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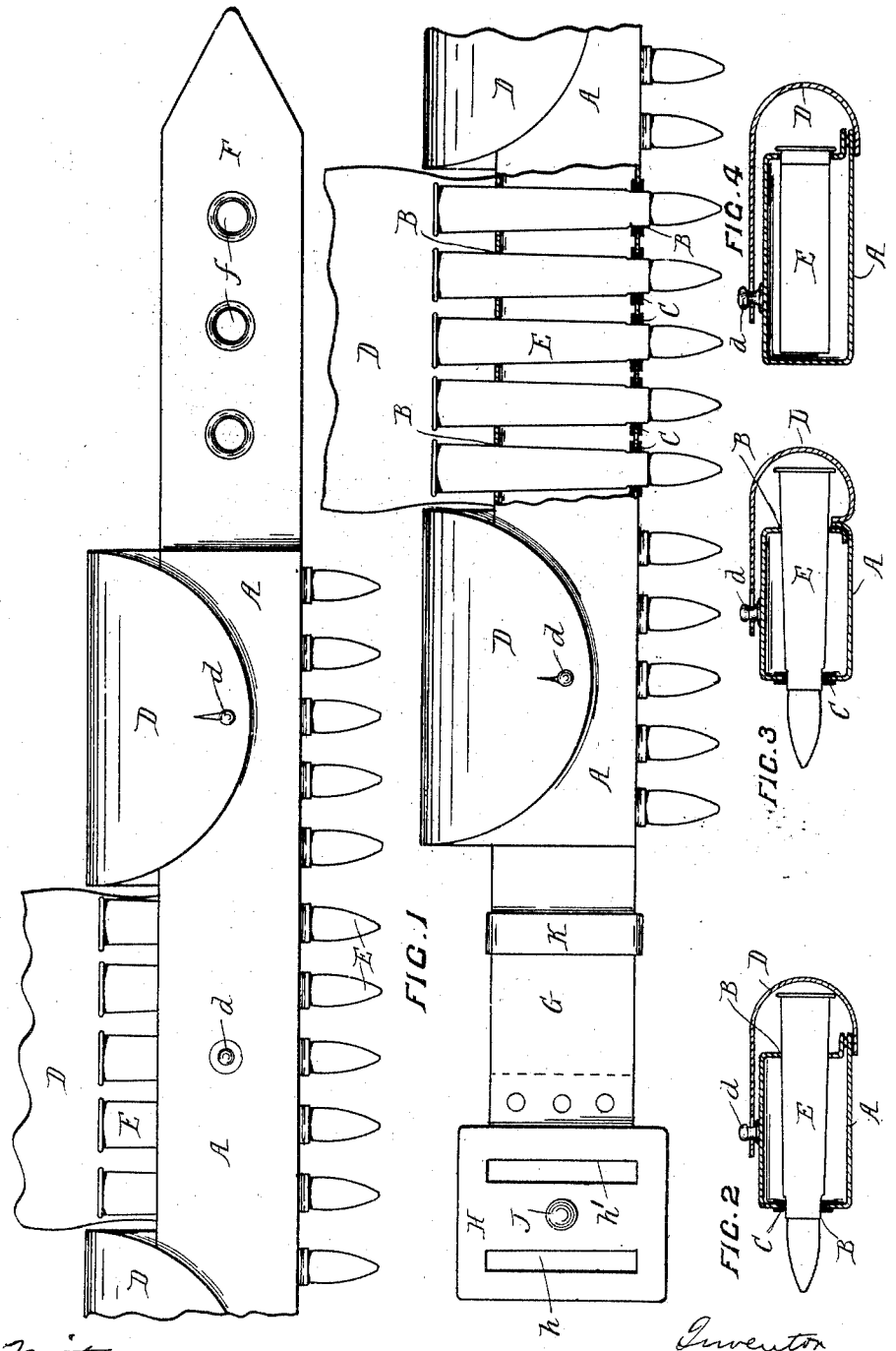


FIG. 1

FIG. 2

FIG. 3

FIG. 4

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE CRESSWELL PALMER, a subject of the King of Great Britain, residing at Wellington, in the Colony of New Zealand, have invented a new and useful Improved Bandoleer; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

This invention has been devised for the purpose of providing a bandoleer for either military or sporting cartridges that will be easy of construction, efficient in use, and comfortable and light in wear.

The bandoleer is constructed of a single strip of leather or other suitable material bent round into an approximately oblong shape in cross-section, the corners being slightly rounded. The two edges of the strip are then sewed together at the top inside corner by a row of stitching, so that the oblong shape shall be retained. The two ends are provided with suitable straps and buckles whereby they may be secured together. The bandoleer is so shaped that it shall when worn lie flatly upon the shoulder of the wearer and flatly against his side, and in order to obtain this shape a templet of wood or metal is made of the requisite size and shape round which the leather strip is bent and beaten before being sewed. The receptacles for the cartridges are made by punching a number of holes in the top and bottom sides of the bandoleer, into which the cartridges are inserted and through the bottom of which they project. Suitable flap-covers to cover the tops of the cartridges are provided.

In using the bandoleer I prefer to employ a buckle of peculiar form, that will be hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents side elevations of the two ends of my bandoleer, one of the cartridge-compartments being in section. Fig. 2 is a cross-section of the bandoleer drawn upon its side for convenience. Fig. 3 is a similar view, but illustrating a different method of securing the flap-covers to the bandoleer edges. Fig. 4 is a similar view of a bandoleer adapted for sporting cartridges.

A is the cartridge-holding portion of the bandoleer, which is composed of a single strip of leather or other suitable material bent round upon a templet, so as to form the oblong shape in cross-section shown in Figs. 2 and 3. The two edges of the strip are then sewed together, so that the shape may be retained. The top and bottom sides of the oblong are punched with holes B B at regular distances apart and of a size such that a cartridge may be inserted in them. These holes may, if desired, be strengthened by metal eyelets, as shown at C in the drawings, or they may be strengthened by narrow metal or other stiff plates secured to the inside face of the leather and punched with holes corresponding to the holes in the leather. In practice with military cartridges it has been found sufficient to only strengthen the holes in the bottom side, as they support the weight of the cartridge.

Secured upon the back of the cartridge-holder A are a number of flap-covers D, which bend over and fasten upon small studs *d* on the front of the holder. These flap-covers are preferably secured to the cartridge-holder by being sewed thereto and along the same seam as the seam joining the two edges of the holder. The edges may therefore be sewed together and the covers secured to the holder in the one operation, the seam being arranged as shown in either Fig. 2 or 3.

The cartridges E will be inserted into the top row of holes and pressed down through the bottom row until their enlargements rest upon the edges of the metal eyelets or other strengthening-pieces C. The flap-covers D will fold over the top ends of the cartridges, as shown in the drawings, so as to protect them from the weather.

The ends of the holder A have attached to them the straps F G, by means of which the bandoleer may be secured upon the wearer. These straps are provided with any suitable buckles for fastening them together. I, however, prefer to employ the special form of buckle shown in Fig. 1, which consists of a flat metal plate H, that is secured to the strap G and is formed with two parallel slots *h h'* of a length sufficient to allow the strap F upon the other end of the bandoleer to pass through.

Upon the face of the plate and between the slots is a knob J. The strap F is provided with holes *f* at intervals and is secured within the buckle by being passed in under the outer edge, out through the slot *h*, and then in again through the slot *h'*. The strap will then be prevented from slipping by placing one of the holes *f* over the knob J. The loose end of the strap F will thus lie alongside the inner face of the bandoleer and will be retained in position by the holder K. I do not, however, bind myself to the use of the strap F and buckle H, as other straps and buckles may be used that will serve the same end. I prefer to employ it, as by its use a secure and neat fastening will be obtained and the free end of the strap F will be retained from flapping about.

When made for fowling-piece cartridges, it will only be found necessary to have a row of holes in the top side of the cartridge-holder, and these holes will be strengthened, so that the projecting lip on the top end of the cartridge may rest upon them, as shown in Fig. 4.

Instead of the holder A being constructed as shown in the drawings it may be formed with two projecting pieces corresponding to the top and bottom sides, through which the cartridge-receiving holes may be made.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In cartridge-bandoleers, a body-strap constructed of a single strip of leather or other material, and provided with a cartridge-holding portion formed by bending the strap into oblong cross-sectional shape, with apertures at intervals in the top and bottom sides thereof, in combination with flaps or covers secured upon the back of the cartridge-holder and folding over the top thereof, and with means for securing the two ends of the strap together, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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