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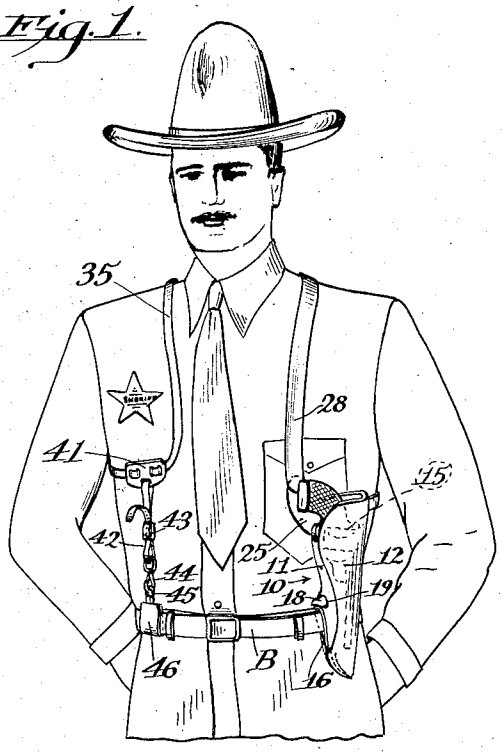


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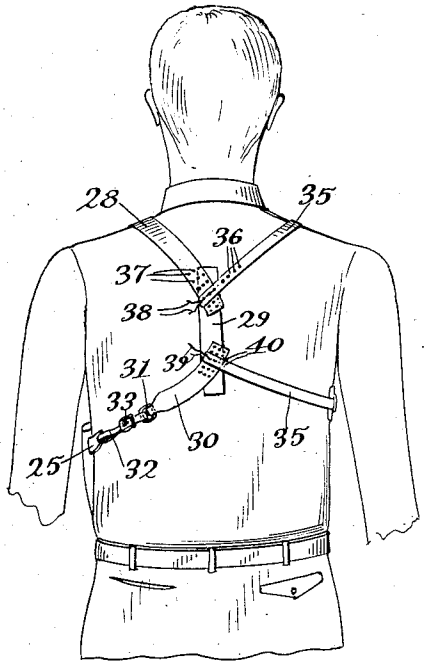


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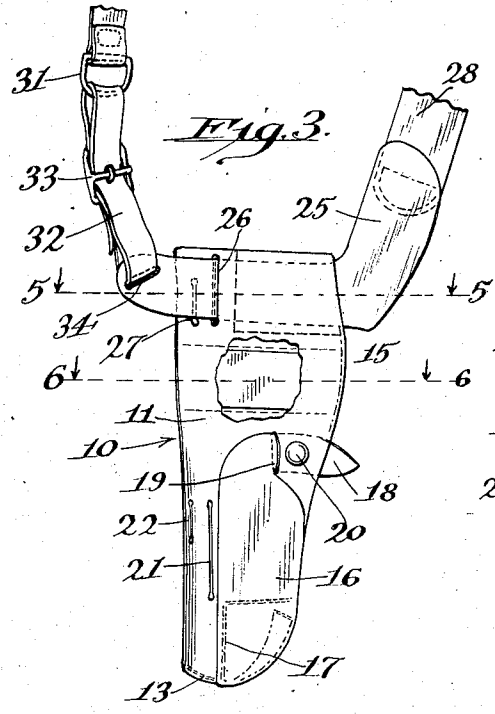


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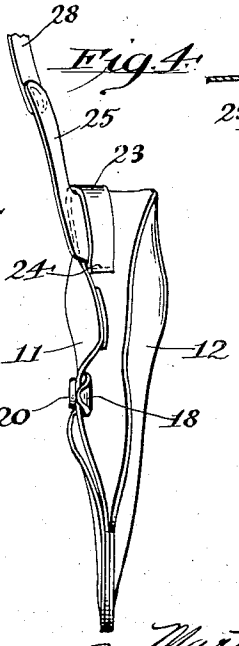


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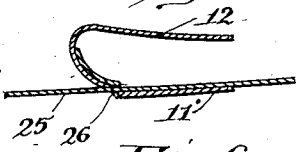
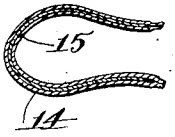


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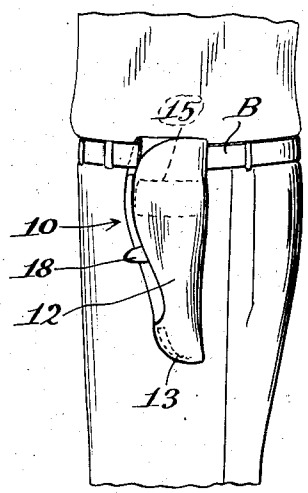


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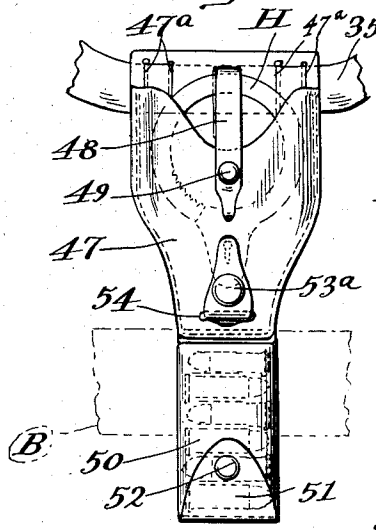


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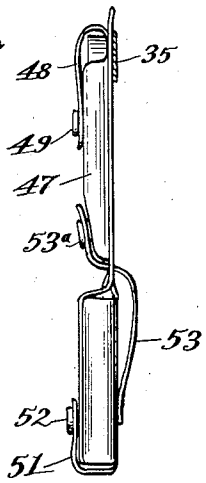


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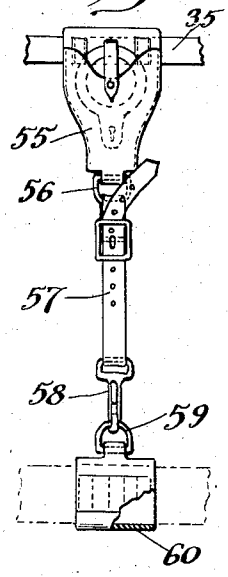


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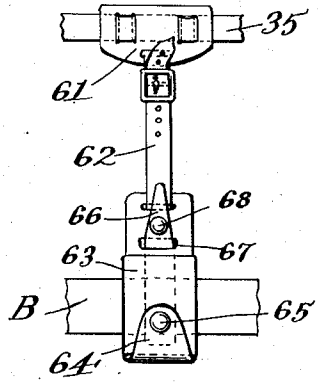


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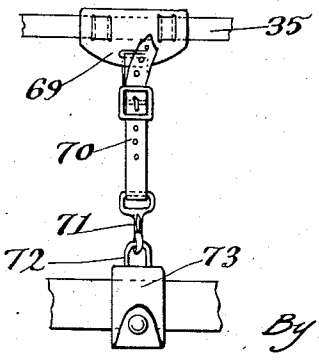
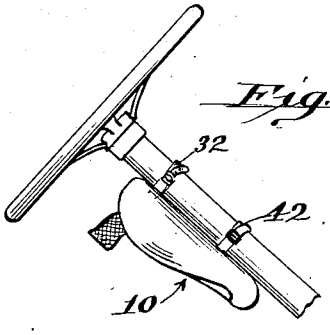


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My invention relates to a holster for pistols, revolvers and the like and to means in the form of a harness or sling that passes over the shoulders and behind the back for the purpose of conveniently supporting the holster on the side of the wearer's body beneath the arm in order that the pistol or revolver contained in the holster may be readily grasped and withdrawn for use.

Further objects of my invention are, to provide a holster of the character referred to that may be conveniently attached to the wearer's belt and supported at the side of the hip and also to construct the holster and provide simple means for attaching the same at a convenient point on the steel post of a motor vehicle immediately below the steering wheel.

Further objects of my invention are, to provide a holster supporting harness or sling that may be conveniently worn upon the body beneath the coat, which harness or sling is readily adjustable so that it may be conveniently fitted for wear upon bodies of different sizes, further, to combine with the harness or sling a holster supporting member that occupies a position beneath the arm of the wearer and which permits the holster to be adjusted forwardly or rearwardly to afford convenience and comfort to the wearer, further, to construct the holster so that it has sliding engagement with the belt of the wearer, thereby causing the holster to lie immediately against the wearer's body so as to not cause bulging of the coat or outer garment and further, to construct the harness or sling so as to support the weight of the pistol or revolver from the wearer's back and permitting freedom of movement of both of the wearer's arms.

A further object of my invention is, to combine with the holster supporting sling or harness, cases or containers for cartridges, handcuffs and the like, which cases are conveniently supported at the wearer's side and the construction of the cases being such that they may be quickly opened to permit the removal of the cartridges and handcuffs and at the same time said cases being readily detachable from the holster supporting harness or sling.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, my invention consists in certain novel features of construction and arrangements of parts that will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which:

Fig. 1 is a front elevational view of my improved holster and supporting harness in position upon a wearer's body.

Fig. 2 is a rear elevation showing the harness or sling on a wearer's body.

Fig. 3 is an elevational view looking against the inside of the holster and showing the same applied to the shoulder supporting member that forms a part of the harness or sling.

Fig. 4 is a front elevational view of the holster.

Fig. 5 is a horizontal section taken on the line 5—5 of Fig. 3.

Fig. 6 is a horizontal section taken on the line 6—6 of Fig. 3.

Fig. 7 is a side elevational view of the holster and showing the same suspended from the wearer's belt.

Fig. 8 is an elevational view of the combined handcuff carrier and cartridge case or receptacle.

Fig. 9 is an elevational view of the combined handcuff receptacle and cartridge case.

Fig. 10 is an elevational view of a handcuff case and an adjustable sliding connection therefrom with the wearer's belt.

Fig. 11 is a modified form of the cartridge case or receptacle and its connection with the holster supporting harness.

Fig. 12 is a further modified form of the cartridge carrier and the connection between same and the holster supporting harness.

Fig. 13 is an elevational view of the holster and showing the same suspended from a steering post below the steering wheel of a motor vehicle.

Referring by numerals to the accompanying drawings which illustrate a preferred embodiment of my invention, 10 designates the holster which is of conventional shape and preferably constructed from a single piece of leather that is folded double to provide an inner wall 11 and an outer wall 12.

The lower ends of the walls 11 and 12 are secured to each other in any suitable manner, preferably by means of a row or rows of stitching 13 and the space between the walls 11 and 12 is open at the top and in front so as to permit the ready insertion and removal of the pistol.

A horizontally disposed U-shaped spring 14 of resilient metal is arranged on the interior of the holster and retained therein by an overlying section 15 of leather, the edges of which are stitched to the walls of the holster, thereby providing means for yieldingly engaging and holding the pistol that is carried in the holster.

When the pistol is removed from the holster by a forward movement between the forward edges of the side walls 11 and 12, the free ends of the

spring 14 spread apart to permit the passage of the pistol.

Positioned on the lower portion of the inner wall 11 of the holster, is a short vertically disposed strap 16, the lower end of which is secured to wall 12 in any suitable manner, preferably by a row or rows of stitching 17, and the upper end of this strap terminates in a short horizontally disposed extension 18 that passes through a vertically disposed slot 19 that is formed in wall 11 just below spring 14. This extension 18 which lies against the inner face of wall 11, is detachably connected to said wall by an ordinary snap fastener, which includes a stud and socket member and I prefer to locate the socket member 20 of this fastener on the wall 11.

This strap 16 provides means for establishing a convenient sliding connection between the lower portion of the holster and the belt of the wearer and the snap fastener between the extension 18 of the strap and the inner wall of the holster enables the upper portion of the strap to be readily unfastened to permit the disengagement of the lower portion of the holster from the belt.

Formed through the lower portion of the inner wall 11, adjacent to strap 16, is a vertically disposed slot 21 that affords a secondary means for the reception of the wearer's belt for the purpose of connecting the holster to said belt.

Formed through wall 11 adjacent to slot 21, is a shorter slot 22, which is for the reception of a strap that is utilized for suspending the holster from the steering post of a motor vehicle.

An integral portion of the inner wall 11 is extended downwardly against the inner face of said inner wall as designated by 23 and the lower end of this extension is secured to the wall 11 by a row or rows of stitching 24. This construction provides a horizontally disposed loop on the inner face of the upper portion of wall 11 and extending through said loop is the horizontal portion of a substantially L-shaped holster supporting member 25. This member is preferably formed of sole leather having a certain degree of flexibility and the projecting end of the horizontal arm of said member extends through a vertically disposed slot 26 that is formed in the upper portion of inner wall 11 of the holster.

Formed in wall 11 adjacent to slot 26 is a shorter slot 27 which is for the reception of a strap utilized in suspending the holster from a motor vehicle steering post.

The length of the horizontal arm of member 25 is such that the holster may be adjusted for a short distance lengthwise of said horizontal arm, thus enabling the holster to be moved rearwardly or forwardly on the wearer's side beneath the arm so as to conveniently position said holster.

Secured to the upper end of the vertical leg of the holster supporting member 25, is one end of a strap 28 that extends upwardly over the left shoulder of the wearer, thence inwardly to the center of the wearer's back between the shoulders, at which point it is detachably and adjustably connected to a short vertically disposed strap 29.

Detachably and adjustably connected to the lower end of strap 29 is one end of a strap 30, the opposite end of which carries a ring 31 and connecting said ring and the free end of the horizontal arm of member 25, is a strap 32 having a buckle 33, whereby the length of said strap may be readily adjusted.

The end of member 25 is provided with a slot 34 for the reception of strap 32.

The harness or sling includes a strap 35, which passes over the right shoulder of the wearer and one end of the strap is perforated as designated by 36 for the reception of a lacing 38 that also passes through perforations 37 in strap 28 and perforations (not shown) in the upper portion of strap 29. Thus the straps 28 and 35 are detachably and adjustably connected to the upper end of strap 29.

Strap 35 extends downward in front of the wearer's right shoulder to a point slightly below the armpit and from thence said strap extends around the wearer's right side, thence across the right hand portion of the wearer's back and the end of said strap is adjustably connected to the lower end of strap 29 by means of a lace 39 that passes through apertures 40 that are formed in the end of said strap 35 and through apertures in straps 29 and 30.

By adjustably connecting the ends of strap 35 with straps 28 and 30, the harness may be readily adjusted so as to rest comfortably upon the wearer's body and practically all the weight of the holster and pistol contained therein is supported from the wearer's back and shoulders.

Arranged for longitudinal sliding movement upon that portion of the strap 35 that passes beneath the right arm of the wearer, is a small plate or panel 41, preferably of leather and depending therefrom is a short strap 42 having a buckle 43 and the lower end of this strap carries a snap hook 44.

Engaged in this snap hook is a ring 45 that is carried by the upper end of a horizontally disposed loop 46 and which latter is mounted for sliding movement upon the belt of the wearer.

The sling or harness constructed as described may be readily adjusted so as to rest conveniently upon the wearer's body and the holster that is supported from member 25 may be adjusted backwardly or forwardly beneath the left arm of the wearer and the lower portion of the holster is connected to the wearer's belt by the strap 16 or if desired the belt may pass through the slot 21 and thus the lower portion of the holster is retained comfortably against the wearer's body without causing a bulge in the coat or wearer's outer garment.

Member 41 is mounted to slide freely on strap 35 and loop 46 is arranged to slide freely on the wearer's belt so that these parts and the connecting strap 42 may be adjusted so as to connect the harness to that portion of the belt that passes around the wearer's right side.

The supporting member 25 and the member 41 that is connected to the wearer's belt by strap 42, prevents the lower portions of the harness from binding beneath the arms and both arms at all times have freedom of movement.

The lower end of the inturned loop forming portion 23 of the inner wall of the holster provides a shoulder which tends to more firmly retain the pistol in proper position within the holster and by extending member 18 at the upper end of loop 16 through the slot 19 in the holster and detachably connecting the extension 18 to the wall of the holster by means of a snap fastener, a comparatively smooth outer surface is provided for the inner wall 11 of the holster, thus eliminating wear on the clothing and enabling the strap 16 to be readily detached to permit the lower portion of the holster to be disconnected from the wearer's belt.

In Fig. 7, I have illustrated the holster detached from the sling or harness and suspended from the wearer's belt so as to occupy a position directly against the wearer's hip and where the holster is thus carried the belt B passes through loop 23 and slot 26.

In Figs. 8 and 9, I have illustrated a carrier or case 47 for the reception of handcuffs H, said case or carrier being preferably formed of leather and formed in the upper portion of the rear wall of this case are vertically disposed slots 47a through which passes the strap 35. The handcuffs are retained in the case by means of strap 48, one end of which is secured to the upper portion of the rear wall of the case and the other end being detachably secured by means of a snap fastener 49 to the upper portion of the front wall of the case.

Suitably secured to the lower end of the handcuff case and depending therefrom, is a cartridge carrying case 50 open at its lower end to permit the cartridges to drop out by gravity and this lower end is normally closed by a flap 51, the free end of which is detachably secured to the lower portion of the front wall of the case by a snap fastener 52.

The lower end of a strap 53 is secured to the lower portion of the rear wall of the cartridge case and extends upwardly, thence through a slot 54 that is formed in the lower portion of the handcuff case and the upper end of this strap is detachably connected to the lower portion of the front wall of the cartridge case by a snap fastener 53a. When this attachment is worn with the harness or sling, the wearer's belt passes between strap 53 and the rear wall of the cartridge case.

Strap 53 may be readily detached from the handcuff case in order to permit the cartridge case to be detached from the wearer's belt. By unfastening snap fastener 52 and pulling flap 51 downward the cartridges contained in case 50 will drop by gravity into the hand of the user.

In the construction illustrated in Fig. 10 a handcuff carrying case 55 similar to the case 47 is mounted for sliding movement on strap 35 and the lower end of said case carries a ring 56, through which is looped a strap 57. The lower end of this strap carries a snap hook 58 that engages a ring 59 and the latter being secured to the top of a loop 60 that is mounted for sliding movement on the wearer's belt. If desired a strip of leather or fabric may be stitched on the front wall of the loop 60 for the purpose of providing cartridge receiving and holding loops.

In the construction illustrated in Fig. 11, a member 61, similar to member 41, is mounted for sliding movement on strap 35 and depending from said member is a strap 62 carrying at its lower end a cartridge case 63. The open lower end of the case is normally closed by a flap 64 that is detachably connected to the front wall of the cartridge case by a snap fastener 65 and carried by the rear wall of the cartridge case is a strap 66 that passes behind the wearer's belt and the upper portion of said strap being brought through a slot 67 that is formed through the extended upper portion of the rear wall of case 63 and said strap being detachably connected to said extension by a snap fastener 68.

In the construction illustrated in Fig. 12, a member 69 similar to member 61 is mounted for sliding movement on strap 35 and depending from said member is a strap 70 carrying at its lower end a snap hook 71 that engages a ring or loop 72 that projects upwardly from the cartridge carrying case 73. This cartridge case is mounted for sliding movement on the wearer's belt.

The constructions illustrated in Figures 10, 11 and 12 provide readily detachable and adjustable connections between the strap 35 and the wearer's belt and at the same time provide means for carrying handcuffs and cartridges.

In Fig. 13 the holster 10 is shown suspended from a motor vehicle steering post and where the holster is thus carried straps such as 32 and 42 may be detached from the harness or sling and utilized for suspending the holster from the steering post.

Where the holster is thus suspended, the straps pass through the slots 21 and 22 and 26 and 27.

Thus it will be seen that I have provided a pistol holster that is relatively simple in construction, inexpensive of manufacture and very effective in performing the functions for which it is intended.

The sling or harness that is utilized for suspending the holster beneath the wearer's arm is capable of being adjusted so as to fit conveniently and comfortably upon the wearer's body and by detachably connecting the lower portion of the holster to the wearer's belt, said holster is held close to the wearer's body and it may be readily adjusted forwardly or rearwardly as desired.

The strap 35 in combination with strap 28 prevents the upper rear portion of the harness from working upwardly onto the upper portion of the back and neck of the wearer and member 41, which is mounted to slide freely on a strap 35, prevents the latter strap from working upwardly beneath the arm of the wearer due to the connection of said member with the wearer's belt.

While I have shown and described my improved shoulder holster as being designed to be carried beneath the left arm of the wearer, it will be understood that practically the same construction with certain parts reversed, may be utilized by a lefthanded person for supporting the holster beneath the right arm.

It will be understood that minor changes in the size, form and construction of the various parts of my improved combined shoulder, hip and steering post holster may be made and substituted for those herein shown and described without departing from the spirit of the invention, the scope of which is set forth in the appended claims.

I claim as my invention:

1. A pistol holster, formed from a single piece of material bent double to form inner and outer walls, the lower ends of which walls are secured to each other, a strap having its lower portion secured to the outer face of the lower portion of the inner wall of said holster the inner wall of the holster provided with a slot for the reception of the upper end of said strap, means for detachably connecting the upper end of said strap to the inner face of the intermediate portion of said inner wall and a vertically disposed loop on the inner face of the upper portion of said inner wall.

2. A pistol holster, formed from a single piece of material bent double to form inner and outer walls, the lower portions of which walls are secured to each other, a vertically disposed strap having its lower portion secured to the lower portion of the inner wall of the holster, an extension projecting laterally from the upper end of said strap, the inner wall of the holster having a slot for the reception of said extension and readily releasable means for securing said extension to the inner face of said inner wall.

3. In a shoulder supporting holster, a substantially L-shaped member strap secured to the ends of said L-shaped member for supporting the same upon a wearer's body, a pistol receiving holster, a loop on the upper portion of one of the walls of said holster, which loop receives and slides freely upon the horizontal leg of said L-shaped member, a strap on the lower portion of the inner wall of said holster the inner wall of the holster having a slot through which passes the upper portion of said strap and readily releasable means for connecting the upper end of said strap to the inner face of the inner wall of said holster.

4. In a shoulder supported holster, a harness comprising a short strap adapted to occupy a vertical position on the back of the wearer between the shoulders a strap adapted to pass over one shoulder of the wearer one end of which strap is detachably and adjustably secured to the upper end of said short strap, an L-shaped member connected to the other end of said strap, means for adjustably connecting the other end of said L-shaped member to the lower end of said vertically disposed strap, a pistol receiving holster arranged to slide freely lengthwise upon the horizontal portion of said L-shaped member and a second strap adapted to pass around the other shoulder of the wearer, the ends of said second mentioned strap being adjustably and detachably connected to the end portions of said short vertically disposed strap.

5. In a shoulder supported holster, a harness comprising a short strap adapted to occupy a vertical position on the back of the wearer between the shoulders, a strap adapted to pass over one shoulder of the wearer, one end of which strap is detachably and adjustably secured to the upper end of said short strap, an L-shaped member connected to the other end of said strap, means for adjustably connecting the other end of said L-shaped member to the lower end of said vertically disposed strap, a pistol receiving holster arranged to slide freely lengthwise upon the horizontal portion of said L-shaped member, a second strap adapted to pass around the other shoulder of the wearer, the ends of said second mentioned strap being adjustably and detachably connected to the end portions of said short vertically disposed strap and means adjustably mounted on the second mentioned strap for engaging the belt of the wearer.

6. In a shoulder supported holster, a harness comprising a short strap adapted to occupy a vertical position on the back of the wearer between the shoulders, a strap adapted to pass over one of the shoulders of the wearer, one end of which strap is detachably and adjustably secured to the upper end of said short strap, an L-shaped member secured to one end of said strap, adjustable means for detachably connecting the other end of said strap to the other end of said L-shaped member, a pistol receiving holster mounted to slide freely lengthwise upon the horizontal portion of said L-shaped member, readily releasable means on the lower portion of the holster for engaging the belt of the wearer, a second strap adapted to pass around the other shoulder of the wearer, the ends of said second mentioned strap being detachably and adjustably connected to the end portions of the short vertically disposed strap that overlies the back of the wearer and readily releasable means mounted for adjustment on said second mentioned strap for engaging the belt of the wearer.

7. A pistol holster, formed from a single piece of material bent double to form inner and outer walls, the lower portions of which walls are secured to each other, a vertically disposed strap positioned on the lower portion of the outer face of the inner wall of the holster, one end of which strap is permanently secured to the holster wall, the other end of said strap being detachably secured to the holster wall, a horizontally disposed loop on the inner face of the upper portion of the inner wall of the holster, said strap and loop adapted to receive straps that support the holster on the body of the wearer and there being slots formed through the inner wall of the holster adjacent said strap and loop for the reception of straps that support the holster on the wearer's body.

8. In a shoulder supported holster, a harness comprising a short strap adapted to occupy a vertical position on the back of the wearer between the shoulders, a shoulder encircling strap having both ends detachably and adjustably connected to said short vertically disposed strap, a strap adapted to pass over the other shoulder of the wearer, one end of which last mentioned strap is adjustably connected to the upper portion of the short vertically disposed strap, a substantially L-shaped member connected to the other end of said last mentioned strap and adapted to occupy a position beneath the arm of the wearer, adjustable means connecting the end of the horizontal arm of said L-shaped member to the lower portion of the short vertically disposed strap, a pistol receiving holster mounted to slide freely on the horizontal portion of said L-shaped member, a belt receiving loop mounted on the lower portion of the outer face of the inner wall of said holster, one end of which loop is detachably connected to the holster wall, a member mounted to slide upon the intermediate portion of the first mention shoulder encircling strap, a belt receiving loop and an adjustable strap connecting said belt receiving loop with said sliding member.

9. In a shoulder supported holster, a harness comprising a short vertically disposed strap adapted to occupy a position on the back of the wearer between the shoulders, a shoulder encircling strap having its ends detachably and adjustably connected to the end portions of said vertically disposed strap, a longitudinally adjustable shoulder encircling strap having its ends detachably and adjustably connected to said vertically disposed strap, an L-shaped member forming a part of said longitudinally adjustable strap and adapted to occupy a position beneath one of the arms of the wearer, a pistol receiving holster adjustably mounted on the horizontal arm of said L-shaped member, means on said holster for engaging the belt of the wearer, a member mounted for sliding movement on the first mentioned shoulder encircling strap, an adjustable flexible member depending from said sliding member and a belt receiving loop carried by the lower end of said depending adjustable member.

10. The combination with a sling or harness, comprising a short strap adapted to occupy a vertical position upon the wearer's back between the shoulders and a pair of shoulder encircling straps, the ends of which are detachably and adjustably connected to said short vertically disposed strap, of a substantially L-shaped member forming a part of one of the shoulder encircling straps of the sling or harness and adapted to occupy a position beneath one of the arms of the wearer and a pistol receiving holster mounted to slide

freely lengthwise upon the horizontal leg of said L-shaped member.

11. The combination with a sling or harness, comprising a short strap adapted to occupy a vertical position upon the wearer's back between the shoulders and a pair of shoulder encircling straps, the ends of which are detachably and adjustably connected to said short vertically disposed strap, of a substantially L-shaped member forming a part of one of the shoulder encircling straps of the sling or harness and adapted to occupy a position beneath one of the arms of the wearer, a pistol receiving holster mounted to slide freely lengthwise upon the horizontal leg of said L-shaped member and a belt engaging strap secured to the lower portion of the inner wall of the holster.

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