This invention aims to provide a cheap and simply constructed holder which may be employed for holding either a magazine or a plurality of clipped shells, so that either may be quickly removed from the holder with one hand.

Having thus briefly and broadly stated the purpose of the invention I will now proceed to describe the same more fully from which the advantages will quickly be apparent.

The invention is described with the aid of the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 illustrates a front elevation of the invention.

Figure 2 is a side elevation showing a magazine in position and a portion of a belt.

Figure 3 is a rear view of the holder, and Figure 4 is a section on the line 4—4 of Figure 1, but showing a holder with a somewhat differently shaped body.

Figure 5 shows a slightly modified construction with a plurality of clipped shells supported therein.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates the body of a holder the vertical sides 2 of which are forwardly and inwardly flexed to form receiving grooves 3 for the sides of a magazine 4 or the end shells 4 of a plurality clipped together as shown in Figure 5. On the underside of the holder, and towards the sides of the latter are forwardly extending stops 5 to receive the underside of the clip shells or the magazine. The stops do not usually project forwardly the full width of the holder.

Substantially centrally at the upper end of the holder, and usually integral with the latter, is an extension piece 6, which is folded rearwardly and downwardly against the back of the holder and is then flexed forwardly again around the lower margin of the latter between the stops 5, as indicated at 7. Intermediate of its length this extension piece is so shaped as to form a loop 8 for the passage of a belt 9.

In Figures 1, 2, 3 and 4, 10 designates a spring secured to the inner side of the holder as by a rivet 11. This spring is so placed that it exerts outward pressure against the side of the magazine and holds the latter frictionally against the inwardly extending portions of the vertical sides 2. It will be noted that the stops 5 are so positioned, one towards each side of the holder, that there is ample room to exert upward pressure with one's finger on the underside of the magazine so that it may be quickly and easily withdrawn. In Figure 5 where a plurality of clipped shells are shown instead of a magazine the gripping end of the spring 10 must be wide enough to bear against several shells as there would be a tendency for a narrow spring to force one of the shells out of its clip.

In Figures 1, 2, and 3 it will be noted that the body of the holder is flat, whereas in Figure 4 the portion 1 of the body projects slightly forward. This form of construction is sometimes employed when the rivets 11 have thick heads, in order to provide clearance between the latter and the side of the magazine or the clipped shells.

While in the foregoing the preferred forms of construction have been described and shown, it is understood that alterations and modifications may be made thereto, provided these alterations and modifications fall within the scope of the appended claims.

What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A holder of the character described having forwardly and inwardly flexed sides adapted to form guides for the end shells in a clip, forwardly extending stops on the lower end of holder, said stops being adapted to support the lower ends of said clipped shells, a spring one extremity of which is secured to the inner side of said holder towards its upper end having lateral extensions at its opposite end so that said opposite end is adapted to bear against several of the clipped shells and hold them frictionally against said guides, and an extension integral with said holder at its upper end which is flexed rearwardly and downwardly adjacent to the rear of said holder so as to form a loop for a belt therebetween, the end of said extension being bent forwardly around the lower end of said holder.

2. A holder of the character described having forwardly and inwardly flexed sides which form guides adapted to receive portions of shells, means adjacent the lower mar-
gin of said holder for preventing said shell from falling downwardly through said holder, a spring secured to said holder adapted to hold said shells frictionally against said guides, and an extension portion integral with the upper end of said holder folded downwards against the side of the latter remote from said spring having its extremity flexed forwardly around the lower margin of said holder, said extension being spaced from said holder for a portion of its length to form a loop between it and the side of said holder.

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