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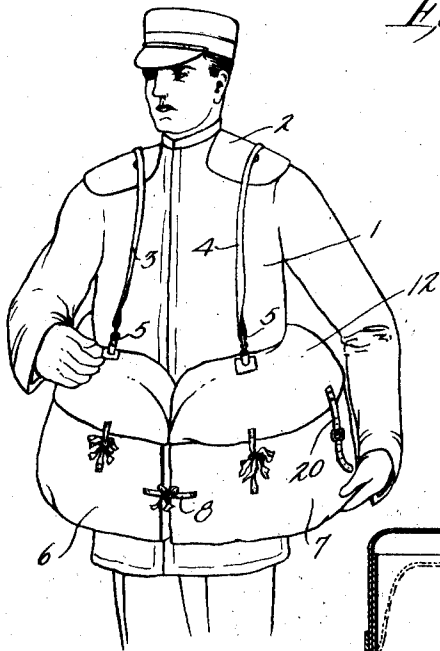


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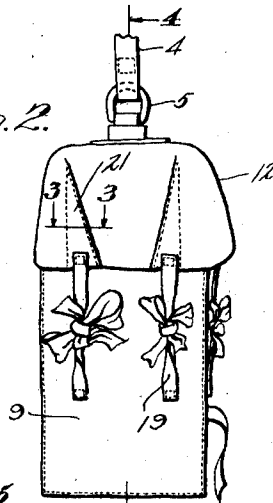


Fig. 3.



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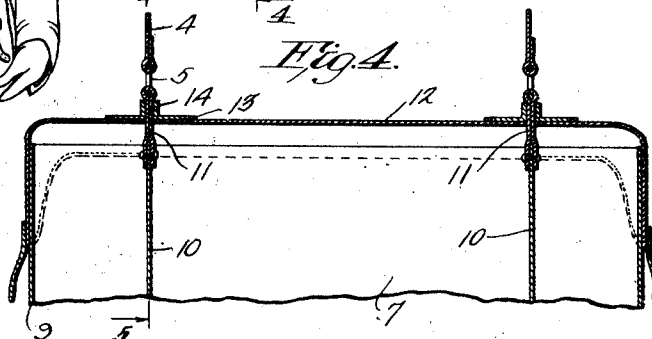


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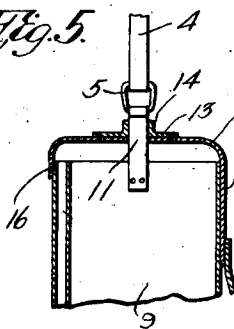


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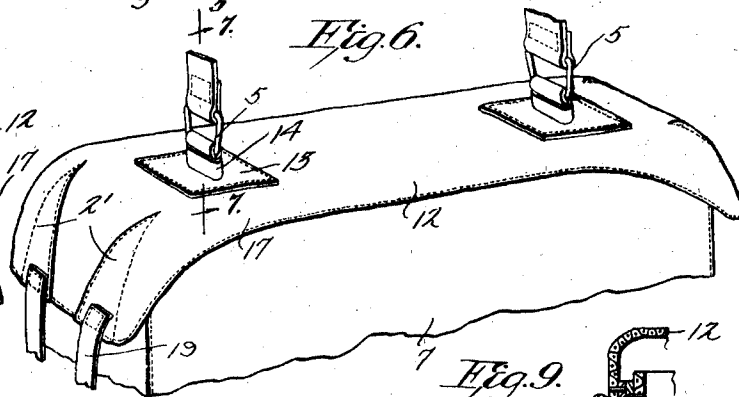


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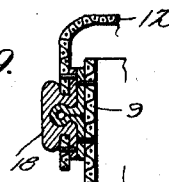


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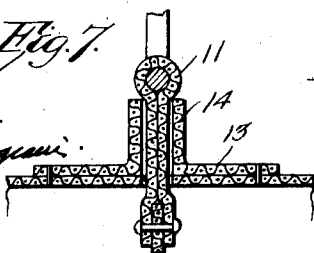
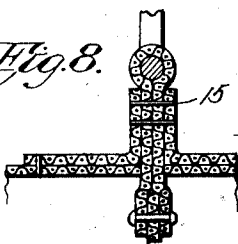


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COVER AND SUPPORT FOR CARRIERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT P. ORR, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Albany, in the county of Albany and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Cover and Support for Carriers, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to carriers, and has for an object to provide a cover construction which may be manipulated and which will not interfere with the action of the supporting straps.

A further object of the invention is the provision of an improved cover and supporting arrangement connected with supporting straps in such a manner that the cover may be shifted easily without affecting the adjusting straps.

A still further object, more specifically, is the provision of a carrier and cover together with means for supporting the same, arranged to extend through the cover without interfering with the operation thereof and support the carrier from an interior point.

In the accompanying drawing:

Figure 1 is a view of a figure with an embodiment of the invention shown applied thereto.

Fig. 2 is an end view of one of the sections of the carrier shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a detail fragmentary sectional view through Fig. 2 on line 3—3.

Fig. 4 is a sectional view through Fig. 2 on line 4—4.

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary sectional view through Fig. 4 on line 5—5.

Fig. 6 is a fragmentary perspective view showing the upper part of the carrier and the lid arranged in a closed position.

Fig. 7 is an enlarged fragmentary sectional view through Fig. 6 approximately on line 7—7.

Fig. 8 is a view similar to Fig. 7, but showing a slightly modified form of the invention.

Fig. 9 is a detail fragmentary sectional view showing a slightly modified construction of means for holding the cover in place.

Referring to the accompanying drawing by numerals, 1 indicates a figure provided with a yoke 2 of any desired kind, as for instance similar to the yoke shown in my Patent No. 1,281,822. This yoke is designed to support straps 3 and 4 of any desired struc-

ture, said straps being connected in any desired manner to links 5 at their ends. These straps are designed to support carriers 6 and 7, said carriers being of identical construction, so that the description of one will apply to both. When two carriers are used the same may be connected together at the front and back in any desired manner, as for instance by the use of tying strings or strap 8.

The carrier 7 is provided with a body 9 of any desired construction, which is preferably provided with a number of partitions 10. Connected with each of these partitions is a supporting strap 11 as shown in Fig. 4, said strap being looped over the link 5 so that the carrier is supported on the strap 4 through the partitions 10. In order that a support may be provided in this manner and at the same time a cover 12 utilized, openings are provided in the cover through which the members 11 extend. Each opening in the cover 12 is surrounded by a reinforcing patch 13 having an upstanding section 14 acting in a certain sense as a guide for the member 11 as the cover is raised and lowered. In some instances it is desired to connect the cover 12 with the member 11, in which instance stitching or other securing members 15 may extend through the guide 14 as indicated in Fig. 8. The cover 12 may be of canvas or any desired material and is preferably held in place by a line of stitching 16 at the back of body 9 so that the overlapping front section 17 may be raised at any time and access may be had to the interior of the carrier without entirely removing the cover. If desired instead of using a line of stitching 16 a number of removable fasteners may be used, as for instance snap buttons 18 (Fig. 9). At the front and the ends are tying members 19 which may be tied together as indicated in Figs. 1 and 2 so as to hold the cover in a closed position. If desired a strap and buckle may be substituted for all of these members or part of them as indicated at 20.

In order to form the cover 12 so as to naturally fall over or conform to the shape of the body 9, overlapped sections 21 are provided at each end of the cover, same acting to draw in the side edges and produce a limited cup-shaped structure.

When the device is in use the carriers 6 and 7 may be arranged as shown in Fig. 1 and the cover also arranged as shown in this figure. When it is desired to secure access

to the contents of the carrier the buckles or tying members may be undone and access readily secured by raising the cover and the insertion of the hand. It will be noted that it only requires one hand to secure access to either carrier and that unless thus occupied the hands are free from the carrier or its support while the load in the carrier is supported directly on the shoulders and the strain distributed by the yoke 2. The carrier may be used for a large number of purposes, as for instance by mail carriers, soldiers, messengers and other persons. In case it is used by a soldier the usual roll of the soldier may be placed directly on top of the cover after the carrier has been arranged as shown in Fig. 1 and in that way carried in a very convenient manner without shutting off the air from the upper part of the body or shoulders.

What I claim is:

1. A carrier of the character described comprising a body provided with a plurality of partitions, a cover for said body having a pair of openings, reinforcing members connected to said cover around said openings, said reinforcing members having tubular upstanding extensions opposite the respective openings, a supporting member

extending loosely through each of said tubular members and said openings, means for connecting said supporting members with certain of the partitions of the body, and means for connecting said supporting members with a supporting strap.

2. A cover of the character described comprising a body having a plurality of partitions, a covering member for said body formed with a pair of openings, a reinforcing member surrounding each of said openings and provided with an upstanding hollow member, a supporting member extending through each of said openings and through the hollow upstanding members, means for connecting said supporting members to certain of said partitions, and a supporting strap connected with the ends of said supporting members.

3. A carrier of the character described comprising a body formed in two sections, flexible means for connecting the sections together, a cover for each of said sections and means extending through said covers for supporting said sections in such a manner that the cover may be opened and closed without disturbing the supporting means.

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