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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A gun holder bracket adapted to removably mount a gun having a first portion adapted for mounting on a supporting structure, a second portion extending at an angle from the first portion, and a pin extending from the second portion in the direction of the plane of the first portion. The gun holder bracket in operation is adapted to have a gun barrel placed therearound the pin.

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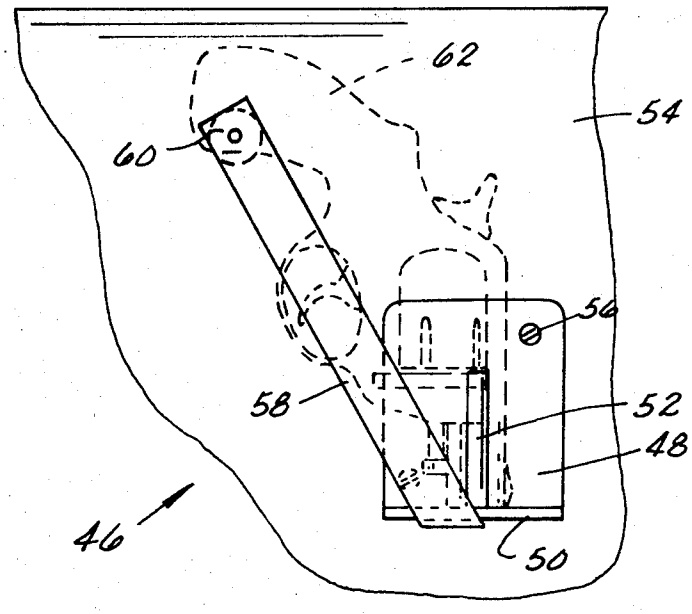

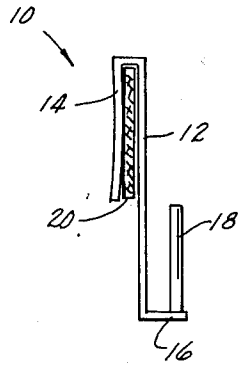

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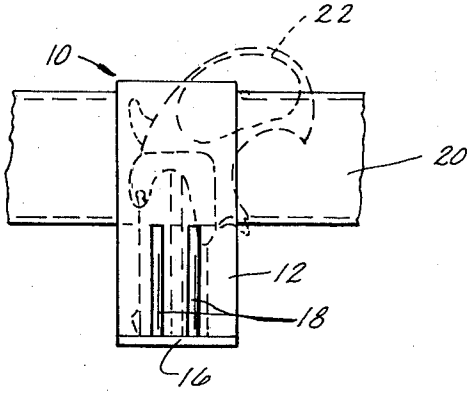

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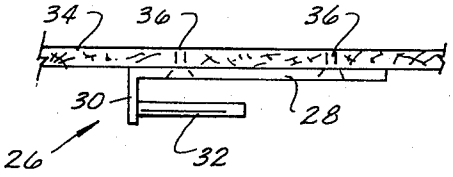

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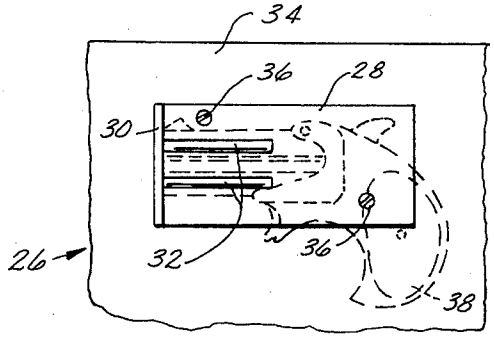

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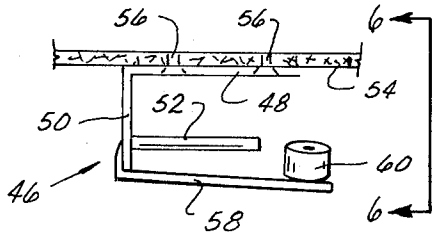

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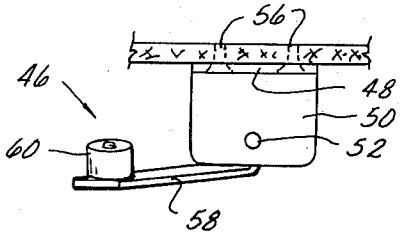

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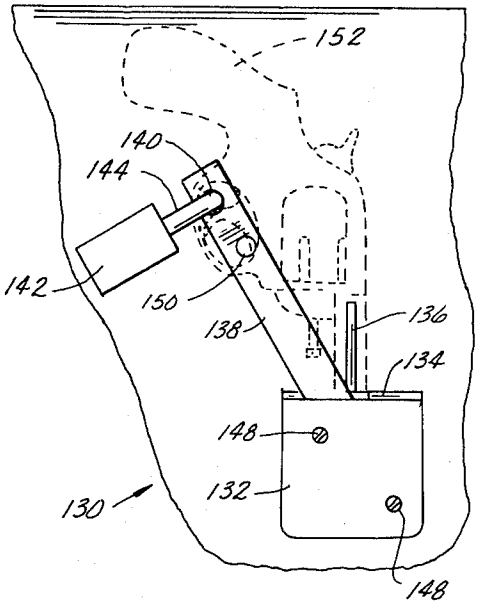

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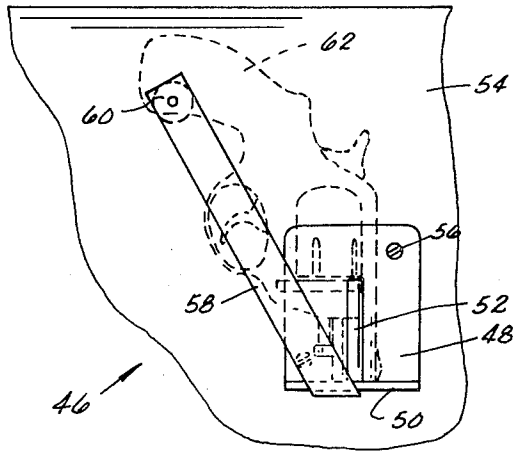

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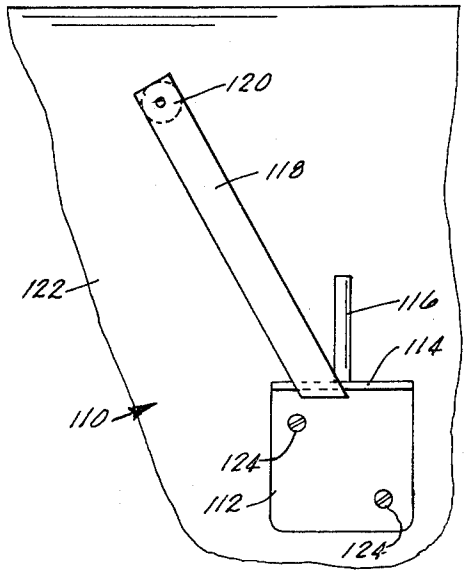

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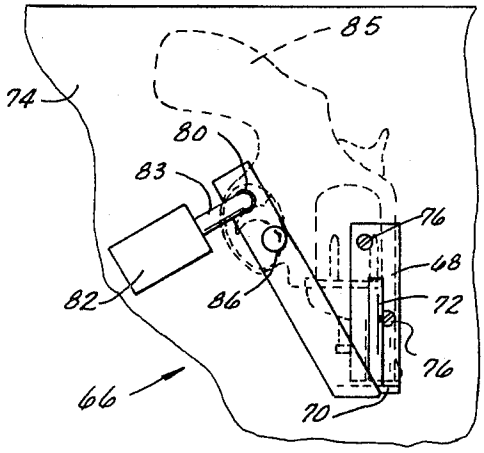

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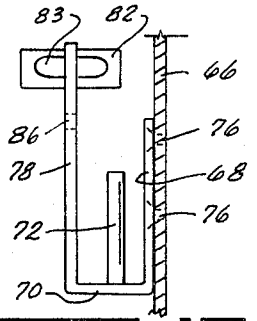

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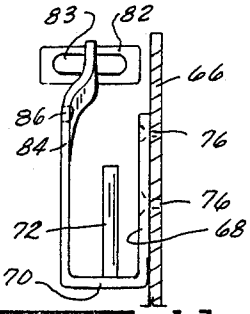

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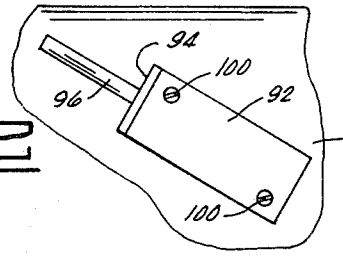

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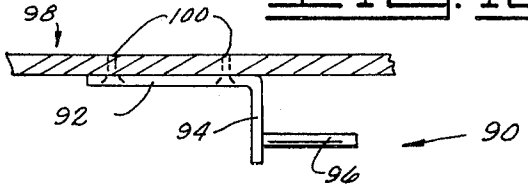

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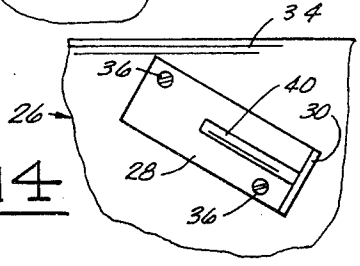

FIG. 14

GUN HOLDER

Numerous types of gun holders, holsters, carrying clips, and the like are known in the prior art as operable to store and carry pistols. However, these prior art devices generally hold, mount, or carry a gun by using the external structural features of the gun to support it. These prior art devices have several inherent disadvantages in supporting the gun by its external structure; namely, the support members of the gun holder will scratch and generally wear on the finish of the pistol; also the gun may hang on the structure of the holder as it is removed from the holder in a rapid fashion which may be annoying and dangerous. Additionally, these prior art devices do not provide a gun holding device particularly adapted to mounting on furniture structure or generally structures other than a human body, an animal body, or the like. Additionally, the prior art devices do not provide means to mount a multiple-barrel gun in a mount and for use similar to other guns.

The herein depicted and described invention is designated generally as a gun holder and includes seven separate and preferred specific embodiments of the basic invention constructed and adapted for use with pistols. In the invention, one preferred specific embodiment thereof, indicated by (1), includes a bracket structure with an elongated side member or first portion with a barrel end member or second portion extending therefrom having a barrel spindle or pin member extending from the barrel end member positioned adjacent to a mounting portion or side member and having a hook-like portion on one end portion of the side member adapted to mount the pistol holder. In this preferred specific embodiment of the gun holder a pistol holder is adapted in use and operation to have the hook end portion thereof placed over an article of a person's wearing apparel so as to support the pistol in a close relation to a person's body. The barrel end and the barrel pin are mounted in a perpendicular relation to the side member so that a pistol when placed in the holder is adjacent to the side member in a substantially parallel relation with the barrel pin extending into the gun barrel. Additionally, in this preferred specific embodiment of the gun holder and the hereinafter described preferred specific embodiments thereof, the barrel end member extends from the side member in a right angle relation at one end thereof, and the barrel pin member extends from the barrel end member alongside the side member in a perpendicular relation so that a pistol placed in the pistol holder is substantially parallel with and next to the side member.

In a second preferred specific embodiment, (2), of the gun holder of this invention, a pistol holder includes a plate-like side member or first portion having the barrel end member or second portion extending from one end thereof and the barrel spindle or pin extending in the same direction as the side member so in operation to place a pistol adjacent to the side member. In this preferred specific embodiment of the pistol holder, the side member is adapted to be secured to some supporting surface by fasteners or the like. Additionally, the pistol holder of this preferred specific embodiment can be secured to a supporting surface in a position wherein the pistol is supported in a horizontal position, or in a vertical position and/or in a vertical and angular position so long as the weight of the pistol is arranged such that it will keep the pistol in a proper relation on the barrel spindle when in use.

In a third preferred specific embodiment, (3), of the gun holder of this invention, a pistol holder includes the same basic structural arrangement of the elements as described in the second preferred specific embodiment, (2), and additionally includes a gun frame rest member extending from an unattached edge of the barrel end member extending in an angular direction so as to contact the frame of a pistol placed in the pistol holder. The gun frame rest member extends from the barrel end member in a parallel relation relative to the side member and in the direction of the hand grip portion of a pistol when placed in the holder. The frame rest member is in operation adapted to contact some portion of the pistol frame thereby providing additional support for a pistol placed in the pistol holder.

In a fourth preferred specific embodiment, (4), a pistol holder structure includes the same basic structure as the second described preferred specific embodiment, (2), and has a trigger guard rest member extending angularly from an unattached edge portion of the barrel end member; it is adapted in operation to contact the trigger guard area of a pistol placed in the holder and has an aperture adapted to receive a padlock to in operation secure a pistol in the pistol holder. The trigger guard rest member has an aperture in the outer end portion thereof adapted to align with the aperture of the trigger guard portion of a pistol when the pistol is placed in position in the holder. In this preferred specific embodiment a padlock is adapted to be used in securing the pistol to the holder having the securing loop thereof passing through the aperture and through the aperture of a pistol trigger guard. The trigger guard rest member extends from the barrel end member so as to be substantially parallel to the side member thus placing the pistol between the trigger guard rest member and the side member.

In a fifth preferred specific embodiment, (5), of the gun holder of this invention, a pistol holder includes a plate-like side member having the barrel end member extending therefrom perpendicularly and having the barrel spindle extending perpendicularly from the barrel end member in a direction opposite to the side member or first portion. The side member is adapted to be secured to a supporting surface in a horizontal or upright position and/or in an angular position, or any position wherein the weight of the pistol is sufficient to hold the pistol on the barrel spindle or in a position which will allow the barrel spindle to support the pistol. In this preferred specific embodiment of the pistol holder, the barrel spindle extends from the barrel end member so that when a pistol is placed on the gun holder it will be substantially parallel to the side member and also parallel to its attached supporting surface.

In a sixth preferred specific embodiment, (6), the gun holder includes the same basic structure as described in the fifth preferred specific embodiment, (5), and additionally including a gun frame rest member extending from an unattached portion of the barrel end member extending angularly therefrom adapted to contact the frame of a pistol placed in the pistol holder. In use and operation of this pistol holder the frame rest member is adapted to contact some portion of a gun frame when the pistol is placed in the pistol holder. In this preferred specific embodiment a pistol is placed on the barrel spindle between the frame rest member and

the side member and its attached supporting surface and provides additional support for a pistol placed in the pistol holder.

In a seventh preferred specific embodiment, (7), of the gun holder of this invention, the pistol holder includes the same basic structural elements as in the fifth described preferred specific embodiment, (5), and additionally includes a trigger guard rest member extending angularly from the barrel end member in the direction of the barrel spindle member adapted to contact the trigger guard portion of a pistol placed in the pistol holder, and having an aperture in the outer end portion thereof to receive a padlock to in operation secure a pistol to the pistol holder. The trigger guard rest member extends from the barrel end member in an angular direction being substantially parallel to the side member and the barrel spindle member and has an aperture in the outer end portion thereof adapted in operation to align with the aperture of the trigger guard of a pistol placed in the pistol holder. In the use and operation of the pistol holder of this preferred specific embodiment, it is adapted to place the pistol adjacent to the trigger guard rest member with the trigger guard portion of the pistol in contact with the rest member and has a padlock used to secure the pistol to the pistol holder by having the securing loop of the padlock passing through the aperture of the rest member and the aperture of the trigger guard when locked.

One object of this invention is to provide a gun holder structure overcoming the aforementioned disadvantages of the prior art devices.

Still, one object of this invention is to provide a gun holder bracket structure having the capability to mount single- and/or double-barrel guns and specifically pistols wherein the gun holder is adaptable to be secured to a person's body, to furniture structure or other supporting structures, and to have a lock to secure a gun with the holder.

Still, one other object of this invention is to provide a gun holder having a side member mountable with a supporting structure, a barrel end member extending from the side member, and a barrel engaging spindle adapted to pass into the barrel of a pistol when positioned on the holder.

Still, another object of this invention is to provide a gun holder having a looped portion on the side member thereof engagable over a belt or article of wearing apparel to support a pistol in an upright position on a barrel end portion with a barrel spindle extending upward from the barrel end portion inside the pistol barrel.

Still, another object of this invention is to provide a gun holder wherein the side member is fastenable to a supporting structure; the barrel end member extends from the side member; and the barrel pin is adjacent to the side member.

Still, another object of this invention is to provide a gun holder with a side member fastenable to a supporting structure, with the barrel end member extending from the side member, with a barrel spindle adjacent to the side member, and with a pistol frame rest member extending from the barrel end member angularly so in operation to contact the frame of a gun when placed in the holder.

Still, another object of this invention is to provide a gun holder with a side member fastenable to a supporting structure, a barrel end member extending from the side member, a barrel spindle extending from the barrel end member and adjacent to the side member, and with a pistol frame rest member extending angularly from the barrel end member having an aperture in the outer portion to receive a padlock so when in operation the securing loop of the padlock is passable through the aperture and the trigger guard of a pistol placed in the pistol holder to secure the pistol in the pistol holder.

Yet, another object of this invention is to provide a gun holder having a side member, a barrel end member extending therefrom, and having a barrel spindle extending from the end member in the direction opposite to the side member.

Yet, another object of this invention is to provide a gun holder having a side member fastenable to its supporting structure, with a barrel end member extending from the side member, a barrel spindle extending oppositely from the barrel end member, and having a pistol frame rest member extending from the barrel end member in the direction of the spindle, and contactable with the frame of a pistol placed in the gun holder.

Yet, one other object of this invention is to provide a gun holder having a side member fastenable to a supporting structure, a barrel end member extending from the side member, a barrel spindle extending from the barrel end member in a direction opposite from the side member, and having a pistol frame rest member extending from the barrel end member in the direction of the spindle having an aperture in its outer end portion and adapted in operation to receive a padlock with the securing loop thereof passing through the aperture and through the trigger guard of a pistol placed in the gun holder.

Various other objects, advantages, and features of the invention will become apparent to those skilled in the art from the following discussion, taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which:

FIG. 1 is a side elevation view of the gun holder with the hooked side portion shown in position over a belt;

FIG. 2 is a side elevation view of the gun holder with the hooked side member, having two barrel pins, positioned over a belt, and having a Derringer type pistol shown engaged therewith in dashed lines;

FIG. 3 is a side elevation view of the gun holder with the spindle adjacent to the side member, having the side member fastened to a wooden supporting surface in a depending relation;

FIG. 4 is a plan view of the gun holder having a pair of barrel spindles positioned adjacent to the side member, the side member secured to a supporting surface, the pistol holder secured to a supporting surface, and having a Derringer type pistol mounted thereon shown in dashed lines;

FIG. 5 is a side elevation view of the gun holder having a barrel spindle adjacent to said side member and having a pistol frame rest, the side member being secured by fasteners to a wooden supporting surface in a depending relation;

FIG. 6 is a side elevation view of the gun holder shown in FIG. 5 taken on line 6—6;

FIG. 7 is a side elevation view of the gun holder shown in FIG. 5 and having a revolver mounted thereon and shown in dashed lines;

FIG. 8 is a side elevation view of the gun holder having the barrel spindle extending opposite of the side member and having a pistol frame rest member;

FIG. 9 is a side elevation view of the gun holder having the barrel spindle adjacent to the side member, and

having a frame rest extending to the pistol trigger guard area and having a padlock with a revolver shown in dashed lines therein;

FIG. 10 is a side elevation view of the gun holder alone as shown in FIG. 9;

FIG. 11 is a side elevation view of the gun holder having the barrel spindle adjacent to the side member and having a curved lockable pistol frame rest, the pistol holder being secured to a supporting structure;

FIG. 12 is a side elevation view of the gun holder having the barrel spindle extending opposite of the side member, the pistol holder being secured to a supporting structure in a depending relation;

FIG. 13 is a plan view of the gun holder shown in FIG. 12;

FIG. 14 is a plan view of the gun holder having a single barrel spindle adjacent to the side member, the pistol holder being fastened to a supporting structure; and

FIG. 15 is a side elevation view of the gun holder having the barrel spindle extending opposite of the side member, having the pistol frame rest extending to the trigger guard area and having a padlock, with a revolver shown therein in dashed lines.

The following is a discussion and description of preferred specific embodiments of the gun holder structure of this invention, such being made with reference to the drawings, whereupon the same reference numerals are used to indicate the same or similar parts and/or structure. It is to be understood that such discussion and description is not to unduly limit the scope of the invention.

In the discussion and description of the gun holder of this invention, such is made with the reference to specific gun holders constructed and adapted for use with pistol type guns. It is to be understood that the gun holder of this invention can be constructed to be usable with guns other than pistols, such as rifles and shotguns without departing from the scope of the invention.

Referring to the drawings in detail and in particular to FIG. 1 and FIG. 2, the gun holder structure of this invention in a first embodiment, (1), is shown and indicated at **10.** This first embodiment, (1), is adapted to be mounted on a person's body by being attached to an article of clothing or the like. The structure of this pistol holder includes a first portion or side member **12** having on one end portion a loop portion **14** and on the other end the barrel end portion or second portion **16** with the barrel spindle or pin **18** extending therefrom. The loop portion **14** is integral with the side portion **12** and has an elongated portion spaced a short distance behind and adjacent to the side portion **12** adapted to loop over a belt **20** or other similar supporting member. The loop portion **14** consists of a top and a back side portion preferably integral with the side member **12.** The barrel end portion **16** is integral with the side member **12** and has the barrel spindle member **18** extending perpendicularly from it and aligning with the side member **12** as shown in the combination of FIG. **1** and FIG. **2.** The pistol holder **10** as shown in FIG. **2** has a pair of barrel spindle members **18** extending from the barrel end member **16** and is adapted to receive a Derringer type pistol, indicated at **22.**

It is to be understood that the gun holder **10** of this invention and more particularly this embodiment can be constructed with a single-barrel spindle or a plurality of barrel spindles to receive a single-barrel or multiple-barrel gun without departing from the scope of the invention. Also, it is to be noted that the pistol holder shown in FIG. **2** for the Derringer type pistols will accommodate a single-barrel pistol as well as a two-barrel pistol. The barrel spindle **18** is preferably sized small enough so that it will easily pass into the bullet passageway of the barrel, and it is sized sufficiently to support the pistol barrel in a relatively rigid manner yet allow the pistol barrel to slip from the barrel spindle easily. In all of the herein described preferred specific embodiments of the pistol holder of this invention, the barrel spindles are constructed so as to have the same type of fit with the pistol barrels with the specific size of the spindle depending on the caliber of th pistol to be used with the pistol holder. Additionally, in all of the herein described preferred specific embodiments of the gun holder of this invention, the pistol holders are shown and described as being adapted to mount either single-barrel or multiple-barrel pistols; it is to be understood that all of the preferred specific embodiments can be constructed to mount single- or multiple-barrel guns even though each individual embodiment is not shown in a single- and/or multiple-barrel pistol configuration.

FIG. **3,** FIG. **4,** and FIG. **14** show a second preferred specific embodiment, (2), of the gun holder of this invention wherein the side member is mountable with a supporting surface and has the barrel spindle alongside it. The second described preferred specific embodiment, (2), is generally indicated at **26.** The pistol holder embodiment **26** includes an elongated side member **28** with an integral barrel end member **30** extending therefrom and having a barrel spindle member **32** extending from the barrel end member **30.** The side member **28** is shown in the drawings as being secured to a supporting structural surface **34** and connected thereto by fasteners **36.** FIG. **4** shows the second embodiment, (2), in a multiple-barrel pistol configuration having a pair of barrel spindles **32** and shown with a Derringer type pistol **38** in dashed lines. FIG. **14** shows the second preferred specific embodiment, (2), of the pistol holder **26** in a single-barrel configuration with a single pistol barrel spindle **40** extending from the barrel end portion **30.** FIG. **3** is a side elevation view of the second preferred specific embodiment **26** and has the same appearance as either of the configurations of this embodiment shown in FIG. **4** and FIG. **14.** In this embodiment of the pistol holder invention, the pistol holder **26** can be mounted in several positions, three of which are shown in the drawings. FIG. **3** shows the pistol holder **26** mounted in a depending relation on the supporting surface wherein the barrel spindle **32** will support a pistol in a position substantially parallel to that of the side portion **28** and the supporting structure **34.** FIG. **4** shows the pistol holder **26** mounted in an upright relation on the supporting structure **34** wherein the pistol is in an upright position. FIG. **14** shows the pistol holder **26** mounted on the supporting structure **34** in an angular relation wherein the pistol is in an upright position yet angled relatively vertically wherein the barrel of a pistol when placed thereon will be pointing downward.

FIGS. **5, 6,** and **7** show a third preferred specific embodiment, (3), of the gun holder of this invention, indicated at **46** wherein the structure is similar to that of the second described preferred specific embodiment **26** and has a pistol frame rest member extending therefrom to give additional support to a pistol when placed

in the holder. The pistol holder structure 46 of this embodiment has an elongated side member 48 with a barrel end member 50 extending perpendicular therefrom having the barrel spindle 52 extending from the barrel end member 50. The pistol holder 56 is secured to a supporting structure indicated at 54 by fasteners 56 extending through the side member 48. The pistol frame rest member 58 extends from the outer portion of the barrel end member 50 in an angular direction relative to the side member 48 and the barrel spindle 52, and in a parallel position relative to the side member 48 is adapted to engage the frame of a pistol placed in the pistol holder. A resilient rest member 60 is secured to the outer end of the pistol frame rest 58 on one side thereof and is adapted to in operation contact a pistol frame. The pistol frame contact member 60 is preferably a soft and resilient material so as not to scratch or mar the finish of a pistol placed in the pistol holder 46. The angular relation of the frame rest member 58 to the other portions of the pistol holder structure can be easily seen in the combination of FIG. 6 and FIG. 7. As shown in the drawings the rest member 58 is preferably adapted to be positioned so the contact member 60 will be touching the grip portion of a pistol when placed in the pistol holder, as shown by the revolver 62 placed in the pistol holder in FIG. 7. The pistol holder structure 46 of this embodiment can be secured to a supporting structure in the depending relation as shown in FIG. 5 and FIG. 6, or in an upright position as shown in FIG. 7, or in an angular and upright position or as shown by the other embodiments of this invention in FIGS. 12 and 14. The rest member 58 and pistol contact member 60 of this invention have been found in practice to be advantageous when large pistols are placed in the pistol holder to provide additional support for the pistol when in the mounted position and to prevent the pistol from inadvertently slipping from the pistol barrel spindle. It is to be noted that the rest member 58 being on the outside portion of the pistol holder provides some degree of protection for a pistol placed in the pistol holder, in addition to maintaining it in position alongside the supporting structure 54 and the side member 48. In terms of safety, the rest member 58 may prevent the pistol from being accidentally knocked from the pistol holder.

FIG. 9 shows the fourth preferred specific embodiment, (4), of the gun holder of this invention, such being constructed similarly to the third described preferred specific embodiment, (3), with the exception of a provision for locking the pistol in place in the pistol holder. This fourth embodiment of the pistol holder is indicated at 66 and includes the side member 68 with a barrel end member 70 extending from it in a perpendicular relation, a barrel spindle 72 extending perpendicular from the barrel end member 70 and alongside the side member 68. The side member 68 is shown mounted on a supporting structure 74 held by fasteners 76. A pistol frame rest member 78 extends angularly from the outer end of the barrel end member 70 and has an aperture 80 in its outer end portion. The pistol rest member is adapted to contact the frame of the pistol in the trigger guard area with the aperture 80 aligning with the trigger guard aperture of a pistol 85 as shown in FIG. 9. A conventional padlock 82 is used to secure a pistol 85 in place in the pistol holder wherein the securing loop of the padlock 83 passes through the frame member aperture 80 and aperture of the pistol trigger guard preferably so as to prevent firing of the pistol and certainly to prevent removal of the pistol 85 from the pistol holder. FIG. 9 and FIG. 10 show this fourth embodiment, (4), of the pistol holder 66 with a straight frame rest member 78; however, in practice it has been found that for some pistols the pistol rest member must be curved as is shown in FIG. 11 depending upon the barrel length and cylinder size. The pistol rest member is curved and is indicated at 84 in the pistol holder shown in FIG. 11. In both of the configurations another aperture indicated at 86 is provided at an interior point on the pistol frame rest member; such is provided as a place through which to secure the padlock loop when the pistol is removed from the pistol holder and it is desired to secure the lock to the pistol holder structure. In this fourth preferred specific embodiment, (4), of the pistol holder structure, such is mountable in the vertical and upright position as shown in FIG. 9 and may be mounted in virtually any other position, such as horizontally or with the barrel inclinded upward due to the locking feature of the structure to maintain the pistol in place in the pistol holder. In practice it has been found that this particular pistol holder provides a means whereby a pistol can be secured below the dashboard structure of an automobile in a concealed and safe position.

A fifth preferred specific embodiment, (5), of the gun holder of this invention is shown in FIG. 12 and FIG. 13 wherein the pistol barrel supporting spindle extends from the mounting portion of the structure in an opposite relation to the side mount member. The fifth preferred specific embodiment, (5), of the pistol holder structure is indicated generally at 90 in the drawings and includes an elongated side portion 92, with the barrel end member 94 extending perpendicular therefrom, and the barrel spindle 96 mounted perpendicular from the barrel end member 94 extending in the direction opposite to the direction of the side portion 92. In FIG. 12 the pistol holder 90 is shown with the side portion 92 secured to the supporting structure 98 by fasteners 100 extending through apertures in the side portion 92. In this preferred specific embodiment, (5), the pistol holder structure is to be mounted in an upright position wherein the barrel spindle 96 is oriented in an upward direction so as to support the pistol on the spindle 96 by the weight of the pistol holding the pistol on the barrel spindle member 96. Additionally, the pistol holder 90 can be positioned in a horizontal position as shown in FIG. 13 if desired by the user which will allow the pistol to easily slip from the barrel spindle member 96.

FIG. 8 shows a sixth preferred specific embodiment, (6), of the gun holder of this invention, having the same basic structure as the fifth preferred specific embodiment, (5), with a pistol frame member added thereto to contact the frame of a pistol placed in the pistol holder. This sixth preferred specific embodiment, (6), is shown in FIG. 8 and indicated at 110; it includes a side portion 112 with the barrel end portion 114 extending perpendicular therefrom, a pistol barrel spindle 116 extending perpendicular from the barel end member 114 and away from the side portion 112, and having a pistol frame rest member 118 extending from the barrel end portion 114 in an angular direction and with a pistol frame contact member 120 on the outer end portion thereof. The pistol frame rest member 118 is preferably integrally attached to the barrel end portion 114 and extends therefrom in an angular relation as

shown in FIG. 8 and being substantially parallel to the side portion 112. This sixth preferred specific embodiment, (6), is similar to the third preferred specific embodiment, (3), of the pistol holder of this invention with the exception that the side member portion thereof extends in an opposite direction from the barrel end and barrel spindle member portions of the pistol holder structure. The pistol holder 110 is shown secured to a supporting structure 122 by fasteners 124 extending through the side member 112. The pistol frame contact member 120 is preferably a resilient member secured to the pistol frame rest member on the side thereof adjacent to the barrel spindle 116. This pistol holder structure 110 can be mounted in an upright or horizontal position, or any position wherein the pistol will not slip from the barrel spindle 116 by the force of its own weight. The contact member 120 on the pistol frame rest member 118 provides additional support for a pistol when placed in the pistol holder; it is preferably adapted to contact the grip portion of a pistol placed in the pistol holder. An advantage to this pistol holder structure 110 is that when in the horizontal position, the frame rest member 118 supports the pistol in addition to the barrel spindle 116 and affords some degree of protection for the pistol when in place in the pistol holder.

FIG. 15 shows a seventh preferred specific embodiment, (7), of the gun holder of this invention having the same basic structure as the sixth preferred specific embodiment, (6), and additionally having means to lock a pistol in place in the pistol holder. This seventh preferred specific embodiment, (7), of the pistol holder is generally indicated at 130 as shown only in FIG. 15 of the drawings. The pistol holder structure 130 includes a side portion 132 with a perpendicularly extending barrel end portion 134, having the barrel spindle 136 extending perpendicularly from the barrel end portion in a direction opposite to the side portion 132, and has a pistol frame rest member 138 extending angularly from the barrel end portion 134. The general arrangement of the side portion 132, barrel end portion 134, barrel spindle 136 and frame rest member 138 are very similar to the arrangement of the fourth preferred specific embodiment, (4), of the pistol holder of this invention indicated at 66 and shown in FIGS. 9, 10, and 11, the difference being in the direction which the side portion extends from the barrel end portion. The pistol frame rest member 138 has an aperture 140 in the outer end portion thereof so the device can be used with a conventional padlock 142 using the securing loop thereof 144 to pass through the aperture 140 and through the trigger guard aperture of a pistol 152 when placed in the pistol holder for locking the pistol in place in the pistol holder.

As shown in FIG. 15 the pistol holder structure 130 is secured to a supporting structure 146 by fasteners 148 extending through the side portion 132. It is to be noted that the pistol frame rest member 138 is designed to contact the frame of a pistol in the trigger guard area and may be curved or straight and previously shown and described in conjunction with the fourth preferred specific embodiment, (4), and as shown in FIG. 10 and FIG. 11. Additionally, the pistol frame rest member 138 has an auxiliary aperture 150 in the outer end portion so the padlock 142 can have the securing loop 144 hooked through it to secure the lock 142 in a storage position when not being used to hold a pistol in place in the pistol holder. As shown in FIG. 15 with a revolver 152 in place in the pistol holder, the securing loop 144 of the padlock 142 passes through the pistol trigger guard aperture preferably behind the pistol's trigger. The securing loop being placed behind the trigger prevents accidental firing of the pistol while in place in the pistol holder. The pistol holder structure 130 of this preferred seventh specific embodiment, (7), can be secured to a supporting surface in virtually any position due to the locking feature to retain a pistol in the pistol holder. The pistol rest member 138 in addition to providing a means to lock the pistol in the pistol holder affords some degree of protection for the pistol since it can be mounted with the pistol adjacent to another surface in the pistol frame rest member 138 on the outside somewhat as shown in FIG. 15 of the drawings.

In the several preferred specific embodiments of the gun holder structure of this invention shown and described herein it is to be understood that such are basic structural variations of the basic structural elements and invention disclosed herein. In each of the various embodiments wherein the first portion side member of the pistol holder is attached to a supporting surface, such attachment is made by the use of fasteners to secure the gun holder structure to a supporting surface. It is to be understood that such fasteners will depend upon the nature of the supporting surface and the desires of the user. It is to be understood that such fasteners may not be necessary where the structure can be or is desired to be adhesively bonded or welded to the supporting structure. Various adaptations of the means of mounting the gun holder structure of this invention will of course depend on what the supporting structure for the holder is and whether or not it is to be permanently secured thereto. Additionally, various embodiments of the gun holder of this invention show the device for either a single-barrel pistol or a Derringer pistol; however, it is to be understood that this invention can be constructed with the barrel spindles, adapted to mount pistols in barrel configurations other than those shown in the drawings.

In the manufacture of the gun holder structure of this invention, it is obvious that the side portion, barrel end portion, and rest members on the pistol holder can be simply constructed by modern fabricating techniques using a variety of materials such as steel, aluminum, or stainless steel to achieve the end product. Additionally, in the manufacture of the gun holder structure it is preferable that the barrel spindle be constructed of brass or a similar material because of its easy sliding and non-corrosive properties when in contact with the conventional steel pistol barrels. The attachment of the barrel spindle or pin member to its supporting member will of course depend upon the type of material from which the remainder of the holder structure is constructed; such can be done by welding, riveting or other appropriate means. It is to be noted that any or all portions of any of the gun holder structures shown and described herein can be coated with a resilient protective material so as not to scratch or mar the finish of a pistol placed in the pistol holder and if necessary to provide a non-reflective coating.

In the use and operation of the gun holder structure of this invention, it is seen that same provides a structure adapted to be mounted with an additional supporting structure to hold a pistol in a readily accessible po-

sition. The various preferred specific embodiments of the gun holder structure of this invention provide a structure with features which enable it to be mounted and supported in a variety of different positions when not with supporting structures, and/or when mounted or carried on a person's body. The gun holder provides a structure wherein the pistol or other gun is supported by the barrel leaving the exterior of the pistol unencased. The gun holder structure provides a means to mount and in some embodiments lock the pistol with a supporting structure and possibly in a concealed space such as under a desk, under a countertop, alongside a vertical wall, in a motor vehicle, and numerous other places wherein a person may desire to store a gun.

As will become apparent from the foregoing description of the applicant's gun holder structure, relatively inexpensive and simple means have been provided to mount and store pistols. The gun holder structure is economical to manufacture, simple to use, mountable in numerous positions and places, and adapted for easy removal and insertion of a pistol with the holder. Additionally, the gun holder structure is shown and described in numerous preferred specific embodiments thereof with means to support a pistol in the gun holder and lock a pistol in the holder which is mountable and usable in a variety of applications.

While the invention has been described in conjunction with preferred specific embodiments thereof, it will be understood that this description is intended to illustrate and not to limit the scope of the invention, which is defined by the following claims.

I claim:

1. A gun holder comprising an essentially L-shaped bracket having a first portion for mounting said bracket on a surface and a second portion having a plane at a right angle from a plane of the first portion, a pin member attached at essentially a right angle to said second portion for removably mounting the barrel of a gun, a gun frame rest portion attached to said second portion and angularly upwardly extending from the outer end thereof, said gun frame rest portion being essentially parallel to said first portion, and a resilient rest portion secured to the outer end of said gun frame rest portion for touching the grip portion of said gun when said barrel of said gun is inserted around said pin member, and wherein said resilient member is essentially cylindrical, and said rest member is substantially rectangular.

2. The gun holder of Claim 1, wherein said mounting pin means has a pin member projecting from said second portion opposite said first portion.

3. The gun holder of claim 1, wherein:

a. said second portion extends from said first portion at a right angle,

b. said pin means extends from said second portion at a right angle, and

c. said pin means has a pair of pin members constructed and adapted to receive barrels of a gun having two barrels.

4. The gun holder of claim 1, wherein said bracket has another portion extending from said first portion spaced from said first portion on the side thereof opposite said pin means and extending in the direction opposite said pin members.

5. The gun holder of claim 3, wherein:

a. said bracket has another portion extending from said first portion opposite said second portion and said pin means,

b. said pin means has a pin member in a plane parallel to said plane of said first portion, and

c. said other portion is constructed and adapted to mount on a belt or the like.

6. The gun holder of claim 1, wherein:

a. said second portion and said pin member extend from said first portion and said second portion at right angles respectively,

b. a pistol frame rest extends angularly from said second portion constructed and adapted in operation to contact the frame of a gun placed in said gun holder in the trigger guard portion thereof, and

c. said frame rest portion has an aperture therethrough constructed and adapted to receive a padlock with the securing loop of said padlock passable through said aperture and through an aperture in a trigger guard portion of a gun.

7. The gun holder of claim 2, wherein said second portion and said pin member extend from said first portion and said second portion at right angles respectively.

8. The gun holder of claim 2, wherein:

a. said second portion and said pin member extend from said first portion and said second portion at right angles respectively, and

b. a gun frame rest portion extending from said second portion in the direction of said pin member and opposite the direction of said first portion, constructed and adapted to be contactable with the frame of a gun when engaged with the gun holder.

9. The gun holder of claim 2, wherein:

a. said second portion and said pin member extend from said first portion and said second portion at right angles respectively,

b. a gun frame rest portion extending from said second portion in the direction of said pin member and opposite the direction of said first portion, constructed and adapted to be contactable with the frame of a gun when engaged with the gun holder, and

c. said gun frame rest portion is adapted in operation to contact the trigger guard portion of a pistol and has an aperture therethrough to receive a padlock with the securing loop of said padlock passable through said aperture and through an aperture in a trigger guard portion of a gun.

10. The gun holder of claim 1 wherein said first portion and said second portion are each generally rectangular.

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