

[54] **CONCEALED HOLSTER**

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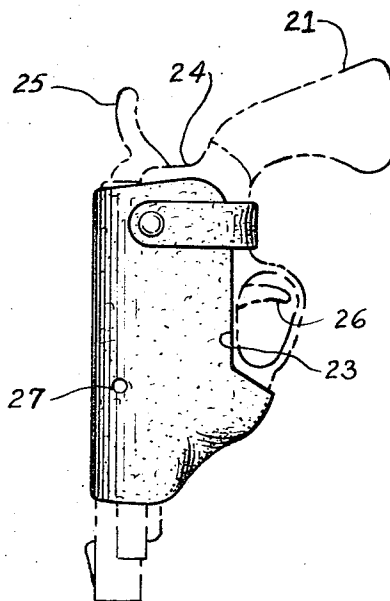
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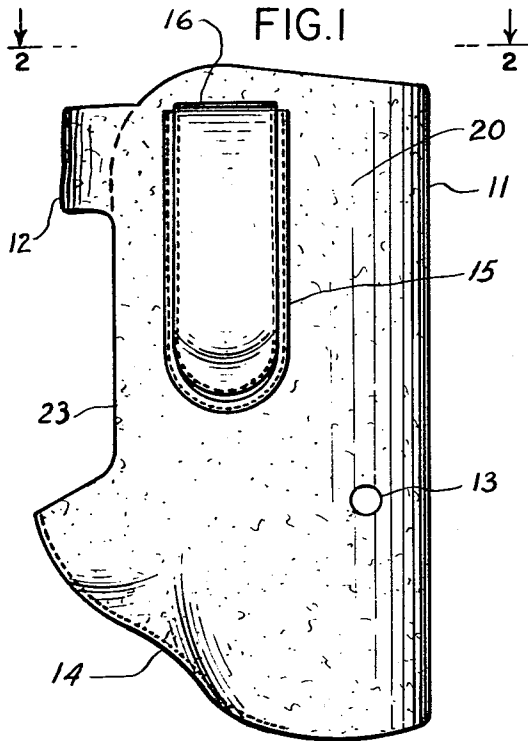
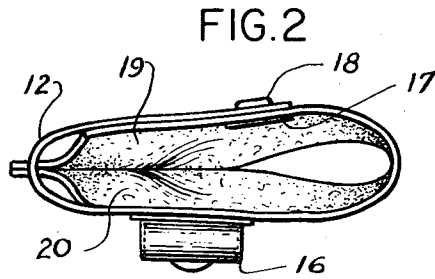
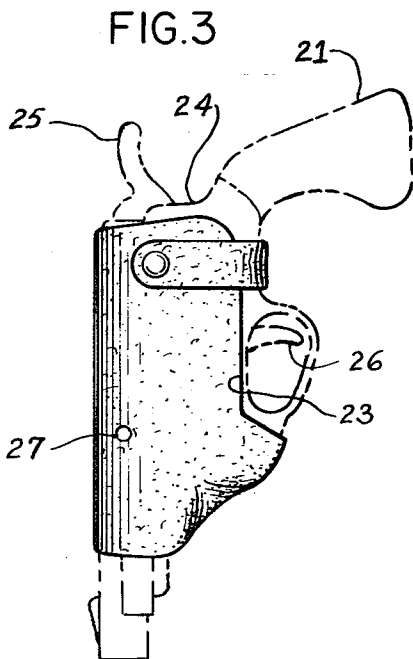
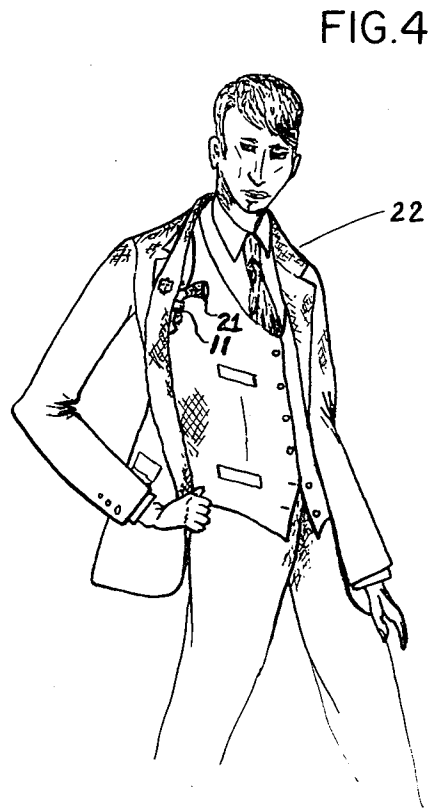
[57] **ABSTRACT**

A concealed weapon holster utilizing a one-piece body folded so as to have two halves and a plurality of apertures permitting gas egress upon the discharge of a shell. The two halves form a pair of flaps which permit the insertion of ammunition into the weapon chamber, and detachable securement on any desirable location on the person, such as a pocket or belt.

The holster is designed to wrap around the weapon in a glove-like fashion and remain in such a posture while in use.

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This invention relates to a concealed holster that is designed to remain with the weapon while in use as well as in storage.

More specifically, the present invention relates to a concealed weapon holster which partially encloses the weapon in glove-like manner.

In conventional holsters, the weapon is usually required to be withdrawn from the holster when utilized. However, there are certain disadvantages in this type of arrangement. In particular, the additional time required in withdrawing the weapon from such a holster exposes the user to more danger than he would be subjected to if the gun could be discharged while remaining in the holster.

Accordingly, the present invention provides a concealed weapon holster which is reduced in size and designed to remain with the weapon so as to eliminate the time required to withdraw the weapon from the holster. Moreover, the present invention wraps around the weapon in glove-like manner and, utilizing a clip-on device, can be supported out of sight. Thus, the weapon may be discharged by pivoting the holster in the desired direction.

The apparatus of the present invention utilizes a single piece of flexible material, having stitching partially closing the back portion while permitting the barrel of the weapon to project through a hole at the bottom. Mounted on one side is a metal clip for securement to the pocket or belt of the user. The other side of the body has a flap containing a snap-on button to allow live shells to be inserted into the chamber of the weapon. These side flaps also contain a plurality of holes permitting the egress of spent gas from the weapon. Included in the top rear portion of the holster and extending from the flap that has the metal clip affixed, is a strap for wrapping between the handle of the weapon and the trigger guard. In this manner, the holster can be detachably secured to the weapon after the barrel is inserted through the bottom hole, and the strap is secured around the weapon.

It is, therefore, an object according to the present invention to provide a concealed holster designed to remain with the weapon while in use and in storage.

It is another object according to the present invention to provide a concealed holster designed to remain with the weapon that permits insertion of ammunition while on the weapon and egress of spent gas from therefrom when a bullet is fired.

It is still a further object according to the present invention to provide a concealed weapon holster that is simple in design, inexpensive in cost, and reliable in operation.

Other objects and features of the present invention will become apparent from the following detailed description considered in connection with the accompanying drawing which discloses one embodiment of the present invention. It should be understood, however, that the drawing is designed for the purpose of illustration only and not as a definition of the limits of the invention.

In the drawing wherein similar reference characters denote similar elements throughout the several views:

FIG. 1 is a plan view of the concealed holster according to the invention, showing a spring-loaded metal clip and holes for the egress of gas;

FIG. 2 is a side elevation view taken along section 2—2 of FIG. 1;

FIG. 3 shows the obverse side of FIG. 1 with the holster apparatus according to the present invention affixed to a weapon; and

FIG. 4 is a holster apparatus according to the present invention positioned at a desired position on the person.

Referring to FIGS. 1—4, there is shown a concealed holster apparatus 11 having a spring-loaded metal clip 16 fastened to flap 20 by means of stitching 15. Flap 20 additionally comprises a strap 12 extending at a rearward position from flap 20 for detachable securement to the other flap 19 by means of snap-on button comprised of members 17 and 18. In detail the button has female cap 18 fastened to flap 12 and male fastener 17 secured to flap 19. In this manner, recess 23 (FIGS. 1 and 3) allows access to the trigger 26, handle 21 and hammer 25, of weapon 24.

The rear portion of the flaps comprising the holster apparatus are fastened partially by means of stitching 14 preferably following the profile of the weapon as shown in detail in FIG. 1. Also shown are apertures 13 and 27 for the emission of gas when a live shell is fired.

Flap 12 is wrapped around weapon 24 between the handle and trigger guard as shown in FIG. 3. Thereafter, the weapon and holster apparatus may be detachably secured anywhere on person 22 as indicated in FIG. 4.

In the embodiment shown, body 11 is manufactured of flexible leather. However, any other natural, and if desired, synthetic material may be employed without departing from the inventive concept.

While only a single embodiment of the present invention has been shown and described, it is to be understood that many changes and modifications may be made thereunto without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A holster for supporting a pistol on the person of the user and encasing the pistol during discharge thereof comprising:
 - a single sheet of flexible material folded around the pistol and forming an aperture around the barrel to permit the barrel to project externally therefrom;
 - stitching permanently joining a portion of the edges of said folded sheet of flexible material between the barrel opening and the front portion of the trigger guard of the pistol, the remaining edges of said material being recessed to fully expose the trigger and trigger guard of the pistol, and the hammer and the pistol handle;
 - a strap integrally formed on a portion of one edge of said folded sheet and extending to the other side thereof for gripping the pistol between the trigger guard and the handle;
 - at least one aperture formed in said material adjacent to the firing chamber of said pistol for releasing trapped gases when the pistol is discharged;
 - a flexible spring-loaded clip secured to said folded sheet adjacent to the integrally formed portion of said strap for detachably fastening the holster to the clothing of the user; and

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means for detachably securing said strap to the opposite side of said folded sheet from said clip so that said folded sheet is secured to the pistol during its support on the person and said stitched portion of the edges of said foldable sheet are urged against the contour of the pistol so that said material and clip remains with the pistol when the pistol is removed from its concealed position and discharged by the user.

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2. The concealed holster as recited in claim 1, wherein said means for detachably securing said strap to said folded sheet, comprises:
a button cap secured to the end of said strap; and
a button pin, secured to the side of said folded sheet, for detachable engagement with said button cap, for securing the end of said strap to said sheet.

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