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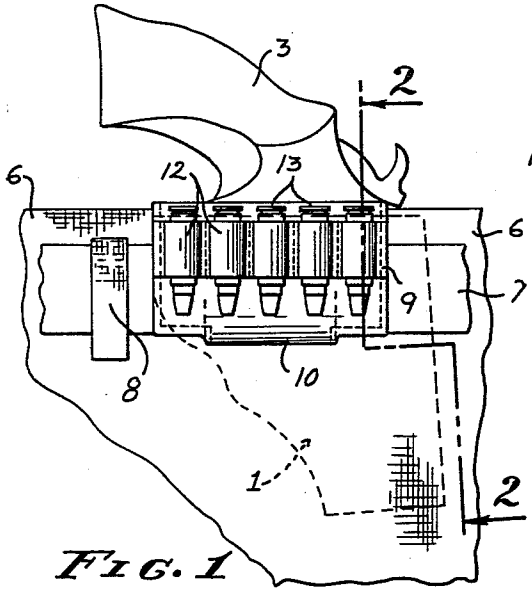


FIG. 1

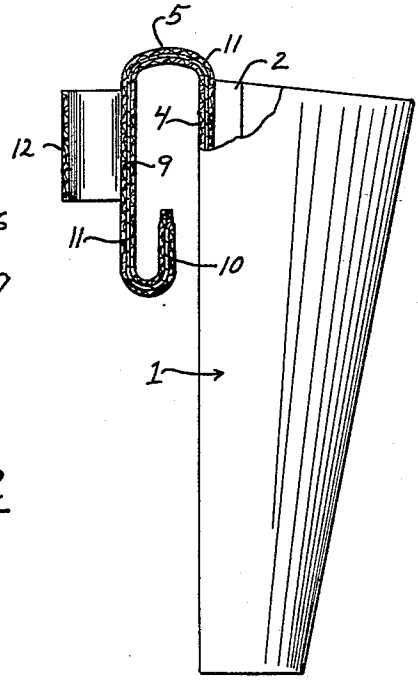


FIG. 2

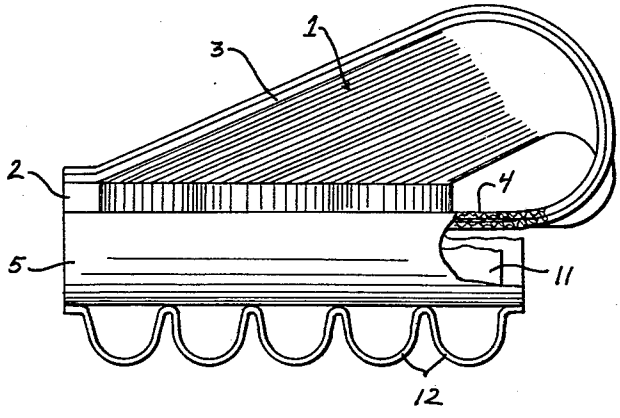


FIG. 3

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This invention relates to pistol holsters and included in the objects of this invention are:

First, to provide a pistol holster which is adapted to fit between the trousers and shirt of the user and includes novel means for hooking engagement with the belt so that the holster is retained in place when the pistol is withdrawn.

Second, to provide a pistol holster in which the pistol is normally secured in place within the holster by the pressure of the user's abdomen against the pistol and holster, but is readily freed by the involuntary tensing of the abdominal muscles on drawing the pistol from the holster.

Third, to provide a pistol holster which is particularly adapted for short bore pistols of the type commonly carried by plainclothes police officers, and which incorporates means for carrying extra rounds of ammunition.

With the above and other objects in view, as will appear hereinafter, reference is directed to the accompanying drawings in which:

FIGURE 1 is a fragmentary view showing the upper portion of a pair of trousers and the trouser belt and showing the holster by broken lines behind the trousers and its retaining means by solid lines in front of the trousers and showing further the upper portion of a pistol as it appears when positioned in the holster.

FIGURE 2 is an enlarged partial sectional partial end view of the holster and its retaining means taken through 2—2 of FIGURE 1 and with the pistol omitted.

FIGURE 3 is a top or plan view of the holster structure with portions broken away and in section.

The holster structure includes a holster member **1** formed of leather preferably of two-ply leather folded to form an open loop which is larger at the upper end of the holster member then tapers downwardly therefrom. The two ends of the leather laminations from which the holster member is formed are joined to a spacer strip **2** which is contoured in conformity with the trigger guard of the pistol and the under side of the barrel thereof. The holster member is adapted to receive a pistol **3** with the handle thereof projecting above the holster member as shown in FIGURE 1.

The upper end of the holster member includes two relatively flat or straight portions **3** and **4** which diverge from the spacer strip **2**. Formed integrally with the flat portion **4** which constitutes the outer side of the holster member is a bridging web **5** which extends substantially the length of this flat side. The bridging web is adapted, when the holster member is inserted behind the upper portion of a pair of trousers **6**, to overlie the upper margin of the trousers. The bridging web also extends over the conventional belt **7** which is threaded through belt loops **8** adjacent the upper margin of the trousers. The outer extremity of the bridging web **5** is joined integrally with a downwardly extending panel **9**. The panel **9** terminates in a hook portion **10** which passes under the belt **7** and extends upwardly between the belt and the trousers. The retainer structure comprising the bridging web **5**, panel **9** and hook **10** is preferably formed of two plies of leather in the manner of the holster member **1**. Interposed between the two plies of leather is a reinforcing plate **11** which extends from the hook **10** across the panel **9** and bridging web **5** and into the holster member **1** as shown in FIGURE 2. The margins of the leather plies extend slightly beyond the reinforcing plate **11** so that they may be sewn together and completely encase the reinforcing plate. The reinforcing plate is preferably formed of steel or aluminum or other relatively rigid metal.

Attached to the panel **9** at spaced points is a leather strip which forms a plurality of ammunition loops **12**. In the construction illustrated five such loops are provided and each is adapted to receive a cartridge **13**.

As shown in FIGURE 1 the holster member **1** is adapted to fit between the upper portion of the trousers and the body of the wearer. The holster is prevented from descending behind the trousers by reason of the bridging web **5**. The holster is also prevented from being lifted from the trousers by the hook **10**. The hook **10**, however, terminates short of the bridging web **5** a sufficient distance so that the retaining means may be forced downward by compressing the upper margin of the trousers until the hook **10** disengages the belt. Thus, the holster structure may be readily removed when desired without removing the belt. However, the retaining means securely holds the holster member from being raised when the pistol **3** is withdrawn therefrom.

It will be noted that the holster is particularly designed for the short barrel type of piston commonly worn by detectives and plainclothes men. Under normal conditions the pressure of the body outwardly against the holster and the protruding portion of the pistol insures retention of the pistol in its holster. At the time of withdrawing of the pistol the body muscles may be tensioned so as to reduce the pressure on the pistol and holster and facilitate withdrawal of the pistol.

While particular embodiments of this invention have been shown and described, it is not intended to limit the same to the exact details of the constructions set forth, and it embraces such changes, modifications, and equivalents of the parts and their formation and arrangement as come within the purview of the appended claim.

What is claimed is:

In combination, a pistol holster suspended within the waist portion of trousers having a belt below the upper edge thereof, said pistol holster comprising:

(*a*) a holster sheet open folded upon itself;

(*b*) a narrow spacer strip extending along and interposed between only the folded extremities of said holster sheet to space said extremities apart and define therewith an edge of a pistol-receiving cavity having a large upper end opening and a small lower end opening;

(*c*) said holster sheet forming at least one flat wall extending from said spacer strip;

(*d*) an integral trouser top and belt-bridging web continuing upwardly and outwardly from said wall;

(*e*) an integral panel continuing downwardly from said web parallel to and spaced from said wall and overlying the outside of said waistband and belt;

(*f*) an integral belt-hooking element continuing from said panel upwardly between and spaced from said

panel and said wall and extending upwardly between said belt and waistband with the upper end of said hooking element being spaced downwardly from said bridging element a distance substantially equal to the width of said belt;

(*g*) and a continuous rigid reinforcing member disposed within said wall of the holster sheet and extending therefrom through said web, panel, and hooking element to maintain said web, panel, and hooking element in rigid relation to said holster wall.

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