruction is best made by the head of the rivet which secures the socket to the belt, it may be otherwise formed, it only being essential that there shall be such an obstruction at a point above the flange at the bottom of the socket in which the head rests, and so that the elasticity of the ring will allow the head to pass up or down over the obstruction, and yet hold it when fully placed in the socket.

The socket may be used without the ring, as the engagement made upon the head is sufficiently strong for that purpose. In such case it might be well to make the socket somewhat deeper, and so as to extend higher up onto the shell; but it is preferable to use the ring.

I claim—

The herein-described cartridge-holder, consisting of the socket B, attached to belt or garment, and constructed with an open bottom and internal flange or rest, *a*, with an obstruction, *b*, above the said rest *a*, so as to receive and hold the cartridge or allow its removal therefrom, substantially as described.

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