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## GAME CARRIER.

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Fig. 1.

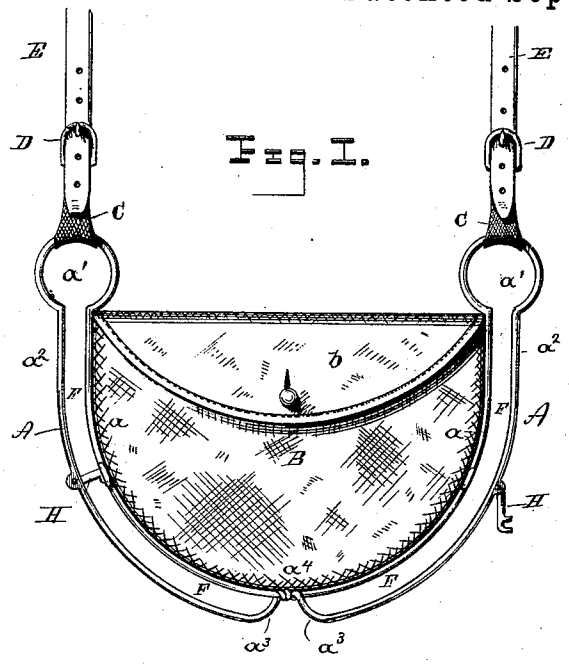



Fig. 2.

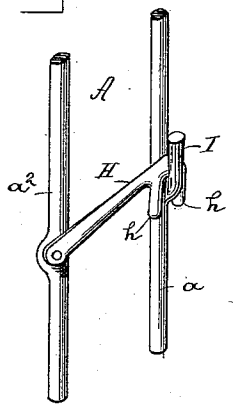



Fig. 3.




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## GAME-CARRIER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES HERBERT STEVENS, of Pine Bluff, in the county of Laramie and Territory of Wyoming, have invented a new and Improved Game-Carrier and Ammunition-Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to a game-carrier and ammunition-holder for the use of sportsmen, and has for its object to provide an inexpensive device of this character, allowing game to be carried conveniently and safely from an ammunition pouch or belt.

The invention consists in certain novel features of construction and combinations of parts of the game-carrier and ammunition-holder, all as hereinafter fully described and claimed.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a front view of my improvement, showing the ammunition-holder in the form of a pouch and with the supporting-straps broken away. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of part of the game-carrier, showing more clearly a latch interposed therein for supporting game near the top of the carrier; and Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the improvement, showing the game-carrier attached to an ammunition-holder having the form of a cartridge-belt, which is shown only in part.

The game-carrier may have various forms—depending on the style of ammunition-holder to which it is to be attached—while embodying the same principle of construction.

The game-carrier shown in Fig. 1 is made with a heavy steel wire, A, which is bent at its central part, *a*, to conform to the semi-circular edge contour of an ammunition-holder, B, made as a bag or pouch having a flap-cover, *b*, provided with a suitable fastening. At the top and both ends of the holder B the wire A is bent around and outward to form eyes $a'$ $a'$, whence both end parts of the wire are bent downward and around about parallel with the inner part, *a*, of the wire, as at $a^2$ $a^2$, and at the bottom of the holder the extremities of the wire are bent inward at $a^3$ $a^3$, and are twisted around the center of the inner part, *a*, of the wire, as at $a^4$, said end parts, $a^3$, forming stays to space the parts $a$ $a^2$ of the carrier from each other, while tying them securely to each other.

The edge of the ammunition holder or pouch B may be secured to the part *a* of the carrier by a cord or wire, or in any other approved way, and to the eyes $a'$ $a'$ of the carrier there are attached billets C C, to which are held buckles D D, to which the opposite ends E E of a strap are attached for slinging the combined carrier and holder from the shoulder of a sportsman.

The eyes $a'$ $a'$ of the game-carrier are large enough to allow the heads of game—such as ducks, pheasants, chickens, &c.—to be passed through them, and the spaces at F between the parts $a$ $a^2$ of the carrier are small enough to hold the game by their necks, by preventing a slip of the heads of the game from between said parts $a$ $a^2$ of the carrier. Game placed in this way in the carrier will be securely held, and the carrier may be filled with game from the center stays, $a^3$, to the eyes $a'$ at each side.

When a small quantity of game is secured, it is desirable to hold it in the carrier as high as possible from the ground to prevent dangling of the game about the sportsman's legs and enable him to carry it more conveniently, and it also is desirable to provide the carrier with a brace or stay between the lower stays, $a^3$, and the eyes $a'$. I accomplish both of these objects in a simple and effective manner by pivoting at G to the part $a^2$ of the carrier at each side a hook, H, the outer end of which is forked, as at *h h*, and is adapted to engage a bent pin or hook, I, fixed to the opposite part, $a^2$, of the carrier. It is obvious that when the hook H is engaged with the hook or pin I game may be supported directly from or on the hook H, and the parts $a$ $a^2$ of the carrier will be braced one to the other to relieve the holder B of some of the weight of the game and maintain an even distance or space, F, between the parts $a$ $a^2$ of the carrier for their whole length.

Fig. 3 shows a game-carrier having eyes $a'$ and two parallel parts, $a$ $a^2$, held to an ordinary cartridge-belt, J, by a center brace, K, and the entrance of the parts $a$ $a$ of the carrier between the back layer, *j*, of the belt and the front layer, *j'*, thereof, which is crimped or fluted to provide pockets for the cartridges in

the usual way. A cartridge-belt may be fitted with two or more game-carriers, the end of a second one being shown at the right-hand end of Fig. 3, which also shows how a game fowl, L, is hung from the carrier.

It is obvious that the attachment of the inner wire of the game-carrier to the pouch B strengthens the pouch, and also keeps it extended for more convenient access to its interior. The game-carriers attached to the cartridge-belt will preferably be curved to conform somewhat closely to the waist of the sportsman.

I do not limit myself to the precise construction of the game-carrier shown and above described, as it may be made of a cast-metal frame having eyes, as at $a'$, and a retaining-space, as at F, these being the two essential features of this part of my invention.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A game-carrier constructed substantially as described, and comprising a wire frame having an eye to allow insertion of the heads of game, and a contracted space opening into the eye, and in which space the game may be held by the necks, substantially as herein set forth.

2. A game-carrier made of a wire or rod bent to form an inner part, $a$, eyes $a'$ $a'$ at opposite ends, outer parts, $a^2$ $a^2$, spaced about parallel from part $a$, to form a contracted space, F, opening into the eyes $a'$, and the ends $a^3$ of the wire or rod bent toward and attached to the part $a$, substantially as herein set forth.

3. A combined game-carrier and ammunition-holder comprising a pouch or belt and a game-carrier attached to the pouch or belt and formed with an eye, as at $a'$, and a contracted space, as at F, opening into the eye, substantially as described, for the purposes set forth.

4. A combined game-carrier and ammunition-holder comprising a wire or frame, A, having eyes $a'$ $a'$ at opposite ends and contracted spaces, as at F, between its inner and outer portions, and secured to an ammunition holder or pouch, B, and suspension belts or straps attached to the eyes $a'$ $a'$, substantially as described, for the purposes set forth.

5. The combination, with the parts $a$ $a^2$ of the game-carrier, of a pivoted pin or hook, as at H, arranged across the space between said parts $a$ $a^2$, to form a stop for the game and a brace to the carrier, substantially as herein set forth.

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