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FLASH LIGHT ATTACHMENT FOR FIREARMS.

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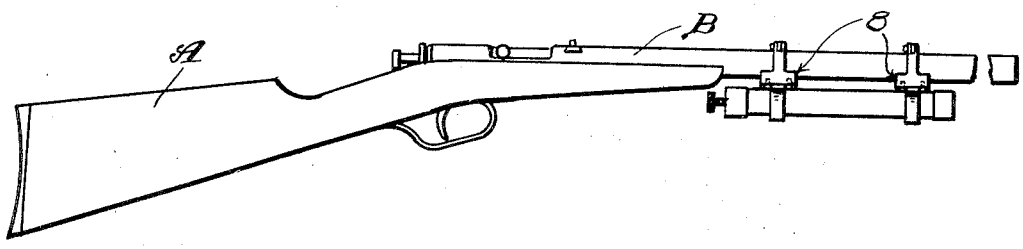


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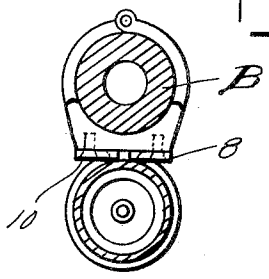


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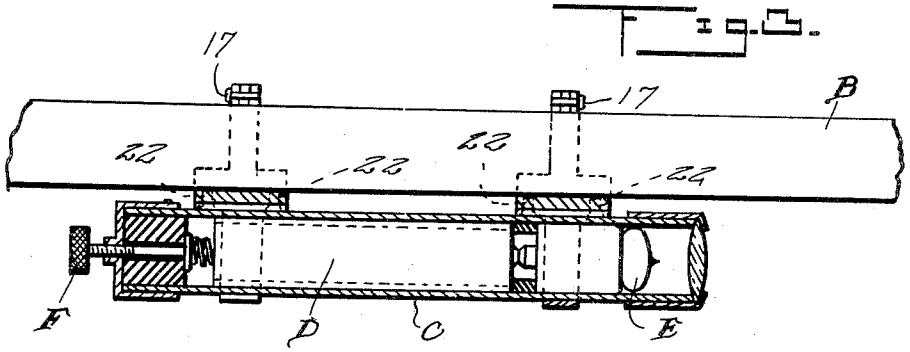


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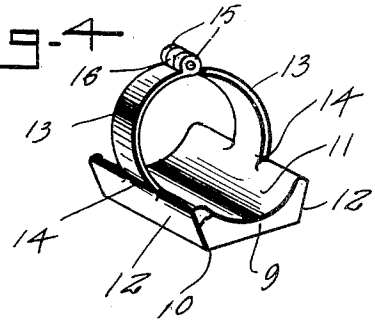
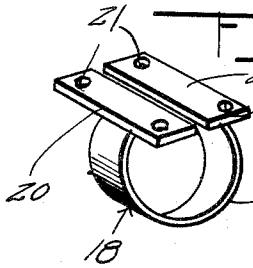


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CORA M. MASTERS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Clarkton, in the county of Bladen and State of North Carolina, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Flash-Light Attachments for Firearms; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to flashlights particularly adapted for revolvers, rifles, shot-guns, and firearms in general, and the object of the invention is to provide means whereby an ordinary flashlight may be readily and quickly secured to the barrel of a firearm in a reliable manner.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device capable of being quickly and readily secured to the barrel of a firearm so as to depend downwardly therefrom in order that a flashlight of the ordinary construction may be positioned parallel with the barrel and in such a manner as to screen the light from the user and to throw a bead of light directly on the object at which the gun or other firearm is aimed.

A further object of this invention is to provide a flashlight attachment of this character, which will be simple, practical and comparatively inexpensive in construction and one that can be manufactured and sold at a low cost.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter more fully described and set forth in the claim hereto appended.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved flashlight attachment illustrating it secured to the bow of a rifle.

Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view of the same.

Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional view.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the gun attaching member.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the flashlight supporting member.

Like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawings.

Referring to the drawings, the letter A indicates the stock of a rifle or firearm having the usual barrel B. My improved flashlight attachment is designated in its entirety by the numeral 8 and it is adapted to be removably secured to the barrel of the gun or firearm as illustrated in Figs. 1, 2 and 3 of the drawings.

The attachment 8 comprises a barrel attaching member which includes a supporting plate 9. The plate 9 may be rectangular in cross section and has a flat smooth lower face 10 and a concave upper face 11. The sides of the plate incline upwardly and outwardly as at 12. A pair of arcuate or semi-circular straps 13 are provided and each has one end formed integral with the upper side edge of the plate 9 centrally thereof as at 14 and at diametrically opposite points. The free end of one strap is provided with a pair of spaced apertured ears 15 and the free end of the other strap is provided centrally with a single apertured ear 16. The apertured ear 16 is adapted to be fitted between the ears 15 and the straps are encircled about the barrel of the gun. The apertures of the ears are adapted to aline and a suitable connecting pin 17 or other locking means is arranged through the apertured ears to removably clamp the barrel attaching member to the barrel of the firearm.

A flashlight supporting member 18 comprises a flat resilient split band 19 to each end of which is secured an attaching plate 20. The attaching plates 20 are at right angles to the terminals of the straps and are secured centrally of the ends thereto and each is provided with a plurality of apertures 21. The apertures 21 are adapted to receive suitable fastening means 22, such as screws or the like, to facilitate means whereby the flashlight supporting member may be removably attached to the flat smooth face of the barrel attaching member.

The band 19 is adapted to be removably fitted about the exterior of a suitable flashlight tube designated C, in which is the usual battery D, having at one end the light E which is adapted to be lighted by a suitable contact F.

In use, the straps 13 are arranged about the barrel as illustrated in Figs. 1 and 3 and the pin or other locking means inserted through the apertured ears, thus removably and securely fastening the barrel attaching member in position on the under side of the

barrel. The attaching plates 20 are then arranged against the flat smooth face after first positioning the tube C in the band 19, and suitable fastening means are then extended through the apertures 21 and into the plate 9, securely fastening the tube to this plate, after which the device is ready for use.

Having thus described my invention what I claim is:

A device of the class described, comprising a plate having a concave surface and including curved arms extending upward and toward each other, said arms and plate together constituting an element having a circular cross section for intimately engaging a cylindrical object, means for securing the approaching ends of the arms, and a resilient annular member constituting a split ring and including laterally extending elements for connection with the plate on that side opposite the curved side thereof.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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