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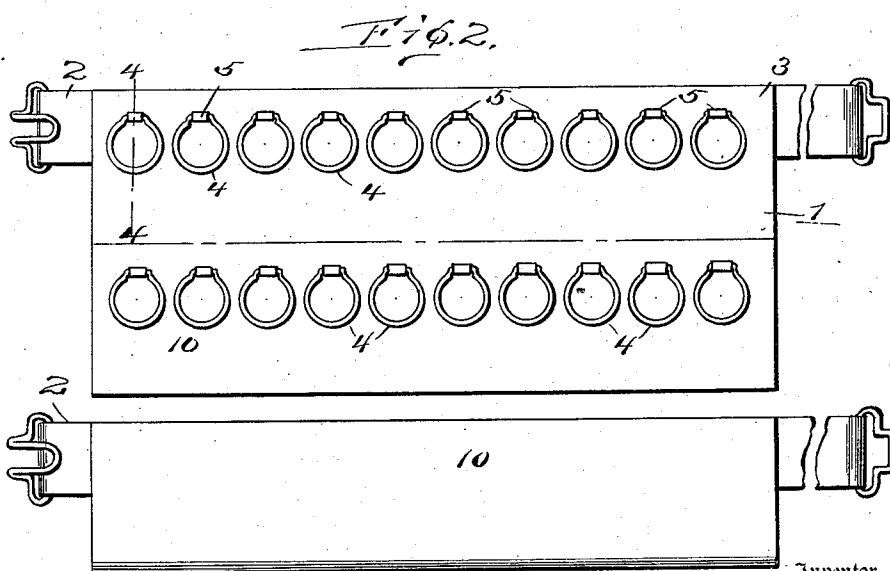
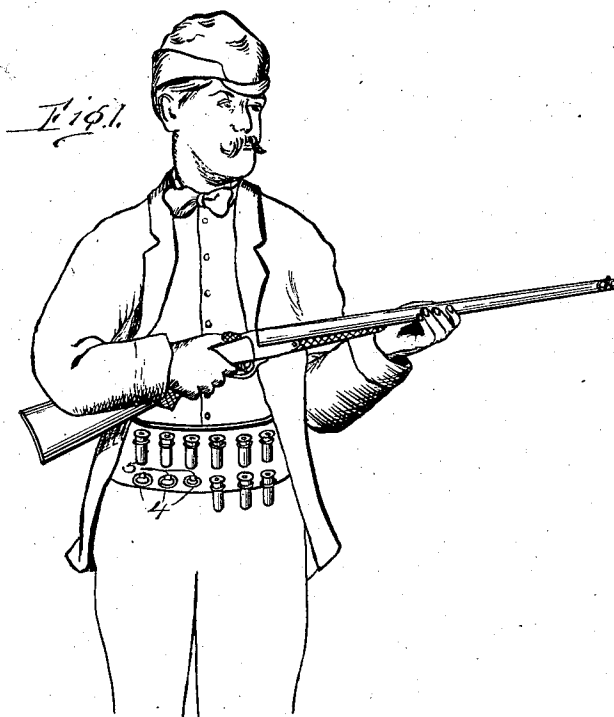
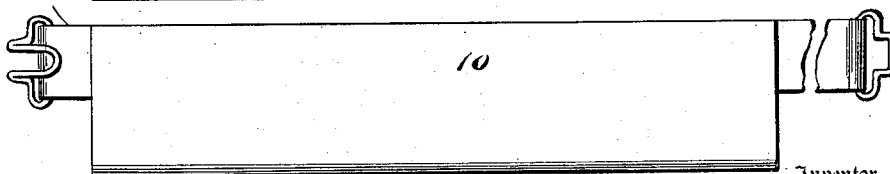


Fig. 3.



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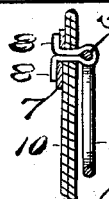


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN B. WILLIAMSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Louisville, in the county of Jefferson and State of Kentucky, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cartridge-Belts, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in cartridge belts.

The primary object of this invention is to provide a belt of this character especially adapted for holding the cartridges when shooting clay birds and which may be readily and easily applied or removed and rolled up and carried in the pocket when not in use.

The several advantages to be enjoyed through the use of my improved belt will be hereinafter briefly set forth in the following specification.

In the accompanying drawings, in which like parts are designated by like characters throughout the several views:—Figure 1 is a perspective view, illustrating the application of the belt, with several of the lower series of cartridges removed. Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the belt on an enlarged scale. Fig. 3 is a similar view, with the lower half of the belt folded up, and Fig. 4 is an enlarged sectional view, taken on the plane indicated by the dotted lines 4—4 of Fig. 2.

Referring to the drawings for a more particular description of the invention, the belt comprises the approximately rectangular flexible band 1, of suitable material, adapted to encircle the waist at the front and removably attached in position by the fastening bands 2 and 3, secured to the upper ends of the band 1.

The band 1 is provided with the upper and lower series of cartridge holding rings 4 pivoted at their upper ends in the eyes 5 of the clips or keepers 6, the leg portions, as 8 of which, project through the band and are bent laterally in opposite directions against the bearing plates 7.

In practice, the belt is first secured in position and the cartridges then placed in the holding rings by swinging the latter up into horizontal position. As the cartridges are used, the rings fall down and lie flat against the front of the band, as clearly indicated in Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings, and after

the lower series of cartridges are used, the lower part or half, as 10, of the band, may be folded up, as indicated in Fig. 3 to convert the device into an ordinary belt.

My invention is not restricted to cartridge belts for shooting clay birds but may be used for hunting vests and belts for shot gun cartridges and belts for rifle cartridges.

The cartridge holding rings may be of any desired number, may be arranged in any suitable manner and be of any suitable shape.

From the foregoing description taken in connection with the drawings, it is thought that the construction and advantages of my belt will be readily appreciated without requiring a more extended explanation.

Various changes in the form, proportions and minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principles or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention as defined in the appended claims.

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

1. A cartridge belt of the class described comprising a relatively wide, flexible band, relatively narrow securing strips attached to the upper corners of the band, a series of cartridge holding rings pivoted to the band at points in a line parallel to and immediately below the upper edge of the band, and a second series of cartridge holding rings pivoted to the band at points in a line parallel to and immediately below the longitudinal median line of the band, the rings of both series being adapted to lie flat against the respective portions of the band and the band being adapted to be folded along its longitudinal median line.

2. A cartridge belt of the class described including a relatively wide, flexible band, a series of cartridge holding rings pivoted to the band at points in a line parallel to and immediately below the upper edge of the band, and a second series of cartridge holding rings pivoted to the band at points in a line parallel to and immediately below the longitudinal median line of the band, the rings of both series being adapted to lie flat against the respective portions of the band and the band being adapted to be folded along its longitudinal median line, the first mentioned series of rings being

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5 spaced from the longitudinal median line of the band a distance greater than the diameter of the rings of the last mentioned series, whereby, when the band is folded, the said last mentioned series of rings will lie between the line of fold of the band and the first mentioned series of rings.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature
in presence of two witnesses.

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