

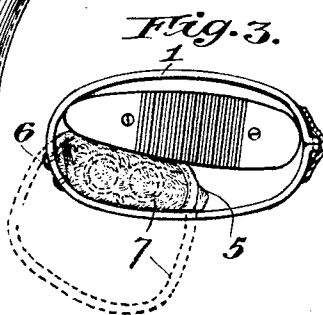
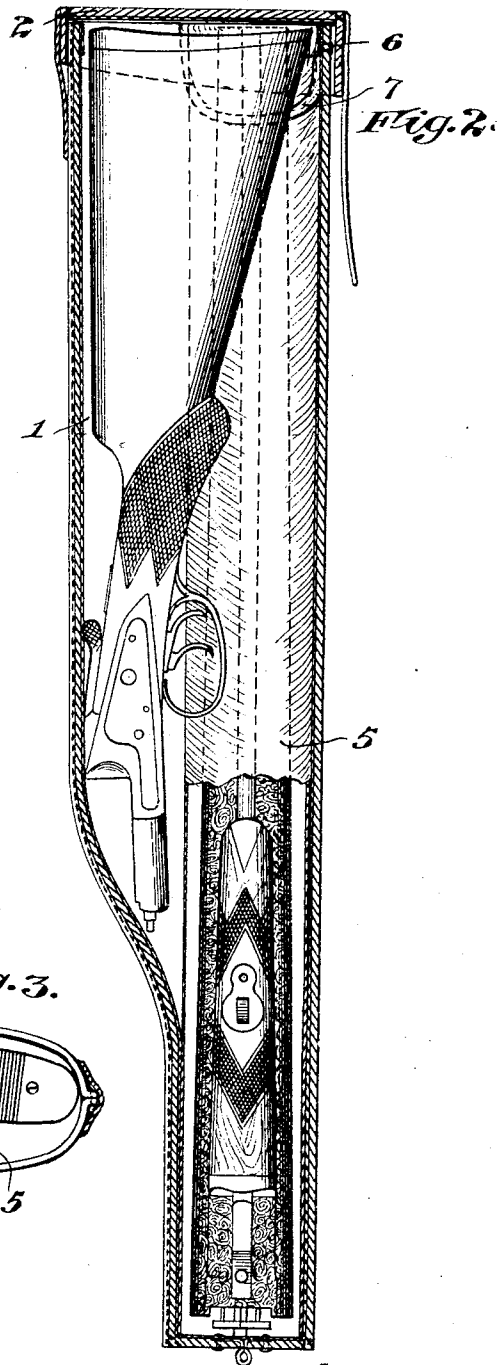
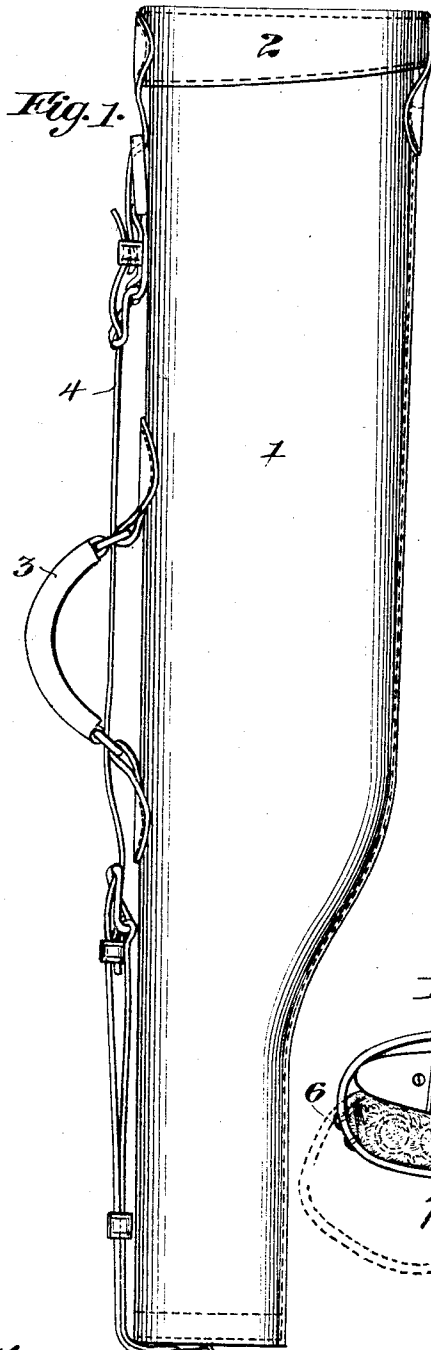
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GUN-CASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK L. SHELDON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Chicago, Cook county, Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Gun-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to gun-cases, and more particularly to a hand-case for holding the parts of a gun in knocked-down condition for transportation or storage.

Among the salient objects of my invention are to provide a gun-case of fixed form and dimensions, said case being not longer than the barrels of the gun to be contained therein nor wider nor thicker, respectively, than the widest and thickest portions of the gun-stock; to provide a case of such dimensions with a partition member of soft flexible material, forming a pocket to receive the barrels of the gun and adapted to fold about the same to form a padding between the stock and barrels, whereby said stock and said barrels may be placed in the case in overlapping or interfitting relation to each other, thus making it possible to construct a gun-case of substantially less cross-sectional area than where a partition of stiff material is used to divide the case into two longitudinally-extending chambers, for the reason that no portion of the stock can overlap any portion of the barrels when a stiff partition is used, but, on the contrary, they must be wholly on opposite sides of the plane of the partition, and to provide a gun-case of the character referred to which is simple, convenient, durable, and economical to manufacture.

In the accompanying drawings, illustrating one embodiment of the invention, Figure 1 is a side elevation of the invention. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the case, showing the arrangement of the gun therein; and Fig. 3 is a view looking into the open end of the case with the gun in position.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates as a whole a gun-case embodying the invention and is provided with the usual cap or cover 2, a handle 3, and an adjustable carrying-strap 4. Said case may be made of any suitable material, but preferably of leather, and its

form is substantially that shown in the drawings, being of a uniform thickness and reduced toward one end as to its width in the usual manner. The width of the case at its widest portion, however, is substantially the same on its interior as the widest portion of the gun-stock to be held therein, while at its narrowest end it is substantially the same as the widest portion of the gun-barrels.

5 designates a longitudinally-extending pocket or sack made of any tough suitable fabric, preferably of the same material with which the case is lined and secured therein along the long straight side of the case by means of rivets 6 or in any other desirable manner, as by a seam along one edge thereof, the manner of securing it within the case not being material. Said pocket or sack is sufficiently large to receive the gun-barrels, the larger end or breech first, and extends the full length of the case. At the mouth or opening thereof said pocket is provided with a flap adapted to be folded over the end thereof in the manner indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 2. After the barrels have been thus put into place and the flap turned over the ends thereof the stock is passed into the case in the position shown in Fig. 2, from which it will be understood that the stock goes into place with a slight wedging effect until it rests snugly and securely in the position indicated.

An important feature of the invention is the fact that the soft-fabric pocket or sack 5, while large enough to admit the breech of the barrels and the necessary coupling mechanism thereon, is of such material and so arranged that it folds upon and around the barrels in a comparatively flat manner and constitutes a padding between the barrels and the stock to prevent injurious contact therebetween, as well as to prevent rattling. By this construction and arrangement both the stock and the barrels are made to occupy a space no wider than is necessary for the stock, no thicker than is required for the thickest portion of the stock at the striker-casing, and no longer than the actual length of the barrels.

It is obvious that modifications in details can be made without departing from the spirit of

the invention, and I do not, therefore, limit the invention to these details except in so far as they are made the subject-matter of specific claims.

5 I claim—

1. A gun-case of fixed form and dimensions provided therein with a longitudinally-extending member of soft flexible material forming a pocket for the barrels of a gun, said pocket
10 being not less, appreciably, in cross-sectional area at the smallest end of said case than the interior cross-sectional area of the case at its smallest portion.

2. A gun-case of fixed form and dimensions
15 provided therein with a longitudinally-extending member of soft flexible material forming a pocket for the barrels of a gun, said pocket being throughout its length not less, appreciably, in cross-sectional area than the interior
20 cross-sectional area of the smallest part of said case, and a cap or closure for the open end of said case.

3. A gun-case of relatively stiff material and of fixed form and dimensions having one end
25 open to receive the stock and barrels of a gun, a longitudinally-extending pocket or sack of soft flexible material secured therein to receive the barrels of a gun, said pocket or sack being of substantially the same cross-sectional area
30 as the cross-sectional area interiorly of the smallest portion of said case, a closing-flap for said pocket, and a cap or closure for said case.

4. A gun-case of fixed form and dimensions, and having a widened portion of substantially the same length as the stock of the gun to be
35 contained therein and of a cross-sectional area substantially the same as the extreme width and thickness of said stock, said widened portion terminating in a reduced extension of the same cross-sectional area, substantially, as the
40 largest part of the barrel portion of said gun, and a longitudinally-extending pocket of soft flexible material and of the same cross-sectional area as the interior of said extension, substantially as described. 45

5. A gun-case of fixed form and dimensions, the cross-sectional area of which is substantially the same as that of the gun-stock and the length of which is substantially the same
50 as the length of the barrels of the gun to be contained therein, and a soft flexible member mounted within said case and adapted to fold about said barrels and form a padding between said barrels and said stock as the two
55 are placed in said case in an overlapping and interfitting position relative to each other, substantially as described.

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