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Cover for Gun Locks.

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Fig. 1.

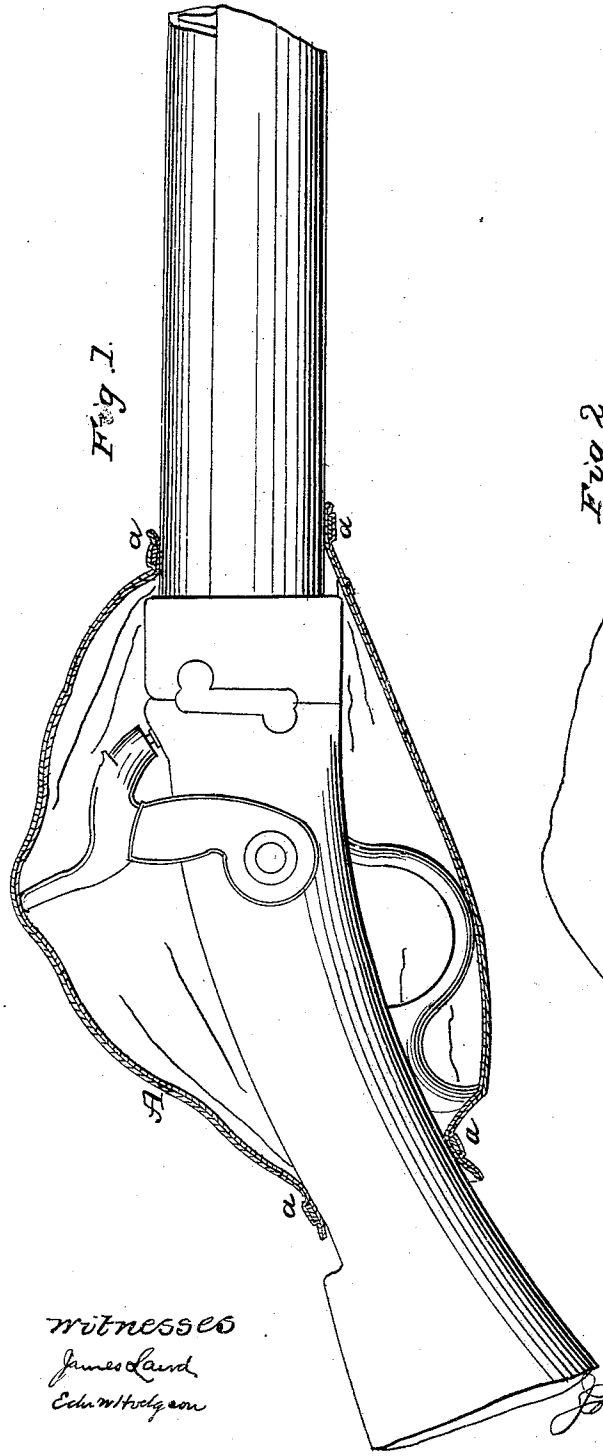
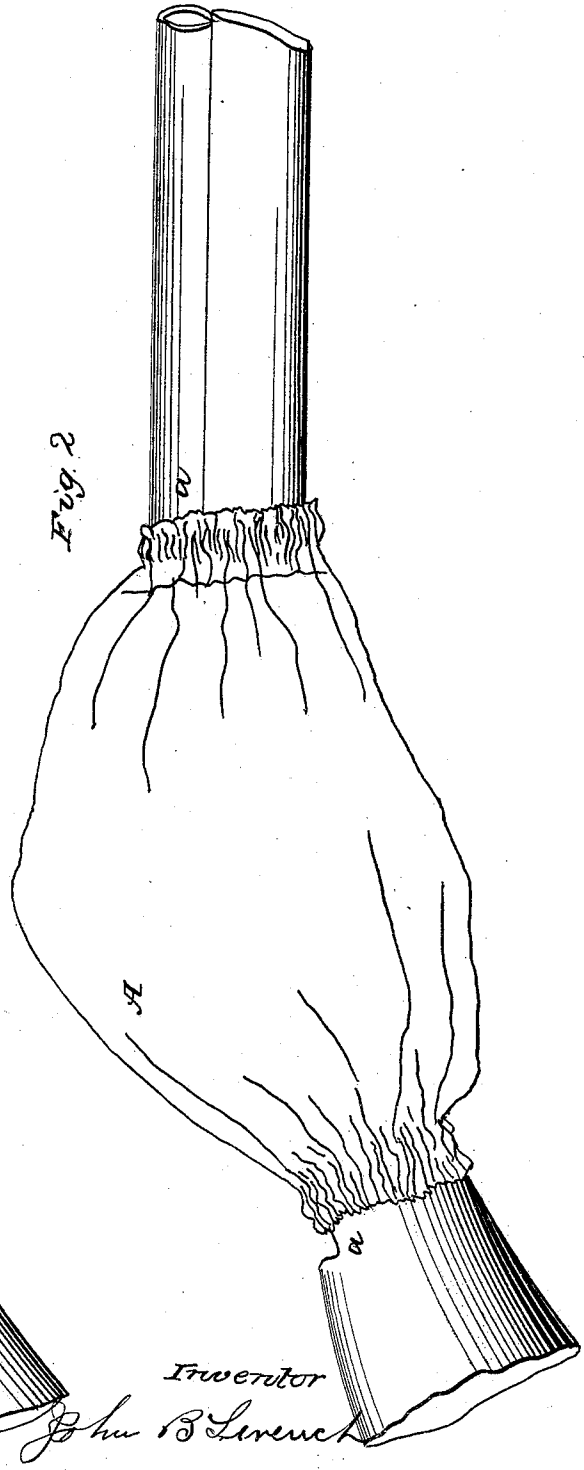


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN COVERS FOR GUN-LOCKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN B. LEVERICH, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Cover for the Locks of Fire-Arms; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a longitudinal vertical section of my invention, showing its application to a rifle. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same.

Similar letters of reference in both views indicate corresponding parts.

My invention consists in the employment or use, for the purpose of protecting the locks of fire-arms, of a cover or sleeve made of india-rubber, cloth, or other suitable material impervious to water, and provided at its ends with elastic bands, or otherwise arranged in such a manner that said ends can be expanded and contracted at pleasure, and that in order to pass one end of the cover or sleeve over the lock of a rifle or other fire-arm said end can be opened sufficiently far to clear the hammer and trigger-guard, and when the cover is adjusted in its place both ends will or can be contracted so as to fit tight to the stock and to the barrel of the rifle or other fire-arm, thereby forming an effective protection to the lock.

To enable those skilled in the art to fully understand and use my invention, I will proceed to describe it with reference to the drawings.

The cover or sleeve A is made of india-rubber, cloth, or other suitable material impervious to water, and it is made of such a width that it passes readily over the lock of a rifle or other fire-arm. The ends of this sleeve are provided with elastic bands *a*, which contract the same, so that when the cover is in its place said ends hug the stock and the barrel perfectly close, as clearly shown in Fig. 1. It is obvious, however, that instead of elastic bands *a*, simple strings might be drawn through the ends of the cover, so that said ends could be contracted when the cover is adjusted in its place.

In making the cover care ought to be taken so as to avoid all seams, and it must be made wide enough and long enough so that it can be readily passed over the hammer and trigger-guard, and adjusted in the position shown in the drawings. When properly made and applied, it forms a perfect protection to the lock against moisture or rain, or against any influence of the weather whatever, and consequently the lock will not rust, and the necessity of taking the same apart and cleaning it is avoided. A gun-lock, when not protected, will wear out in a very short time on account of the frequent cleaning; but if the lock is protected by one of my covers it does not rust. Consequently it requires no cleaning, and it will last much longer than it would when used without the cover; and, besides this, all the labor of cleaning the lock is saved.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The employment or use of a cover, A, of india-rubber, cloth, or other suitable material impervious to water, having in its ends elastic bands *a* or their equivalent, substantially as described, for the purpose of protecting the lock of fire-arms.

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