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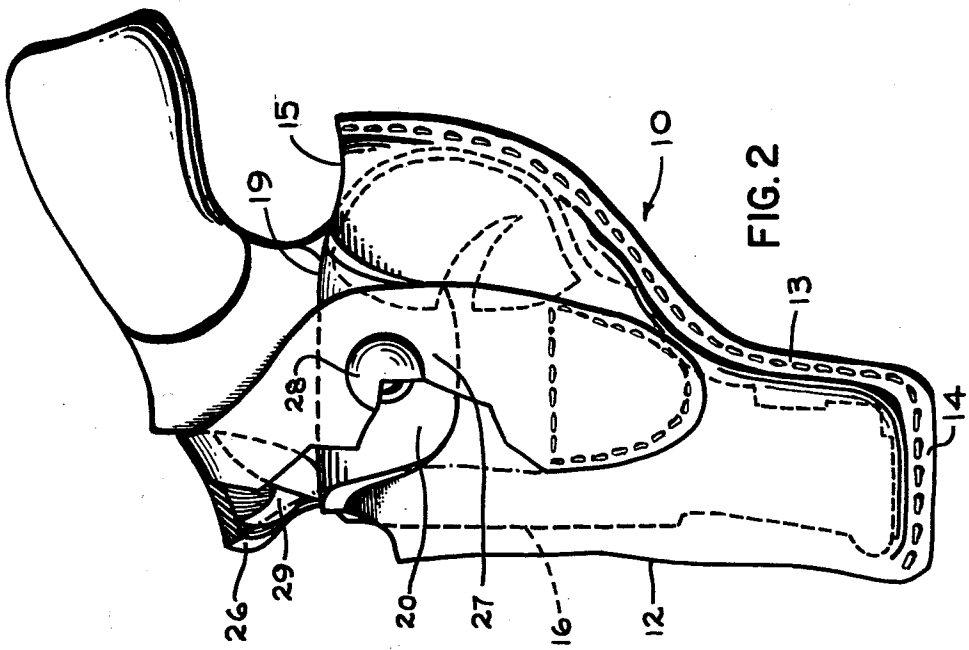


FIG. 2

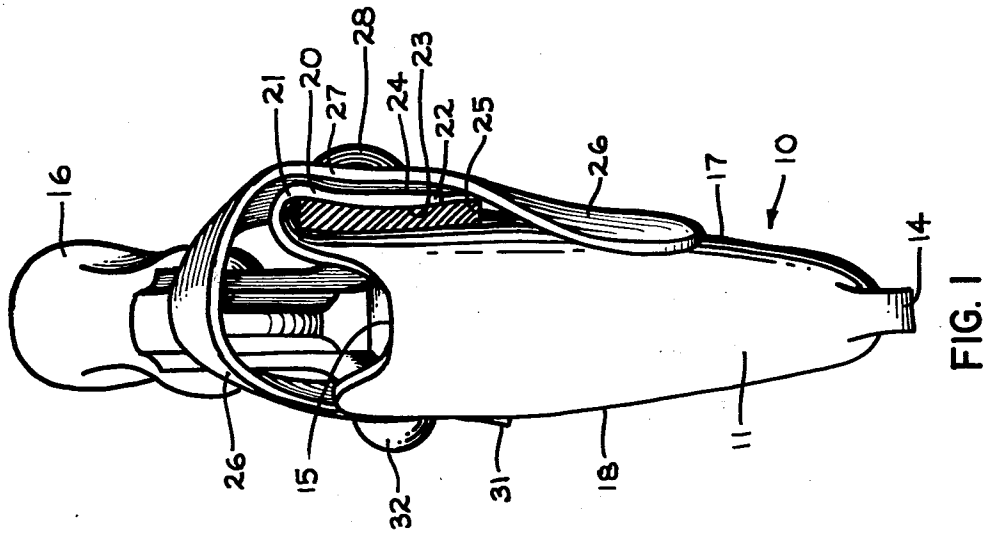


FIG. 1

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This invention relates to holsters, and more particularly to holsters of the type carried on a belt.

The object of this invention is to provide a holster of the class described which fits snugly on the belt against the side of a person wearing the holster.

As a feature of this invention whereby the object thereof is achieved, the closure flap, which retains the gun in the holster and prevents accidental firing, passes between the side of the wearer and the belt such that when the flap is snapped in place, the engagement of the flap with the gun draws the holster tightly against the belt.

The more important feature of this invention has thus been outlined rather broadly in order that the detailed description thereof that follows may be better understood, and in order that the contribution to the art may be better appreciated. There are, of course, additional features of the invention that will be described hereinafter and which will also form the subject of the claims appended hereto. Those skilled in the art will appreciate that the conception upon which this disclosure is based may readily be utilized as a basis for designing other structures for carrying out the several purposes of this invention. It is important, therefore, that the claims to be granted herein shall be of sufficient breadth to prevent the appropriation of this invention by those skilled in the art.

In the drawing:

FIGURE 1 shows a front view of the holster showing it connected to a belt and illustrating how engagement of the closure flap of the holster with the hammer of the gun helps the holster to be snugly attached to the belt.

FIGURE 2 is a view of the holster from the side facing the wearer and showing details of construction of the holster.

Referring to FIGURE 1, gun holster **10** has pocket **11** formed of a single piece of leather that is folded upon itself at the front **12** of the holster and stitched as at **13** on three sides to define a closed end **14** and an open end **15**. Pistol **16** is inserted into the open end **15** of the pocket.

Pocket **11** has one side **17** which faces the wearer at an opposite side **18** that faces away from the wearer. At the edge **19** of side **17** that defines a part of open end **15** is belt flap **20** integral therewith. Belt flap **20** is bent outwardly from side **19** as shown in FIGURE 1 at **21** and extends toward closed end **14** of the pocket on the exterior thereof. Flap **20** terminates in free end **22**, and has belt engaging surface **23** on one side and exposed surface **24** on the opposite side. Belt engaging surface **23** faces side **17** of the pocket and is closely adjacent thereto, so that belt **25** can normally pass between side **17** and surface **23**. The connection at **21** rests on the top edge of the belt and limits movement of the holster relative to the belt in one direction.

Closure flap **26** is also connected to side **17** of the pocket adjacent free end **22** of flap **20** but slightly closer to closed end **14**. Flap **26** extends toward open end **15** and has a portion **27** engaging exposed surface **24** of belt flap **20**. A conventional snap fastener **28** on surface **24** and on portion **27** releasably connects the closure flap to the belt flap as shown in FIGURE 1. Beyond portion

27, closure flap **26** passes across open end **15** of the pocket into engagement with hammer **29** of piston **16**. Beyond engagement with hammer **29**, the free end **31** of flap **26** passes into engagement with side **18** of the pocket. A conventional snap fastener **32** on side **18** and the free end **31** of flap **26** releasably connects the closure flap to the pocket.

In order to attach the holster to a belt, the wearer releases fasteners **28** and **32**. Free end **31** of flap **26** is inserted between the body of the wearer and the belt, and the holster pulled upwardly until the belt passes between surface **24** and portion **27**. Belt **25** can then be placed between side **17** and surface **23** as shown in FIGURE 1. Fastener **28** is then attached together thereby retaining the holster on the belt. When pistol **16** is inserted into open end **15** of the holster, flap **26** can then be turned over the open end and into engagement with hammer **29**. Then, when fastener **32** is attached, portion **27** of flap **26** is tightly drawn toward side **17** thereby snugly holding the holster to the belt of the wearer.

What is claimed is:

1. A gun holster comprising a pocket having a closed end and an open end, a belt flap integral with one side of the pocket at the open end thereof, said belt flap extending toward the closed end of the pocket on the outside thereof and terminating in a free end, said belt flap having a belt engaging surface on one side and an exposed surface on the opposite side, said belt engaging surface being adjacent said pocket, a closure flap connected to the exterior of said one side of the pocket closer to the closed end of the pocket than the free end of said belt flap, said closure flap extending toward the open end of said pocket and having a portion engaging the exposed surface of said flap, and releasable fastener means on the exposed surface of said flap and on said portion of the closure flap whereby the belt flap is releasably connected to the closure flap in order to mount the pocket on a belt, said closure flap passing across the open end of said pocket into releasable engagement with the opposite side of the pocket for retaining a gun in the holster.

2. A gun holster comprising a pocket having a closed end and an open end, a belt flap having one end connected to one side of the pocket at the open end thereof, said belt flap extending toward the closed end of the pocket on the outside thereof, said belt flap terminating in a free end and having a belt engaging surface on one side and an exposed surface on the opposite side, said belt engaging surface being adjacent said pocket, a closure flap connected to the exterior of said one side of the pocket adjacent the free end of said belt flap, said closure flap extending toward the open end of said pocket and having a portion engaging the exposed surface of said flap, said closure flap passing across the open end of said pocket into releasable engagement with the opposite side of the pocket, and releasable fastener means on the exposed surface of said flap and on said portion of the closure flap whereby the belt flap and closure flap can be releasably connected to mount the pocket on a belt.

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