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MULTIPURPOSE GUN SLING

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FIG. 1

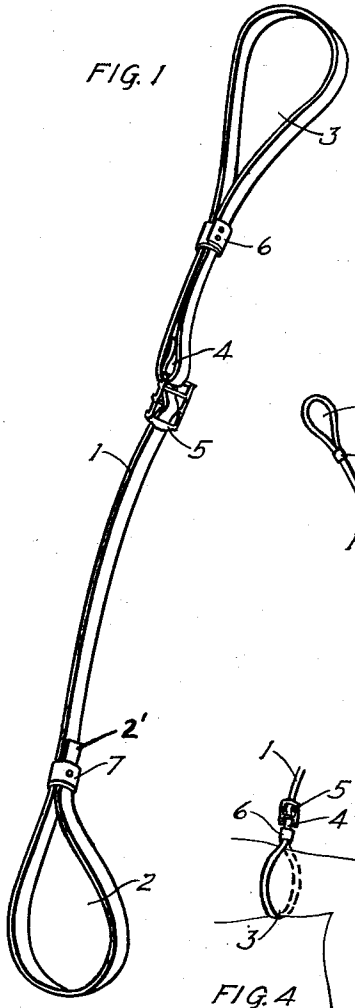
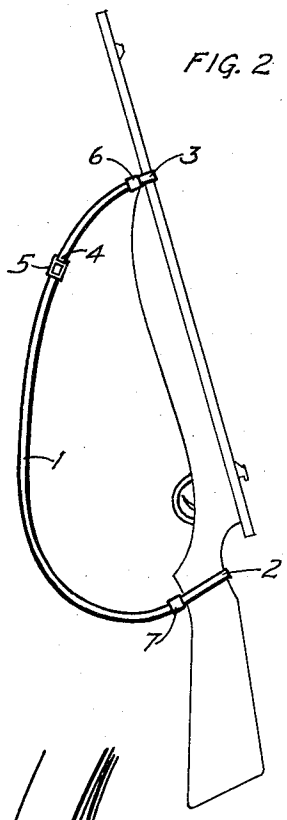


FIG. 2



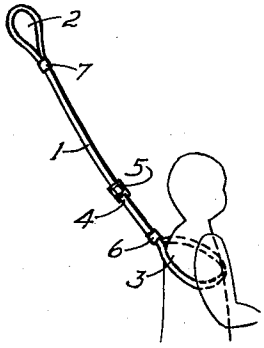


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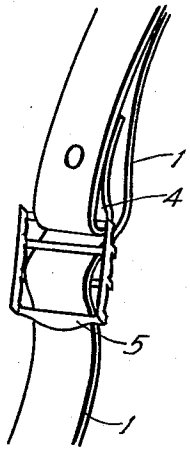


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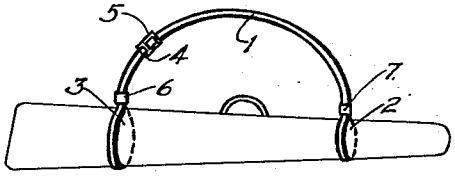


FIG. 3

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This invention relates to gun slings and more particularly to a gun sling strap primarily designed for carrying and supporting guns either in a firing or carrying position but which also has other useful purposes.

The primary object of the invention is to provide a combination firing and carrying gun sling which may be used to carry or to aid in support while firing various type and size guns such as rifles, shotguns and the like.

Another object of the invention is to provide a combination firing and carrying gun sling which may be readily changed from one gun to another and which does not require any permanent attachments on the gun with which it is used.

A further object of the invention is to provide a combination firing and carrying gun sling which is adjustable in length but does not require any buckles, swivals, clasps, clamps or other metal appurtenances attached to the gun with which it is used.

Another object of the invention is to provide a combination firing and carrying gun sling which can be readily removed from the gun, folded and carried in a pocket or otherwise without bulkiness or inconvenience.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a combination firing and carrying sling which may also be used as a carrying strap for various articles such as gun cases, fishing rods, skis, ski poles and other objects which lend themselves to allowing the sling's two end loops to be placed around the object or objects to be carried in such a manner that the center portion of the sling strap becomes the grip.

Another object of the invention is to provide a combination firing and carrying sling which may be used to form a tight loop around various objects or limbs of a body, such as the leg or arm of a man, to form a tourniquet, or the legs of a deer to secure them over a pole for carrying.

A further object of the invention is to provide a combination firing and carrying sling which may be used as a short leash on an animal such as a hunting dog, or on a child to retain either of them close to and under the control of the adult.

A still further object is to provide a gun sling having simplicity of design, economy of construction and efficiency in operation.

The novel features that are considered characteristic of the invention are set forth with particularity in the appended claims. The invention itself, however, both as to its organization and its method of operation, together with additional objects and advantages thereof, will best be understood from the following description of a specific embodiment when read in connection with the accompanying drawing, wherein like reference characters indicate like parts through the several figures and in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the sling itself in accordance with the present invention;

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the sling attached to a gun;

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the sling utilized as a carrying strap for various objects;

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the sling utilized as a tourniquet;

Figure 5 is a perspective view of the sling utilized as a short leash on a child, and

Figure 6 is an enlarged fragmentary view in perspective of a portion of the sling and one of the keepers.

Referring more specifically to the drawings, particularly to Figure 1, a gun sling in accordance with the present invention comprises a strap **1** having its end portions folded over to form loops **2** and **3** which are adjustably secured by keepers **5**, **6** and **7** for varying the size of the loops and also for adjustment to the length of the sling. The strap may be made of leather, webbed belt material, canvas or other suitable material that is of sufficient strength to support a gun on a man's shoulder and arm in either a carrying or firing position.

One end **2'** of the strap **1**, that is folded over to form the loop **2**, is secured to the keeper **7** which is in a form of a ring or sleeve surrounding the main body portion of the strap **1**. The keeper **7** is slidable in either direction on the strap **1** and preferably is formed by folding a short piece of the strap material into a small loop and securing the ends thereof, and the strap end **2'**, to each other in any suitable manner as by sewing, rivets, clips or the like.

The other end **4** of the strap **1**, as best shown in Figure 6, is secured to the keeper **5** which is in the form of a tongueless buckle. The strap end **4** is fixed in a loop surrounding one cross bar of the buckle **5** and the body of the strap **1** is threaded between other cross bars of the buckle **5** to releasably cinch the strap to the buckle. Specifically, the buckle has four cross bars, the strap end **4** being secured to one end bar and the strap **1** extending under the other end bar and over the adjacent intermediate bar and then under the other intermediate bar.

Obviously, the keeper or buckle **5** may be adjusted in either direction along the strap **1** but the cinch formed in the strap in traversing the buckle prevents slippage of the keeper **5** along the strap **1**. The keeper **5** is adjustable to vary the size of the loop **3** but, primarily, its function is to vary the length of the sling and the keeper **6** is provided to vary the size of the loop **3**. The keeper **6** is formed in a manner similar to the keeper **7** except that it is not secured to the strap but rather slidably encompasses the runs of the loop **3** and may slide in either direction along the loop between the keeper **5** and the free end of the loop.

In placing the sling on a gun, as shown in Figure 2, the loop **3** is first slid well down over the barrel of the gun far enough so as to allow the loop **2** to be slid up over and be secured by the keeper **7** to the gun stock immediately below the normal pistol grip portion of the stock. The loop **3** is then secured at a proper and comfortable position on the barrel of the gun by the keeper **6**. The keeper **5** serves the purpose of adjusting the length of the sling for comfort in firing or carrying the gun, for use with guns of different sizes and for gunners of various heights and build, this adjustment being effected by sliding the keeper **5** in either direction on the strap **1** prior to securing the loop **3** to the barrel of the gun by the keeper **6**.

The sling forms a multipurpose strap as well as a gun sling, and, as shown in Fig. 3, it may be utilized as a carrying strap for an object, the loops **2** and **3** embracing the object in spaced relation with the keepers **6** and **7** slid down to tighten the loops on the object. Similarly, the sling may be utilized as a tourniquet, as shown in Fig. 4. In this case only the one loop **3** is used with keepers **5** and **6** slid down to tighten the loop **3** on the extremity of the body. The sling may also be employed

as a leash and is shown in Fig. 5 as a leash on a child. The loop 3 embraces the upper part of the child's body while the loop 2 is used as a holder or hand grip by the adult controlling the child.

Although a certain specific embodiment of the invention has been shown and described, it is obvious that many modifications thereof are possible. The invention, therefore, is not to be restricted except insofar as is necessitated by the prior art and by the spirit of the appended claim.

What I claim is:

In combination with a gun, a sling for supporting said gun in either a carrying or a firing position and comprising a flexible strap folded back on itself at both ends to form a loop at each end of the strap, one of said loops securing its end of the strap to the stock of said gun near the normal pistol grip position between the normal trigger position and the butt of the stock with the other of said loops securing its end of the strap to the barrel of the gun, a keeper surrounding the body of said strap

and permanently secured to one end of the strap and slidable in either direction along the strap to vary the size of the loop at that end to provide a loop adjustable in size surrounding and releasably securing that end of the strap to said gun, a second keeper surrounding the body of said strap and permanently secured to the other end of the strap and slidable along the central portion of the strap for adjusting the length of the sling and the size of the adjacent loop, and a third keeper freely slidable over the folded portion of the strap forming the last mentioned loop to regulate the size of said loop and to provide a loop adjustable in size surrounding and releasably securing that end of the strap to the gun.

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