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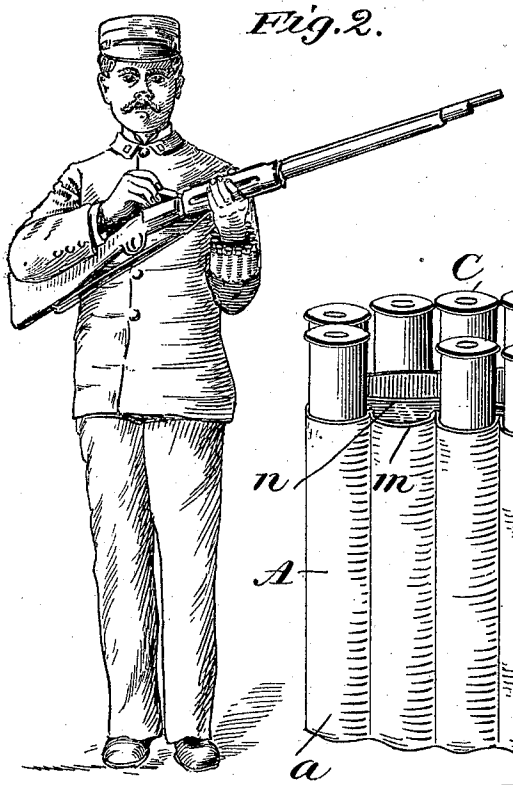


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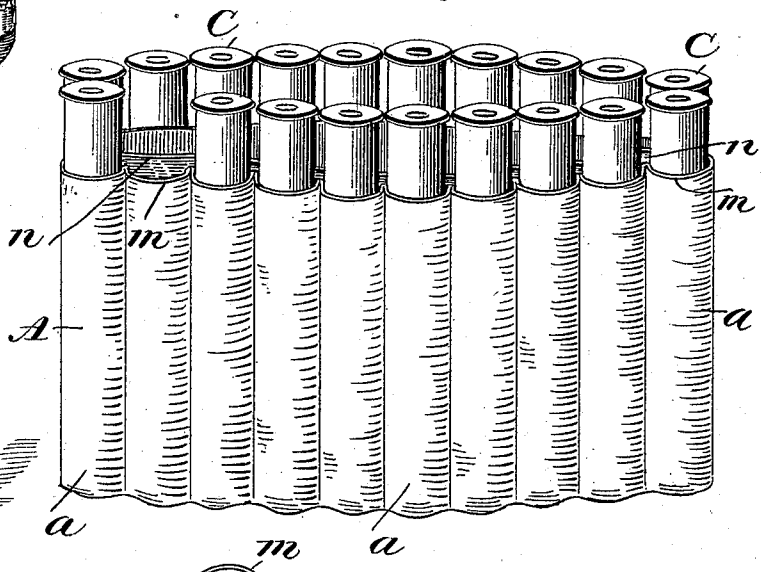
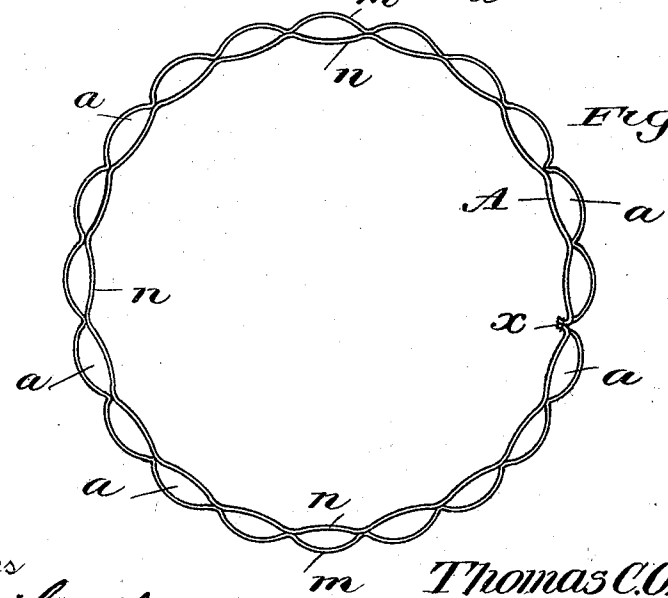


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS C. ORNDORFF, of the city and county of Worcester, in the State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Carrier for Small-Arms Fixed Ammunition, of which the following is a specification.

The device in which my invention is comprised is designed for the purpose of easy packing and handling and distribution of fixed ammunition for small-arms and is what I term an "ammunition-wristlet"—a band of pliable material having pockets to receive and hold the necessary number of cartridges, say twenty, and adapted to slip easily over the hand upon the wrist of the user and to there remain in position to enable him to use his rifle without restraint and at the same time to so place the ammunition that the cartridges can be with the utmost facility drawn from the wristlet and loaded into the rifle.

It is the practice now in the United States service to put up cartridges loose in boxes in batches of twenty to a box. The soldier receiving one of these boxes must open it, withdraw from it the individual cartridges, and place them individually in his belt or stow them away in his pockets. This operation takes much valuable time, particularly when the soldier is in action, and, moreover, the cartridges being loose are apt to drop or spill from the box and to be scattered over the ground, thus requiring the soldier to pick them up and to clean from them the dirt which they may have gathered before he can use them. Under my invention these batches of twenty cartridges are carried each batch by its own wristlet, and all that the soldier has to do is to take this charged wristlet from its box or envelop and slip it over his hand and upon his wrist and he is then ready to commence or resume firing, the result being that with this improved appliance the soldier can be supplied with twenty rounds of ammunition and can, in fact, fire those twenty rounds during the time that sometimes is required in order to replenish his supply by the old method, a feature of very considerable importance, particularly when the soldier is on the firing-line. So, too, he may take at one time two or more of these charged wristlets, slipping one upon his wrist and putting the others in his pockets, where they are available to replace the one on his wrist when the supply of cartridges carried by the latter is exhausted.

The nature of my invention will be readily understood by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of a charged ammunition-wristlet embodying my invention in its preferred form. Fig. 2 shows it in position on the wrist of the soldier. Fig. 3 is a view of the same with the ammunition removed from it.

The wristlet A is of thin pliable material, provided with pockets *a* for reception of the individual cartridges C. It is of a size to slip over the hand and to fit easily upon the wrist, as shown in Fig. 2. In this position the cartridges are available for instant use, while the device itself is out of the way and does not interfere with or impede the movements of the soldier necessary to a proper use of his weapon. The charged wristlet can also be readily folded up in a bundle, so that the soldier can readily carry two or three additional wristlets in his pockets.

The wristlet is preferably of woven fabric of the kind which is the subject of my Patent No. 399,924, of March 19, 1889—that is to say, a multi-ply fabric provided with cartridge-pockets integral therewith formed by the plies and closed along one edge of the fabric—and is so shown in the drawings. The fabric is woven a length suitable for a wristlet, and its two ends are then brought and sewed or otherwise permanently united, as seen at *x*, the seam being upon the inside of the wristlet. The device thus becomes, in effect, an endless band of pliable material of a size to conveniently fit over the hand and upon the wrist and provided with pockets for the reception of cartridges. I prefer to so form the pockets at the mouth end that the portion *m* of the edge of the pocket on the outside of the fabric shall not extend as high as the edge *n* on the inside, this being to facilitate the operation of inserting the cartridges within the pockets. In the fabric shown in the drawings this result is easily effected by making the outer ply with one dent less than the inner ply. I desire it to be understood, however, that I do not limit myself to any particular

weave nor, indeed, to any particular material for my ammunition-wristlet. It can be made, for example, of a band of textile material folded lengthwise over upon itself, having its ends fastened together and in addition sewed crosswise at suitable intervals apart through the two thicknesses of the fold, so as to form the requisite number of pockets. All that is required is that said wristlet shall be pliable, adapted to slip over the hand and fit easily upon the wrist, and provided with pockets for reception of the cartridges. Nor do I desire to be understood as restricting myself to any specific means for uniting or connecting the ends of the band of which the wristlet is composed.

Having described my invention and the best way now known to me of carrying the same into effect, what I claim herein as new and of my own invention is—

As a new article of manufacture an ammunition-wristlet consisting of an endless band of pliable material, of a size to conveniently slip over the hand and wear upon the wrist, and provided with pockets for the reception of cartridges, substantially as hereinbefore set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 1st day of May, 1899.

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