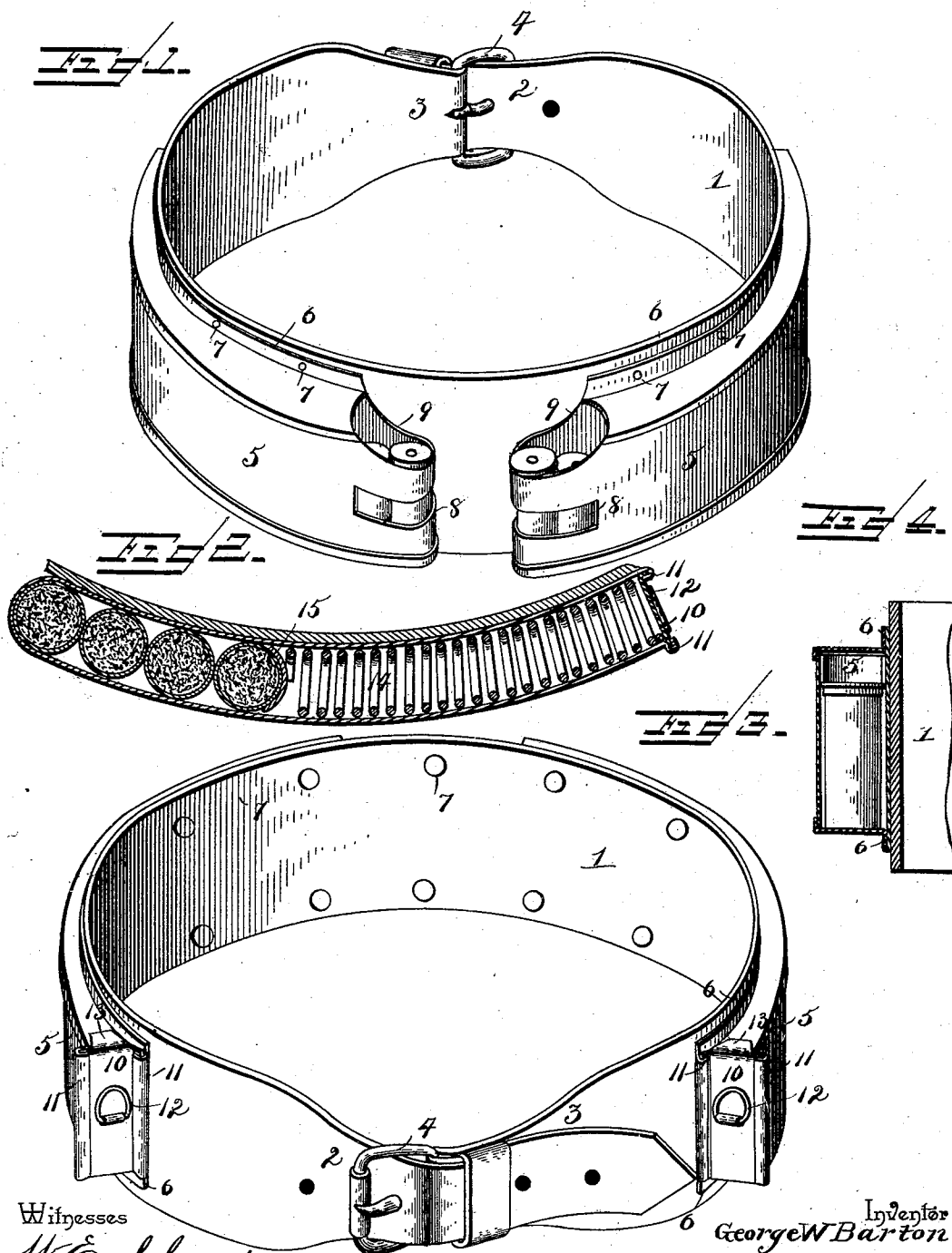


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. BARTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bethlehem, in the county of Henry and State of Kentucky, have invented a new and useful Cartridge-Belt, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in cartridge-belts; the objects in view being to provide a belt that may be conveniently worn about the waist of a sportsman or soldier for the purpose of retaining in convenient and accessible position a series of cartridges, and to preserve the same against the weather.

Further objects of the invention are to so construct the device as to be self-supporting, that is, so as not to require shoulder-straps for its support; and also to adapt the same to serve as a convenient rest for the arm while supporting the gun or piece.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in certain features of construction hereinafter specified and particularly pointed out in the claims.

Referring to the drawings:—Figure 1 is a perspective view of a cartridge-belt or holder constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the same. Fig. 3 is a rear perspective. Fig. 4 is a transverse sectional view.

Like numerals of reference indicate like parts in all the figures of the drawings.

In practicing my invention I employ a leather belt 1, the same being greater in width than the length of the cartridge which it is to support and therefore incapable of cutting or becoming uncomfortable while being carried. Toward its rear ends the belt is reduced to form securing-straps 2 and 3 the former terminating in a buckle 4 and the latter having a series of holes into which the tongue of the buckle may be adjusted.

Secured to the sides of the belt at equidistant points from the front center are curved cartridge-boxes 5, the same being preferably formed of light metal and curved to conform to the shape or contour of the waist of the person. These boxes 5 are oblong in cross-section and somewhat greater in width than the length of the cartridge which they are to ac-

commodate. The opposite upper and lower edges of the boxes are provided with flanges 6, and through the same and into the belt are passed rivets 7 whereby the boxes are secured in position. The front or adjacent ends of the boxes are rounded and provided with finger-slots 8 between their ends which extend back some distance into the boxes and have their upper corners removed to form openings 9. The rear ends of the boxes are provided with sliding covers 10, whose edges take into ways 11 with which the boxes are provided, said covers having rings 12 upon their rear sides by which they may be raised and lowered and having their upper ends bent to form stops 13 which overlap or rest upon the boxes as shown.

Located in each of the boxes is a coiled-spring 14, the said spring having its coils made in the shape of the box in cross-section, that is, oblong, at their rear ends being designed to rest against the covers 10, and at their front ends secured to curved follower-plates 15. This completes the construction of the belt, and the same is adapted, as before stated, to fit the waist of the wearer, being buckled in the back so that the two exit ends are directly in front of the wearer and within convenient reach of his hands. It will be seen that the follower being influenced by the spring will at all times press the line of cartridges toward the front so that one cartridge in each box will always be directly under and in position to be readily grasped by the thumb and finger and withdrawn. In filling the boxes the forefinger is employed to press the line of cartridges back for the reception of the next succeeding cartridge, said forefinger being inserted in the slot 8 which is provided for that purpose.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that I have provided a very cheap and simple belt or cartridge-holder, the same being designed to receive a number of cartridges and to feed them automatically to a position where they may be withdrawn, and that said cartridges are preserved against the weather and out of the way, their weight being distributed around the waist. When the gun or piece is not in use, the user will find the boxes

very convenient to rest his elbow upon in supporting the piece, the same being very restful.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. The combination with the belt adapted to encircle the waist of the person, of the opposite cartridge-receiving boxes, the same being curved to approximate the shape of the waist, coiled springs located in the boxes, follower-plates at the front ends of said springs, openings formed in the upper front corners of the boxes, and slots located below the openings, and extending longitudinal the boxes substantially as specified.

2. The combination with the belt terminating in the securing-straps, of the opposite metal boxes curved to conform to or approxi-

mate the shape of the waist of the wearer, said boxes being provided at their rear ends with ways, sliding covers mounted in the ways, the front ends of the boxes being rounded and provided between their edges with slots, and at their upper corners with exit-openings, coiled springs resting against the covers, and follower-plates curved to conform to the cartridge located in front of the springs and secured thereto, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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