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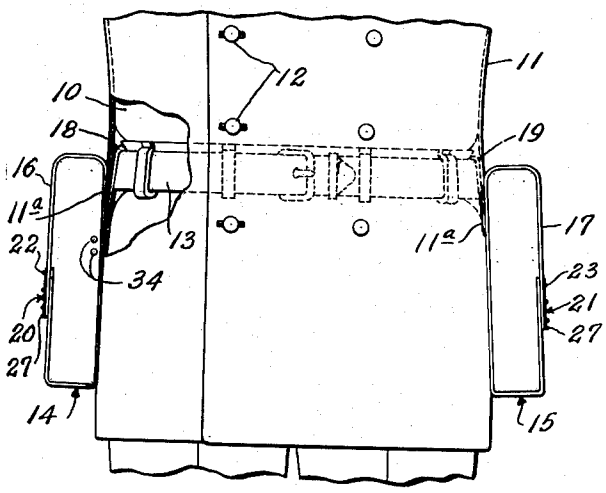


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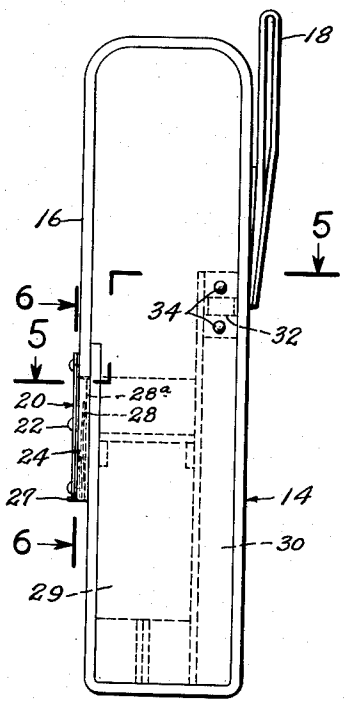


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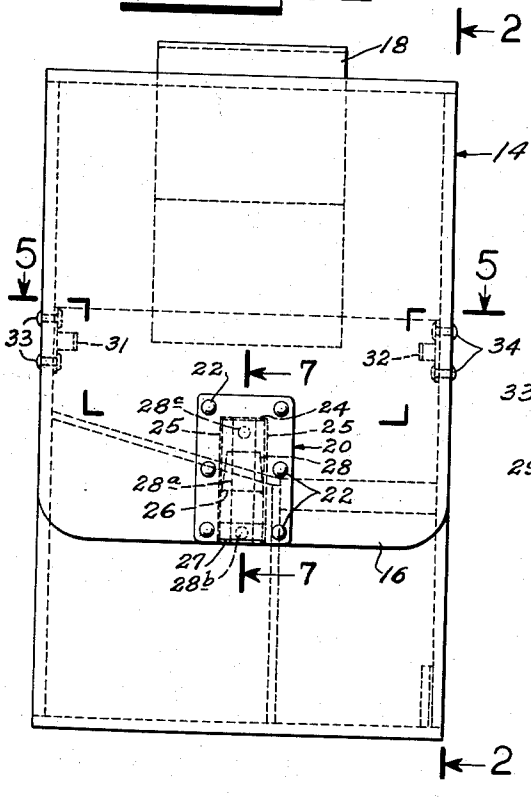
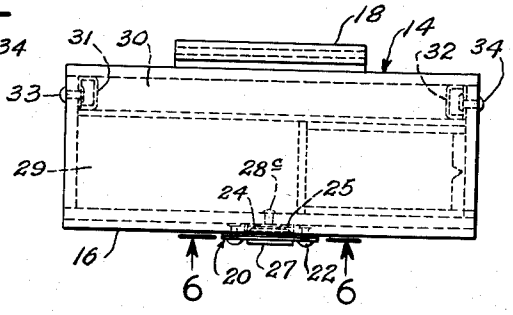


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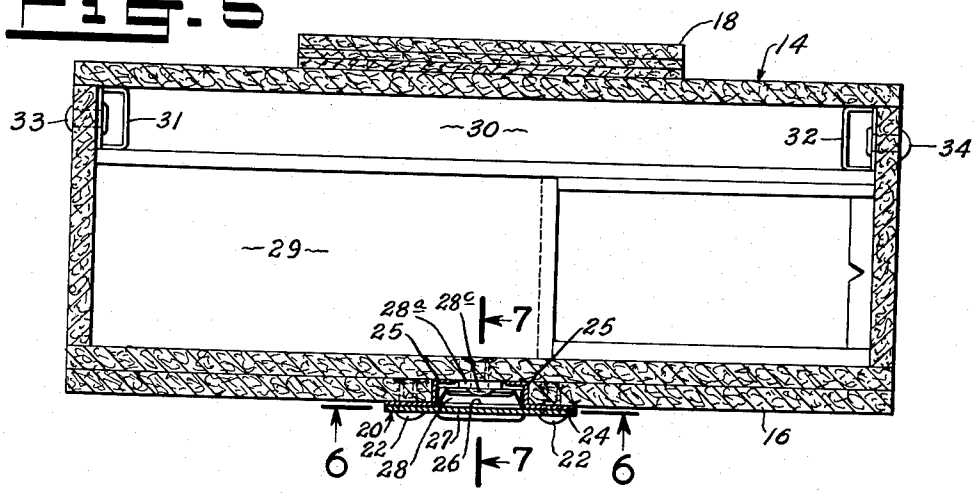


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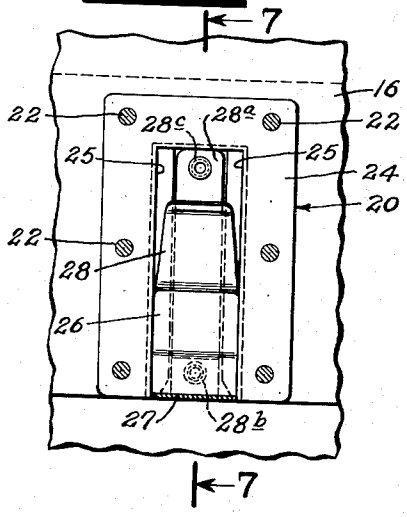


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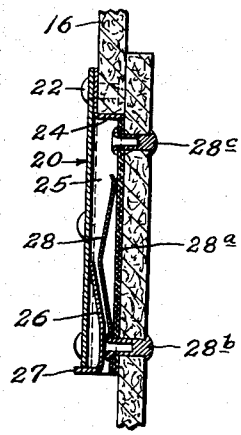
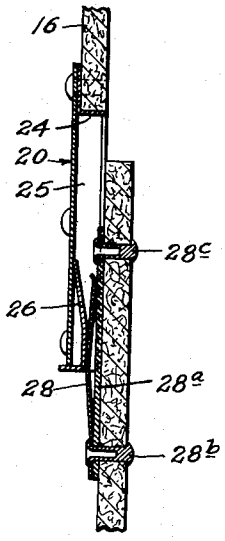


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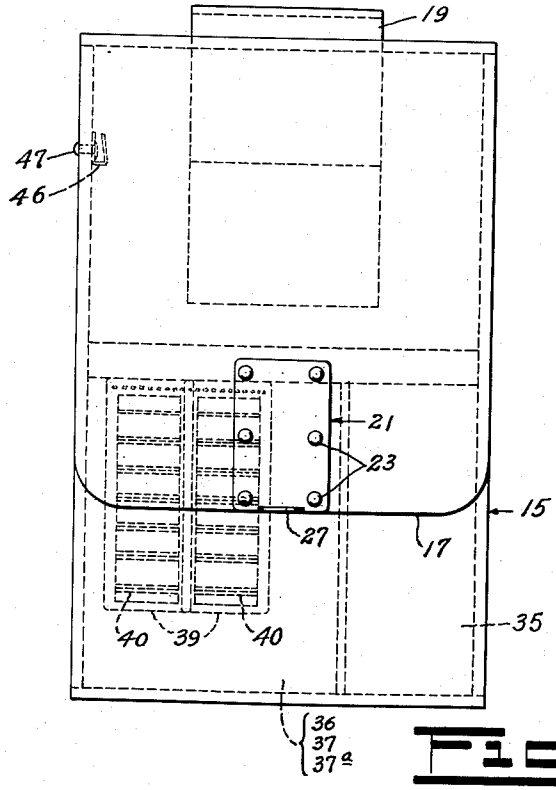


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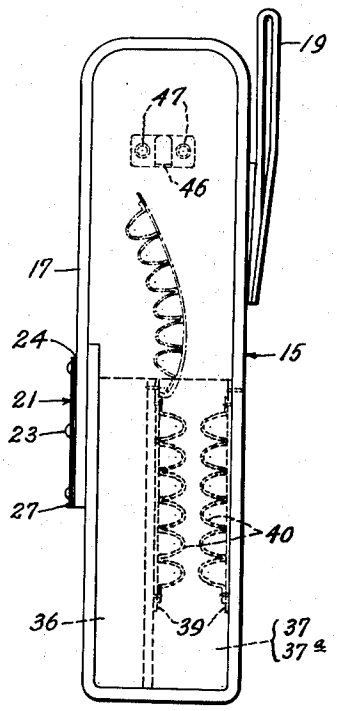


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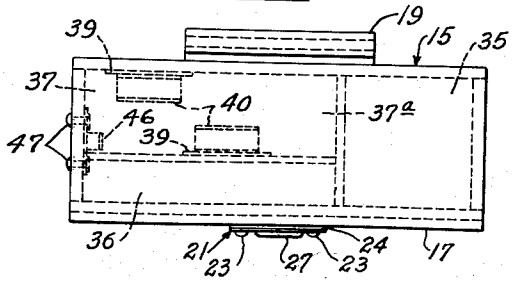
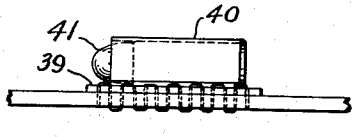
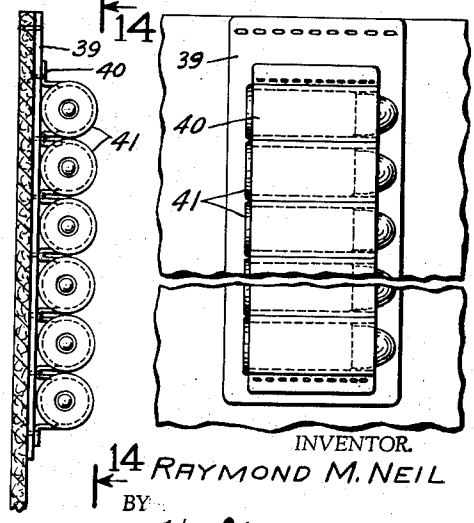


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This invention relates to a pair of holsters to be worn outside of a policeman's overcoat and detachably supported by his belt, for housing a revolver, bullets, stationery, pen and pencil, flashlight, blackjack, handcuffs or claw, whistle, and other items necessary to the performance of his duties.

One object of the present invention is to provide a pair of leather holsters of the above nature, each of which has an expansion band latch constructed in such a manner as to permit rapid opening of the outer flap of the holster by a swift upward movement of the top of the policeman's palm.

A further object is to provide a pair of policeman's holsters of the above nature having separate compartments for the revolver and accessories which are accessible to both of his hands, rather than being located in the pockets of his uniform under his overcoat.

A further object is to provide a set of holsters of the above nature which will be simple in construction, inexpensive to manufacture, easy to install and manipulate, compact, uniform in appearance, and very efficient and durable in use.

With these and other objects in view, there has been illustrated on the accompanying drawings, one form in which the invention may conveniently be embodied in practice.

In the drawings:

FIG. 1 represents a fragmentary front view of a policeman's uniform, showing a pair of holsters suspended from his belt, outside of his overcoat, on opposite sides thereof, one of said holsters serving to contain his revolver and the stationery necessary to perform his duties, and the other holster serving to receive other accessories.

FIG. 2 is a side view, on a larger scale, of the revolver and stationery holster shown by itself, taken from the line 2—2 of FIG. 3, looking in the direction of the arrows.

FIG. 3 is a front view of the same, with the cover flap of the holster shown in closed latched position.

FIG. 4 is a top plan view of the same.

FIG. 5 is a cross sectional view, shown in full scale, taken along the line 5—5 of FIG. 3, looking downwardly.

FIG. 6 is a fragmentary front view of the latch mechanism, taken along the line 6—6 of FIG. 4.

FIG. 7 is a cross sectional view of the same, taken along the line 7—7 of FIGS. 5 and 6, with the cover flap and expansion band latch shown in closed latched position.

FIG. 8 is a similar cross sectional view of the same, with the cover flap and expansion band latch shown in unlatched position FIG. 9 is a front view, similar to FIG. 3, of the accessory holster.

FIG. 10 is a side view of the same, similar to FIG. 2, showing in dotted lines, the position of the horizontal bullet holding straps.

FIG. 11 is a top plan view of the same.

FIG. 12 is a top view of the outer bullet holder shown in full scale, with bullets in the bullet strap.

FIG. 13 is a side view of the same, shown in full scale, taken from the line 13—13 of FIG. 12.

FIG. 14 is a front view of the same, taken from the line 14—14 of FIG. 13.

Referring now to the drawing, in which like reference numerals denote corresponding parts throughout the several views, the numeral 10 indicates a policeman's uniform, over which is worn an overcoat 11 having buttons

12 for detachably securing the overlapping front portions of said overcoat together.

The numeral 13 indicates the inside belt of the policeman's uniform for supporting his trousers, in the usual manner.

The numerals 14 and 15 indicate, respectively, a revolver and stationery holster, and an accessory holster, both of which are preferably made of stiff leather and have outer cover flaps 16, 17. The holsters 14, 15 are adapted to be located at opposite sides of the policeman's uniform, adjacent his hips, as clearly shown in FIG. 1.

The holsters 14, 15, are secured to the inside belt 13 by means of upstanding loops 18, 19, respectively, which pass through horizontal slots 11*a* formed in the overcoat 11.

In order to detachably latch the cover flaps 16, 17 in closed position upon the outer sides of the holsters 14, 15, provision is made of U-shaped brace frames 20, 21, the sides of which are attached by three tubular rivets 22, 23 to the cover flaps 16, 17, respectively. Each of the brace frames 20, 21 consists of a U-shaped metal face 24, having Z-shaped angular flanges 25. Provision is also made at the bottom of each brace frame 20, 21 of an angular lug 26 having an outturned ear 27, soldered to the face 24 and the Z-shaped angular flanges 25 (FIGS. 6–8).

Provision is also made of an arched central angular spring band 28, which is secured at its bottom end by a rivet 28*b* to an upstanding metal strip 28*a* attached at its upper end by a rivet 28*c* to the leather holster 14, 15.

Revolver and Stationery Holster

Located within the revolver-stationery holster 14 is a revolver compartment 29, and an inner stationery compartment 30, parallel therewith. The stationery compartment 30 is provided with rectangular metallic pen and pencil pockets 31, 32 respectively, the latter being secured by rivets 33, 34 to the opposite ends of the compartment 30.

Accessories Holster

The accessories holster 15 is provided with a flashlight pocket 35, a handcuff or claw compartment 36, and a bullet compartment 37, the latter having on its sides a pair of staggered leather strips 39 secured at their upper ends by stitching to the sides of the compartment 37 and having a series of horizontal bullet straps 40 for detachably receiving bullets 41. A space 37*a* for a blackjack is provided at the inner end of the bullet compartment 37.

Provision is also made near the top of the holster 15 of a whistle hook pocket 46, as clearly shown in FIGS. 9 and 10, which is secured to said holster 16 by rivets 47.

Operation of Latch

In operation, when it is desired to open the cover flap 16 or 17 of either one of the holsters 14, 15, it is only necessary for the policeman to push his palm against the ear 27 with a swift upward movement. This will cause the arched expansion band 28 to be compressed, and allow the angular lug 26 to pass over it to the position as shown in FIG. 8, and thus permit the opening of the holder flap when the lower edges of the Z-shaped flanges 25 of the U-shaped brace frames 20, 21 have passed upwardly beyond the end of the stationery metal strip 28*a*.

While there has been disclosed in this specification one form in which the invention may be embodied, it is to be understood that this form is shown for the purpose of illustration only, and that the invention is not limited to the specific disclosure, but may be modified and embodied in various other equivalent forms without departing from its spirit. In short, the invention includes all the modifications and embodiments coming within the scope of the following claim.

Having thus fully described the invention, what is claimed as new and for which it is desired to secure Letters Patent is:

A quick detachable latch for a policeman's holster having a cover flap, comprising an inverted U-shaped brace frame attached to the lower end of said flap, each of the side edges of said brace frame having a rearwardly extending Z-shaped flange, an upstanding rearwardly arched angular lug open at its upper end secured to the lower end of said Z-shaped flanges and the bottom of said brace frame, said lug having a forwardly extending ear at its lower end, and an angular forwardly arched compressible spring band secured to the body of said holster in the path of said lug, whereby said lug will compress said spring band when said ear is engaged by an upward movement of the palm of the policeman's hand to permit said brace frame to move upwardly beyond the spring band and allow the rapid opening of said cover flap whenever necessary.

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