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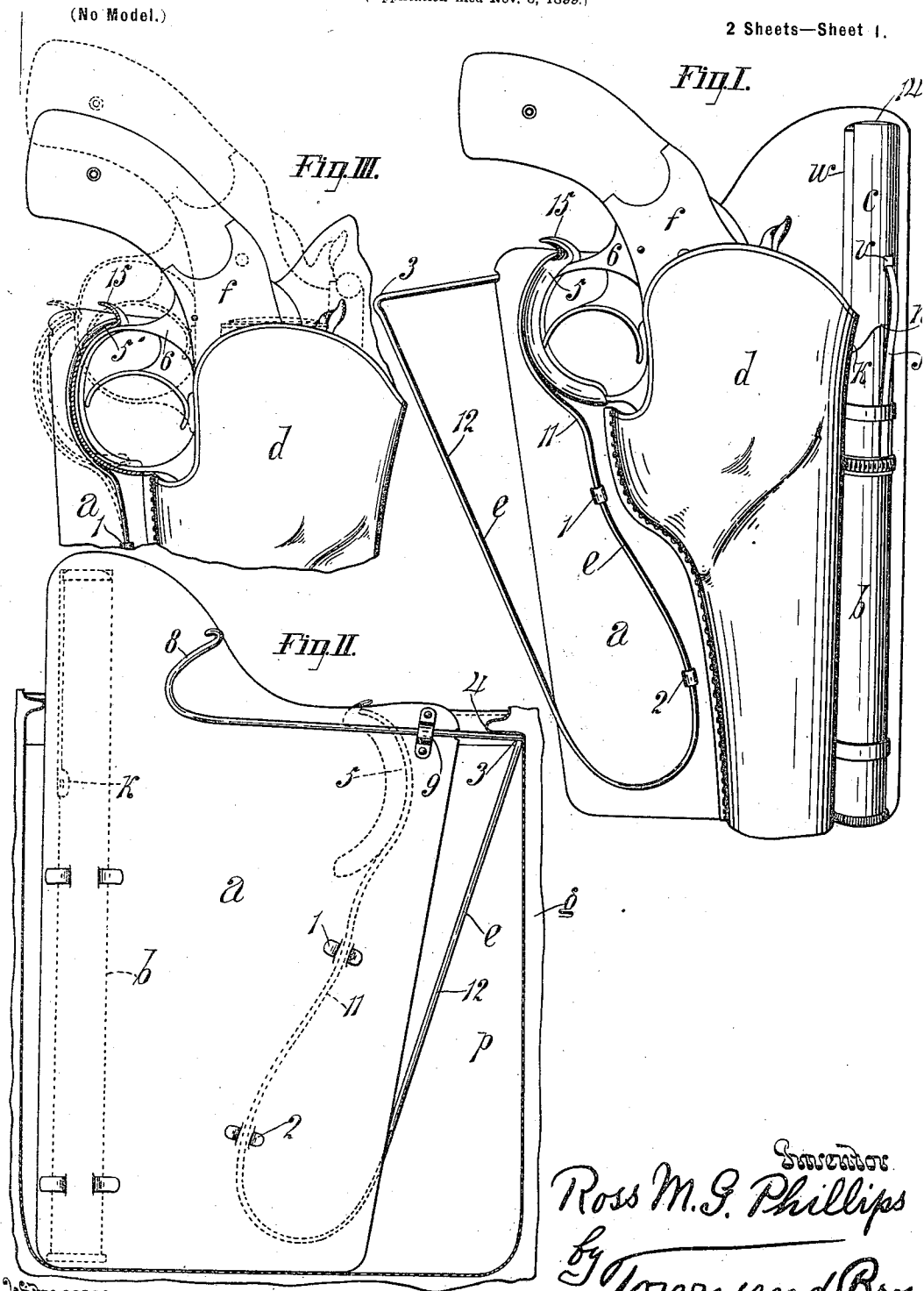
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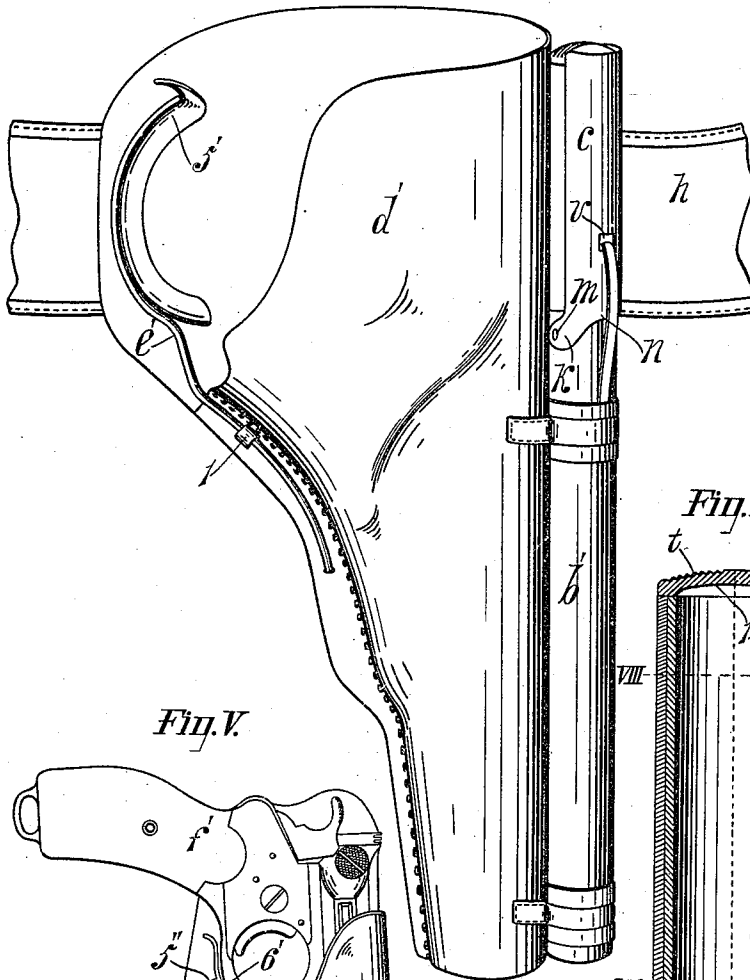


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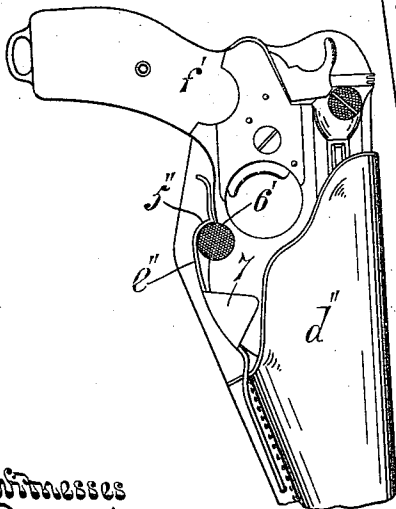


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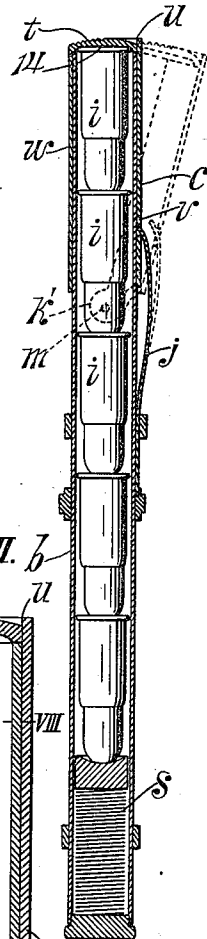


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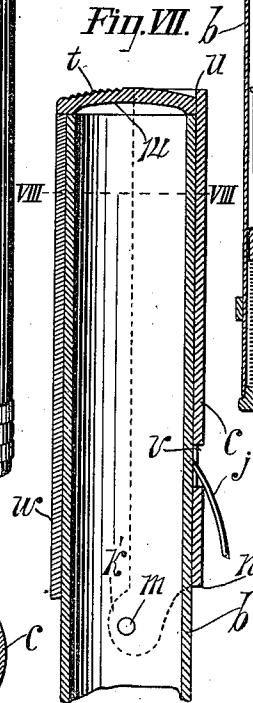
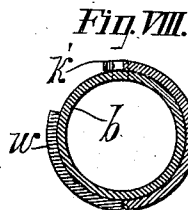


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROSS M. G. PHILLIPS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Los Angeles, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented a new and useful Combination Pocket-Gun and Cartridge-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

An object of this invention is to provide means by which an officer or other person can carry a pocket-gun, such as a revolver or pistol, and an extra round of cartridges with perfect security against their falling out of the pocket, but at the same time providing for as ready drawing of the gun as though the holder were not in use; also, to keep the cartridges clean and allow the officer to get them more readily and quickly.

In carrying out the invention there is provided a trigger-guard pocket carried by a spring which is arranged to throw the trigger-guard pocket inward to chamber the trigger-guard and to press the gun against the opposite wall of the gun-pocket, thereby holding the gun firmly in the gun-pocket to prevent any looseness or liability of rattling.

The invention is also applicable for guns carried in a holster fastened to a belt, and the accompanying drawings show the invention in several of the forms in which it may be applied.

Figure I is a perspective view of the pocket-gun and cartridge-holder detached and ready for inserting into the garment-pocket. A pocket-gun is shown held in place. Fig. II is a back view of the pocket-gun and cartridge-holder—that is to say, a view looking at that side of the guard or plate which will be worn next to the person. In this view the holder is shown in place in the pocket, a fragment of the garment being shown. Fig. III is a fragmental view to illustrate the insertion or withdrawal of the pocket-gun. Dotted lines show the gun partially inserted or withdrawn. In solid lines the trigger-guard pocket is shown in section. Fig. IV is a view of a belt-holster provided with the invention. A fragment of the belt is shown. Fig. V is a fragmentary view showing a form of the invention adapted for a recoil-operated gun. Fig. VI is a longitudinal sectional detail of the car-

tridge-holding portion of the device. Fig. VII is an enlarged fragmental section of the upper portion of the tube with the cap. Fig. VIII is a cross section on line VIII-VIII, Fig. VII.

In Figs. I, II, and III, *a* indicates the pocket piece, guard, or plate, which is preferably made of leather, or may be made of any suitable material. It is provided on one side with a spring-containing cartridge-tube *b*, having pivoted at the top a spring-pressed cap *c*. *d* indicates a gun-holding pocket fastened to the plate *a* and resting against the tube *b*. *e* indicates a wire spring fastened to the plate by suitable fasteners, as at 1 2, and extending upward at one edge of the plate and bent to form a catch 3, which projects from the edge of the plate to catch under the rim 4 of the pocket *p* of the garment *g*, the other end of said spring *e* being provided with a catch 5 to catch over a projecting part of the gun *f* to hold it in the gun-pocket *d*. The catch shown in Figs. I, II, and III is formed to fit over the trigger-guard 6 of the gun *f*.

In Fig. IV, *d'* indicates the gun-pocket. *e'* indicates the spring which carries the catch, and 5' indicates the catch. *b'* indicates the cartridge-tube. *h* indicates the belt to which the gun-pocket *d'* is attached.

In Fig. V, *d''* indicates the gun-pocket for a recoil-operating gun *f''*. The part which corresponds in function to the trigger-guard 6 (shown in Figs. I and III) is indicated by 6'. *e''* indicates the spring, and 5'' indicates the catch which fits over the projection 6' of the finger-guard of the gun. 7 indicates a guard or pocket fastened to and projecting from the spring *e''* to extend over the side of the gun *f''* to help hold the gun.

In Fig. II, 8 indicates a handle on the upper portion of the wire which forms the spring *e*. This handle serves to allow the operator to withdraw the catch 3 when it is desired to remove the gun-pocket from the garment-pocket. By preference the handle portion of the wire spring *e* is at the back of the plate, while the finger-guard pocket or catch 5 5' or 5'' is on the opposite side. The spring *e* is composed of two members 11 and 12, the member 11 terminating in the finger-guard-chambering pocket or catch, as 5 or 5', to catch over and chamber the finger-guard

and arranged to press the gun toward the opposite side of the gun-pocket to hold it there-against to prevent the gun from rattling, the other limb 12 of the spring being bent at its upper portion, near the top of the plate, as at 3, to catch under the rim of the pocket of the garment and being thence extended partially across the back of the plate and bent to form the handle 8 for operating the spring to release the catch. 9, Fig. II, indicates a stop-loop on the back of the guard or plate *a* to hold the spring from being drawn down under any strain brought to bear on the catch 3. *j* indicates a spring extending along the tube *b* to press upon the cap *c* to hold it in its closed position. The cap *c* is provided with two downwardly-projecting prongs *k k'*, through which the pivots *m* pass. The portion *n* of the cap intermediate between the prongs *k k'* is arranged at such a distance from the pivots *m* that when the cap is thrown back the intermediate portion will strike upon the tube and stop the cap *c* from being thrown too far back. The cap *c* terminates in a slightly-concave lid or cover 14, which fits over and slightly chambers the head of the topmost cartridge *i* when the cartridges are in place in the tube, so that the head of the cartridge forms a catch for holding the cap closed, and a considerable force must be applied to the cap to throw it back before it will push the cartridge down out of the way to release the cap.

In practical use the appliance, with or without the gun *f* in place and with a round of cartridges in the tube *b*, is inserted into the pocket. As the gun-pocket enters the pocket of the garment, the member or limb 12 of spring *e* will be sprung inward by the garment and come into position below the rim 4 of the garment-pocket, as indicated in Fig. II, and when the catch 3 comes below the rim of the pocket the spring flies outward, thus bringing the catch 3 into position under the rim to prevent the withdrawal of the plate *a* from the pocket.

The finger-guard pocket or catch 5 is preferably curved in an ogee, as indicated in Fig. III, thus providing a lip 15 to receive the finger-guard or projecting portion of the gun in inserting, thereby to allow such finger-guard or projecting portion of the gun to press upon the catch when the gun is inserted into the gun-pocket. When the gun is being withdrawn from the gun-pocket, the trigger-guard throws the trigger-guard pocket back, and is thus released automatically.

The resiliency of the arm 11 of the spring is sufficient to hold the gun against accidental removal from the gun-pocket.

To remove the appliance from the garment-pocket, the handle 8 will be thrown inward to withdraw the catch 3 from beneath the rim 4 of the pocket, and then the appliance is readily withdrawn. By throwing the cap *c* back from over the end of the tube *b* the cartridges *i* are released, and the spring *s* throws

them out of the tube *b* in the ordinary manner. The top of the cap *c* is roughened, as at *t*, and is also provided with a projection *u* to be caught by the thumb or finger to enable the cap to be readily thrown back when it is desired to release the cartridges.

v indicates a slot in the lower limb of the cap to chamber the end of spring *j*, so that such spring will not catch upon the garment-pocket in pulling it out of the same.

It is to be understood that I do not limit the use of the spring-pressed trigger-guard pocket 5 5' or catch 5'' to holding small pistols. It is equally adapted for holding navy or army pistols in their holsters, as at *d' d''*, and may be used for larger guns. The trigger-guard pocket, as 5 or 5', extends over and chambers the trigger-guard of the gun, as indicated in Figs. I and III, so that there is no lateral movement of the trigger-guard pocket with relation to the trigger-guard, and the plate *a* is made wide enough to allow the trigger-guard pocket to spring readily, so that there is never any liability of any obstruction which will hold the catch from being readily thrown out by the trigger-guard to release the gun in the act of withdrawing the gun.

w indicates a reinforcing-strip or cap-guard fastened to the upper end of the tube *b* on the side which is presented toward the gun. This reinforcing-strip and guard protects the tube from wear of the gun, and also protects the cap from being accidentally thrown open by the gun when the gun is being withdrawn or inserted.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. A combination pocket-gun and cartridge-holder comprising a pocket piece or plate provided at one side with a spring-containing cartridge-tube having pivoted at the top a spring-pressed cap; a gun-holding pocket fastened to the plate and resting against the tube; and a wire spring fastened to the plate and extending upward and bent to form a catch to catch under the rim of the pocket of a garment and the other end of said spring being provided with a catch to catch over a projecting part of the gun to hold it in the gun-pocket.

2. The combination of a plate with a gun-pocket on one side thereof; a bent wire spring fastened to the plate and having one limb terminating on one side of the plate and provided with a catch to catch upon a projecting part of the gun and the other limb of the spring being bent at its upper portion near the top of the plate to catch under the rim of the pocket of a garment and terminating in a handle on the other side of the plate.

3. The combination of a plate provided on one side with a gun-pocket; a catch connected with the plate to catch on a projecting part of the gun; and a wire fastened to the plate and extending up to near the top of said plate and there being bent to form a catch to catch under the rim of the pocket of a garment and

being thence extended partially across the back of the plate and bent to form a handle for operating the spring to release the catch.

4. In a combination pocket-gun and cartridge-holder, a cartridge-tube containing a spring for throwing the cartridges out of the tube and provided with a cap pivoted to the tube below the top thereof and conformed to the tube and provided at its upper end with a cover to fit over the tube in the path of the topmost cartridge; and a spring extending along the tube to press upon the cap to hold it in its closed position.

5. In a combination pocket-gun and cartridge-holder, a cartridge-tube containing a spring for throwing the cartridges out of the tube and provided with a cap pivoted to the tube below the top thereof and conformed to the tube and provided at its upper end with a slightly-concave cover to fit over the tube

and to receive and slightly chamber the upper end of the topmost inclosed cartridge.

6. The combination with a gun-pocket, of a spring-pressed ogee-shaped trigger-guard pocket to fit over and chamber the trigger-guard of the gun to hold it in the gun-pocket. 25

7. The combination with a gun-pocket, of a trigger-guard pocket; and a spring arranged to throw the trigger-guard pocket inward to chamber the trigger-guard and to press the gun against the opposite wall of the gun-pocket. 30

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, at Los Angeles, California, this 16th day of October, 1899. 35

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