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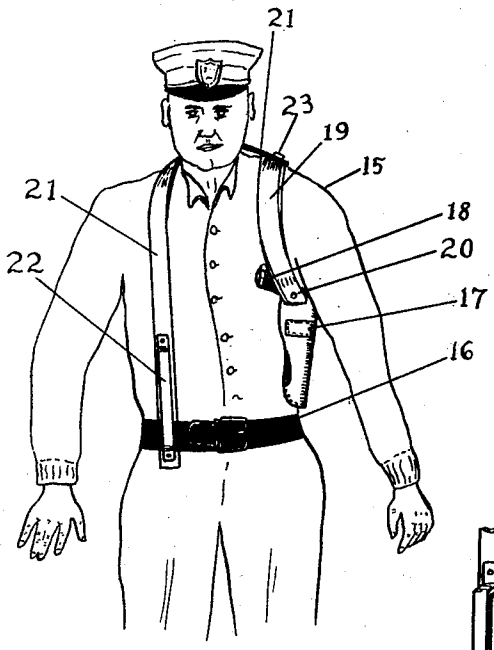


Fig. 1.

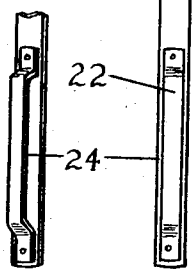


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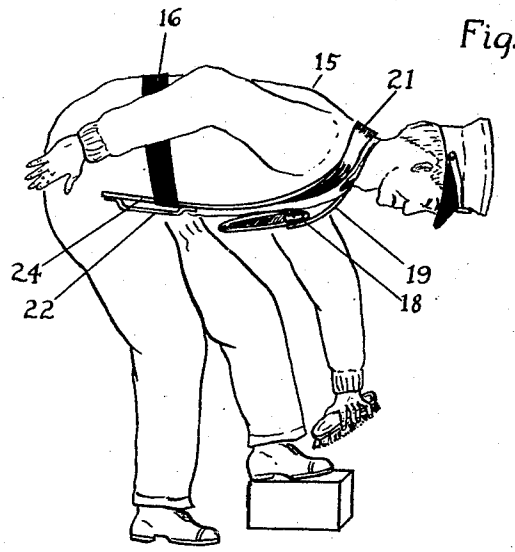


Fig. 4.

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My invention relates to pistol holsters and more particularly to a spring type of holster to be worn under the arm suspended by a strap over the shoulder.

An object of my invention is to more firmly hold the pistol in a close and inconspicuous position beneath the arm and snug up to the side of the wearer.

Another object of the invention is to increase the safeguards against the dropping out of the pistol when the body of the wearer is in abnormal position, as when stooping over.

Still another object of invention is to permit of the stooping over of the wearer without any binding action taking place in the combination of suspension straps.

To accomplish these and other objects which may appear as the description proceeds I arrange the materials used in new and novel manner to perform their normal functions and in addition such functions as outlined above.

In the accompanying drawing I illustrate a preferred embodiment of my invention, it being understood that variation from the details shown is permissible without departing from the spirit of my invention. Figure 1, is a perspective showing the mannikin with a pistol holster in place; Fig. 2, is a fragmentary view of one of the suspension straps; Fig. 3 is a view of the complete holster with pistol in place and Fig. 4 is a view showing the mannikin stooping over and shows the action of the running loop feature of one of the suspension straps.

More particularly, with numerals designating identical parts I show, the mannikin, 15, wearing the belt 16, and the pistol holster, 17, containing the pistol 18, the holster suspended by the strap 19, passing from front to back of the mannikin, over his shoulder the loop formed by this strap held in place on the shoulder by the strap 21, crossing the body behind the neck and down over the opposite shoulder to form a loop 24, by means of the attached strap 23, to engage the belt 16. At 23 is shown an attaching button. At 20, in Fig. 1, is shown the front portion of the suspension strap 19 as if fastened by a button to the outer portion of the holster but it is to be understood that this portion of the suspension strap 19 can just as readily assume the form shown at 25, in Fig. 3 .

The novelty in my invention resides, in part, in the use I make of the suspension strap 19, to firmly hold the handle of the pistol snugly up to the side of the wearer. Hitherto, the only provision for doing this has been by means of the spring, 26 or some form of a flap to pass over the top of the pistol handle. In usual manufacture the suspension straps are attached, only, to the inside or body side of the holster with the result that the heavy pistol has every chance for sagging away from the body of the wearer and making an ugly bulge in the outer garments. Furthermore, in the stooping position the gun has a far greater likelihood of being dropped out of the holster to the consequent endangering of the wearer or bystanders.

Another improvement is in the method of arranging the retaining strap 21 in place on the belt without the annoyance of restrictions or binding across the shoulders or about the neck. By means of the running loop, 24, formed by the attached strap 22 upon the retaining strap 21, a firm and comfortable engagement with the belt is effected and the running loop makes the attachment conformable to the various positions of the wearer as shown.

Having thus described and illustrated my invention what I claim is:

1. A shoulder holster comprising a holster adapted to receive a firearm or the like, a shoulder strap adapted to encircle the shoulder of the wearer to suspend the holster beneath his armpit, the ends of the shoulder strap being connected respectively to the inner and outer sides of the holster.

2. A shoulder holster comprising a holster adapted to receive a firearm or the like, a shoulder strap adapted to encircle the shoulder of the wearer to suspend the holster beneath his armpit, the ends of the strap being connected respectively to the inner and outer sides of the holster, and being inclined in

opposite directions to the axis of the holster.

3. A shoulder holster comprising a holster adapted to receive a firearm or the like, a shoulder strap adapted to encircle the shoulder of the wearer to suspend the holster beneath the armpit, the ends of the shoulder strap being connected to opposite sides of the holster, the end of the shoulder strap on the outer side of the holster being inclined upwardly and forwardly and the end of the shoulder strap on the inner side of the holster being inclined upwardly and rearwardly.

4. A shoulder holster comprising a holster adapted to receive a firearm or the like, a shoulder strap adapted to encircle the shoulder of the wearer to suspend the holster beneath the armpit, the ends of the shoulder strap being connected to opposite sides of the holster, the end of the shoulder strap on the outer side of the holster being inclined upwardly and forwardly and the end of the shoulder strap on the inner side of the holster being inclined upwardly and rearwardly, and at the top of the shoulder strap a staying strap affixed and extending laterally across to the opposite shoulder and forwardly over the same and down to the wearer's belt and having a freely running loop encircling said belt.

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