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GUN SLING

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FIG. 1.

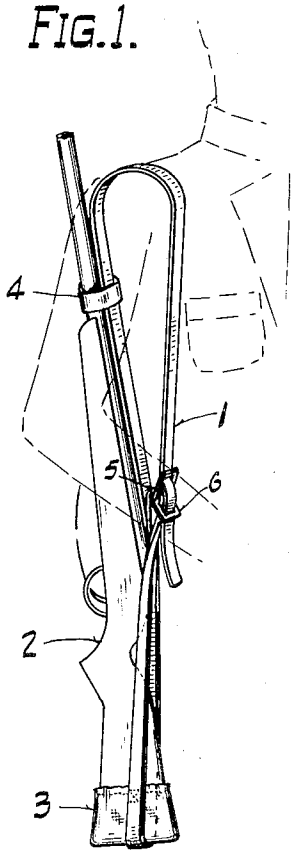


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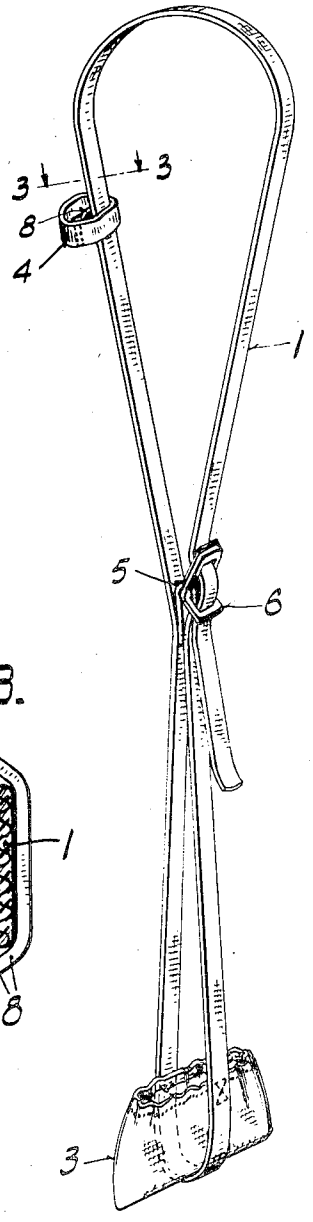


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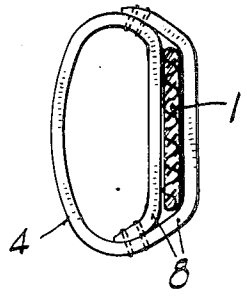
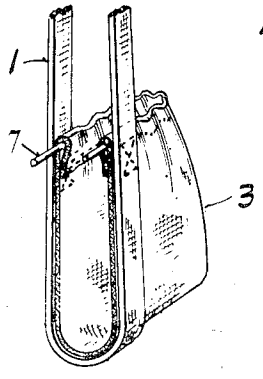


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This invention relates to a sling for carrying or supporting guns.

One object of the invention is to provide a gun sling which may be employed to carry guns of various makes and size including shot guns, rifles, and the like.

Another object is to provide a gun sling which is readily changed from one gun to another and does not require any permanent connection on the gun with which it is used.

A further object is to provide a gun sling which can be folded and retained in a pocket without inconvenience or bulkiness.

In general, the invention is directed to a strap adjustable in length and constructed to slip over a man's shoulder and support a gun therefrom by an elastically supported member receiving the stock of the gun and a slidable ring-like member which slips over the barrel of the gun.

Other objects of the invention will appear hereinafter in connection with the following description of a drawing illustrating an embodiment of the invention.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating a gun supported from a man's shoulder by the sling of the invention;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the sling itself;

Fig. 3 is a view taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 2; and

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the pouch with parts broken away and sectioned.

The gun sling shown in the drawings to illustrate the invention comprises generally a strap 1 fitting over the shoulder of a man carrying the gun 2 as shown in Fig. 1, a pouch 3 receiving the stock of gun 2, and a ring member 4 which fits around the barrel of gun 2.

Strap 1 may be made of material such as a heavy canvas or leather and is of a width to support a gun on a man's shoulder without discomfort.

Strap 1 is made up of two loops, an upper loop adjustable in size and which fits over the shoulder of the bearer, and a lower loop fixed in size and which enables the strap to pass on each side of the gun stock down to pouch 3 which receives the stock of the gun 2.

The lower loop of strap 1 is provided by doubling over one end portion of the strap. The doubled back end portion is secured together and to the body of the strap substantially midway of the ends of the strap by sewing or by rivets. The doubled end portion reinforces the strap at the strap joint where the doubled end portion is

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secured to the body of the strap and at the same time provides the small loop 5.

Loop 5 confines a buckle 6 which is provided to receive the other end of strap 1 to form the upper loop engaging the shoulder of the individual carrying the gun. The doubled end portion and the body of strap 1 prevents buckle 6 from striking the barrel of the gun, and the joint between the strap parts is made at a line along the strap in general providing clearance of the gun barrel when the sling is supporting a gun.

Strap 1 is of a sufficient length so that it can be adjusted through buckle 6 to enlarge the upper loop of the strap to adapt the sling for use with guns of different lengths or by men of different height.

Pouch or support 3 may be of various constructions. The pouch illustrated in the drawings comprises a generally rectangularly shaped holder at the top of which has been incorporated the rubber band 7 for snugly fitting the pouch to a gun stock. The pouch 3 is of a size and depth to accommodate generally all sizes of gun stocks, and rubber band 7 which normally gathers the upper part of the pouch together makes the pouch adjustable to diffeernt gun stocks and provides a tight fit with each stock.

The lower loop of strap 1 is sewed or otherwise secured to the upper portion of pouch 3, the pouch being located in the lower end of the loop, but the lower side portions and bottom of the pouch are free of the loop to improve the adjustability of the pouch to different sizes and thickness of gun stocks.

The ring member 4 which is slipped over the barrel of gun 2 has a slip connection with strap 1 due to a loop 8 provided in the member through which strap 1 passes. Loop 8 may be made by overlapping the end portions of the fabric or other material from which the member 4 is made and securing the overlapping end portions together by sewing or riveting at only the extreme ends thereof. Loop 8 confines ring member 4 on the strap and yet permits it to be moved along strap 1 to locate the member on the most desirable place on the gun barrel for the particular gun bearer and length of barrel.

In assembling the gun sling, a strap 1, for example, of about eight feet in length of leather or canvas is inserted through buckle 6 and doubled over on itself at one end and secured to the body portion of the strap, as described, to form the lower loop fitting around a gun stock, and to confine buckle 6 within the loop 5 which

is formed at such end when the strap is doubled over.

Ring member 4 is made by lapping the end portions and securing them together, as described, to provide loop 8 therein and through which is inserted the free or unsecured end of strap 1. When ring member 4 is assembled on strap 1 the end of the strap is inserted through buckle 6 to form an upper loop in the strap of the size desired. The buckle is of a type that exerts a greater clamping pressure on the strap as the weight on the strap is increased.

The sling is completed by securing the pouch 3, previously provided with the elastic top, within the lower end of the lower loop of the strap.

The gun is normally supported by the sling in an upright position either from the shoulder of the bearer or other support.

The invention provides a compact, light-weight gun sling which is readily carried in a pocket for use, and which is adjustable for use with different guns and bearers of different height.

Various embodiments of the invention may be employed within the scope of the accompanying claims.

I claim:

1. A gun sling for supporting a gun, which comprises a strap of substantial length folded and secured upon itself to provide a lower loop thereof encompassing the stock of the gun and an upper loop engaging the support from which the sling is suspended, a support for the barrel of the gun adjustable along said strap in the upper loop thereof, and an expansible support secured to the lower loop of the sling and adapted to receive and snugly fit gun stocks of different size and thickness.

2. A gun sling for supporting a gun, which comprises a strap of substantial length folded and secured upon itself to provide a lower loop thereof encompassing the stock of the gun and an upper loop engaging the support from which the sling is suspended, a support for the barrel of the gun adjustable along said strap in the upper loop thereof, and a pouch secured within the lower loop of the sling to receive the lower end of the gun stock and provided with an elastic top to snugly fit gun stocks of different size and thickness.

3. A gun sling for supporting a gun, which comprises a strap of substantial length having a fixed lower loop formed by securing an end of the strap to the body thereof and encompassing the stock of the gun, means at the upper end of the lower loop for insertion therethrough of the free end of the strap to form an upper loop adapted to fit over the shoulder of the bearer and adjustable in length, a support for the barrel of the gun adjustable along said strap in the upper loop thereof, and an expansible support secured to the lower end of the sling and adapted to receive and snugly fit gun stocks of different size and thickness.

4. A gun sling for supporting a gun, which comprises a strap of substantial length having a fixed lower loop formed by securing an end of the strap to the body thereof and encompassing the stock of the gun, a buckle at the upper end of the lower loop for insertion therethrough of the free end of the strap to form an upper loop adapted to fit over the shoulder of the bearer and adjustable in length, a support for the barrel of the gun adjustable along said strap in the upper loop thereof, and an expansible support secured to the lower end of the sling and adapted to receive and snugly fit gun stocks of different size and thickness.

5. A gun sling for supporting a gun, which comprises a strap of substantial length having a fixed lower loop formed by securing an end of the strap to the body thereof and encompassing the stock of the gun, a buckle at the upper end of the lower loop for insertion therethrough of the free end of the strap to form an upper loop fitting over the shoulder of the bearer and adjustable in length, a ring member encircling the barrel of the gun and having a loop therein to receive said strap and permit adjustment of the ring member therealong, and an expansible support member secured to the lower end of the sling and adapted to receive and snugly fit gun stocks of different size and thickness.

6. A gun sling for supporting a gun, which comprises a strap of substantial length having one end portion doubled upon itself to provide a small loop therein and secured to the body of the strap to provide a loop extending around the gun stock longitudinally thereof, a buckle confined in said small loop for insertion therethrough of the free end of the strap to form a second loop for suspending the sling and adjustable in length, a ring member encircling the barrel of the gun and having a loop therein to receive the strap of said second loop and permit adjustment of the ring member therealong, and a pouch secured within the first named loop of the sling to receive the gun stock and provided with an elastic top to snugly fit gun stocks of different size and thickness.

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