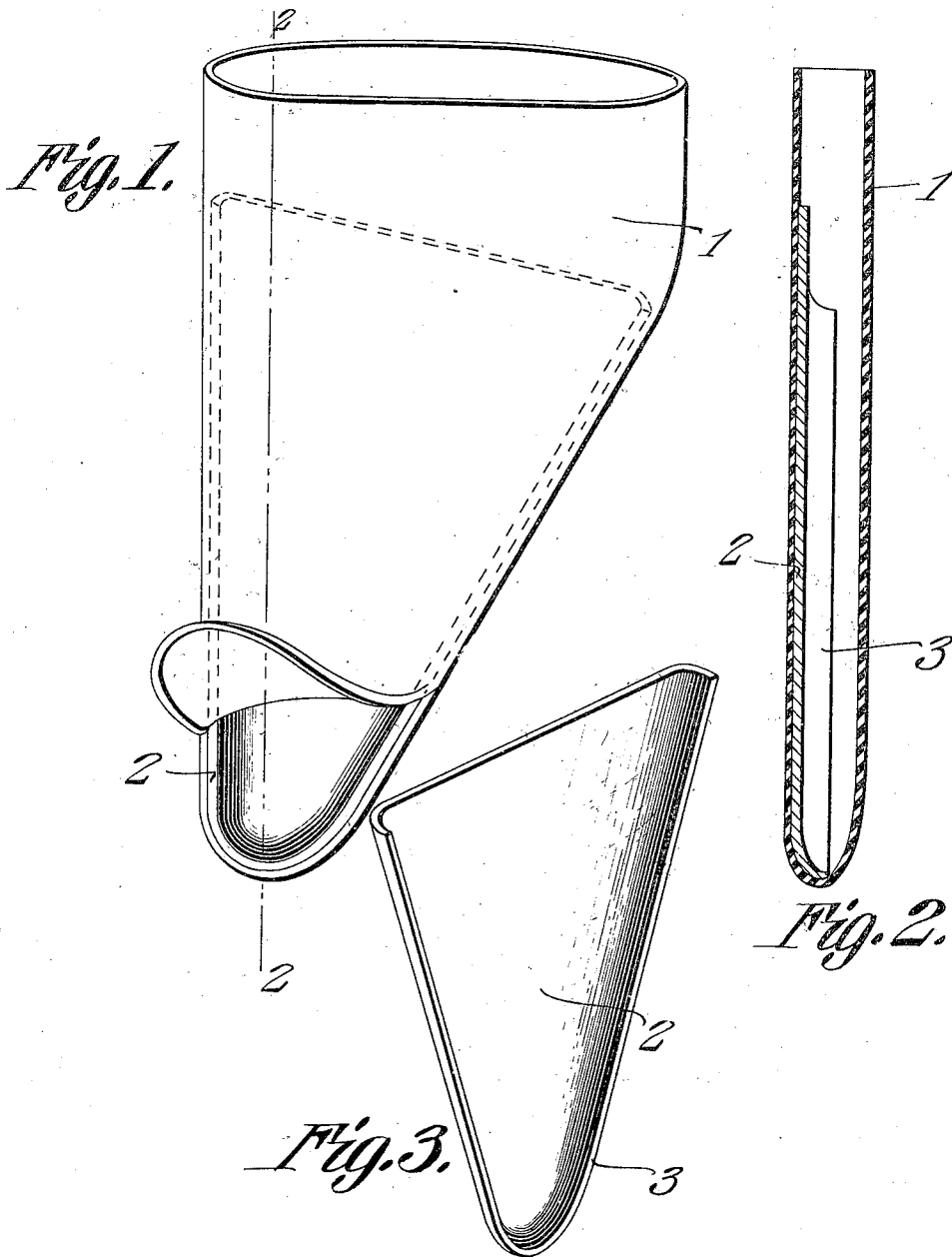


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN M. BEASLEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Greensboro, in the county of Guilford and State of North Carolina, have invented a new and useful Holster, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to holsters and its object is to provide a device of this character having means therein for preventing injury to the wearer of the holster in the event of the accidental discharge of the pistol contained within the device.

Another object is to provide a holster with deflecting means whereby a bullet when discharged from a pistol contained within the holster will be deflected outwardly away from the wearer.

A further object is to provide a holster of this type having the appearance of an ordinary holster.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in certain novel details of construction and combinations of parts hereinafter more fully described and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings the preferred form of the invention has been shown.

In said drawings:—Figure 1 is a perspective view of a holster embodying the present improvements, a portion of the case being broken away. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section through the bottom portion of the holster. Fig. 3 is a detail view of the deflecting plate.

Referring to the figures by characters of reference 1 designates the case of the holster, the same being preferably formed of leather and of the usual or any preferred form. Within the holster is mounted a deflecting plate made of steel or any other suitable metal, the plate being indicated at 2 and having its edge portions curved outwardly as shown at 3, said deflecting plate being so shaped as to fit snugly within the case 1 and against that wall thereof contacting with the wearer. This deflecting plate can be secured within the holster at the time of manufacture, or if preferred can be placed upon the market as an article of manufacture designed to be inserted loosely into an ordinary holster. In either event the same will act to prevent injury to the wearer of the de-

vice in the event of the accidental discharge of the pistol contained within the holster. Should the pistol be discharged the bullet would be projected against the curved edge portion of the plate and this would deflect it outwardly away from the wearer. It will be noted that both longitudinal edges and the lower end of the plate are curved to form deflectors, so that the bullet will be properly deflected in the manner stated should the barrel of the pistol bear against any one of said curved portions.

It will be seen that the device is very simple and inexpensive in construction, and is especially advantageous because it can be readily applied to ordinary forms of holsters, as hereinbefore set forth.

Obviously various changes may be made in the construction and arrangement of the parts without departing from the spirit or sacrificing the advantages of the invention.

What is claimed is:—

1. An attachment for holsters comprising a plate and a deflecting portion out-turned from the plate and extending across the lower portion thereof.

2. An attachment for holsters comprising a plate conforming to the contour of and insertible into a holster and having an outstanding deflecting portion extending across the bottom thereof.

3. An attachment for holsters comprising a plate conforming in contour with and insertible into a holster, said plate having outstanding marginal portions extending across the bottom and along the sides thereof and constituting deflecting means.

4. The combination with a holster, of bullet-deflecting means upon one wall of the holster and having an outstanding marginal deflecting portion upon the bottom of the holster.

5. The combination with a holster, of a plate in one wall thereof and having an outstanding deflecting portion within and extending across the bottom of the holster.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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