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GUN CARRIER

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FIG. 1.

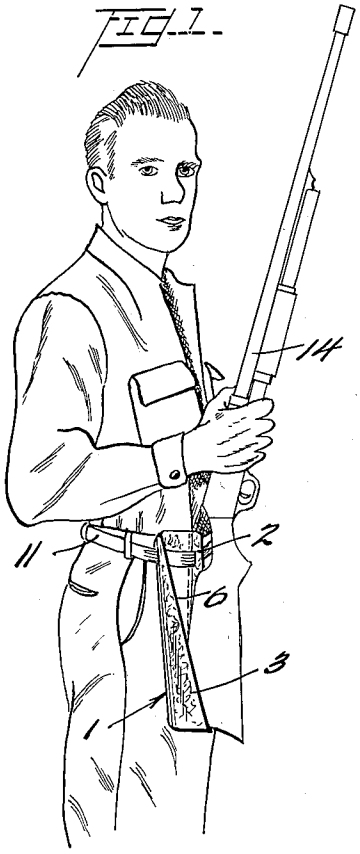


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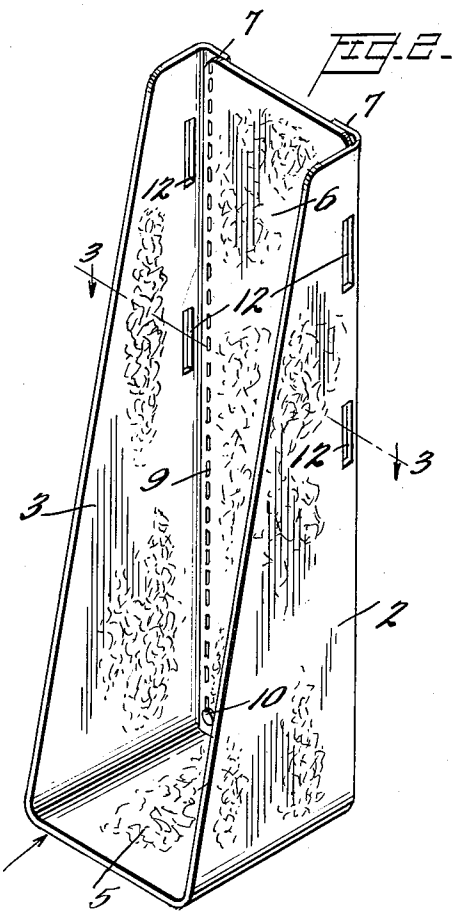


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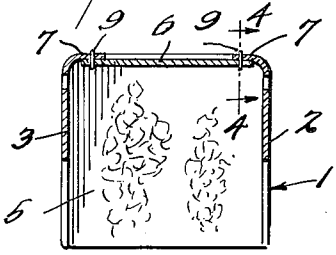


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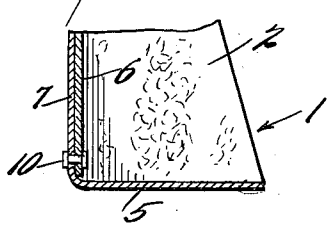
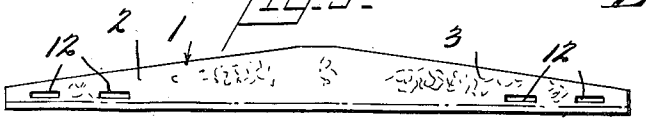


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This invention relates to carriers for fire arms such as shot guns and rifles, hereinafter referred to as guns for the sake of brevity, and has for an object to provide a carrier which will support the principal weight of the gun with the gun held in an advantageous position with respect to being brought into position for sighting and firing.

A further object is to provide a gun carrier of such construction that the gun can be removed therefrom in the course of moving it from the position in which it is carried to position for use.

A further object of this invention is to provide a gun carrier which is adapted to be attached to and supported by a belt or strap extending around the hips of the person carrying the gun, as, for instance, a belt such as is used by many men for supporting the trousers. In such an arrangement the strain of carrying the weight of the gun through the arms, shoulders and upper part of the trunk of the body is avoided, the weight being carried only through the lower part of the body.

In the accompanying drawing which illustrates one embodiment of the invention, by way of example:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the gun carrier in use, secured and supported by a belt around the hips of the user and with a gun supported in the carrier;

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the carrier on enlarged scale detached from the user;

Figure 3 is a cross-sectional view on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2;

Figure 4 is an enlarged cross-sectional view, partially broken away, on line 4—4 of Fig. 3; and

Figure 5 is a plan view of a spread out blank from which the sides and bottom of the carrier is made.

The gun carrier according to the exemplification representing the invention in this application is comprised by a main part which is represented in the drawings as strip 1 of sheet material adapted to be shaped as a sling by folding the two end portions 2 and 3 thereof toward each other, leaving a bottom portion 5 upon which the butt of the gun rests in use. The back of the sling may be closed by sheet 6 of material which may be sewed to the infolded edges 7 of the sling portion 1, as indicated at 9. The stitching may also be reinforced by rivets 10 toward the bottom.

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For attachment to the belt 11 or other strap extending about the body of the user, the upper portions of the sides of the sling are provided with openings 12 through which the belt extends. Two sets of such openings may be provided at different levels, either pair of which may be used in order to allow the user to adapt the position of the gun to suit, depending on the size of the user, the size of the gun or the preference of the user as to position of carrying. Fig. 1 illustrates the use of the carrier for carrying a gun 14.

The carrier sling and back may be made of any suitable sheet material, which preferably is flexible. In practice, leather has been found to be quite satisfactory.

Having thus described the invention, I claim:

A gun carrier adapted for carrying a gun with its barrel extending upwardly at a high angle and away from the operator when the butt is resting in the carrier, comprising a sling composed of a piece of flexible material flexed to form vertical side walls and a bottom of approximately the width of the butt, and a back panel secured to the sling, the upper portion of the carrier having means for attachment to a belt extending approximately about the midsection of the operator, and the length of the sling being so short that, during walking of the operator, the butt of a gun supported therein will not be subjected to swinging motion to a sufficient extent as to be objectionable.

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