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CARTRIDGE BELT

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FIG. 1.

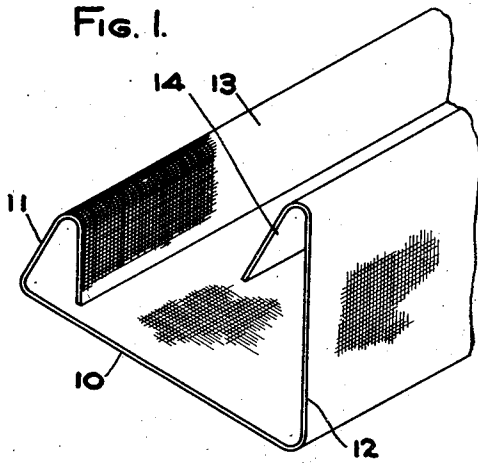


FIG. 2.

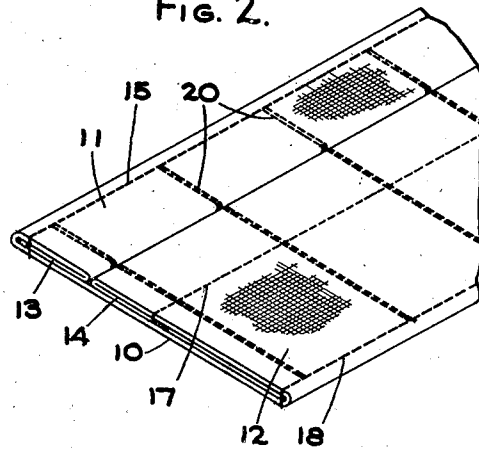


FIG. 3.

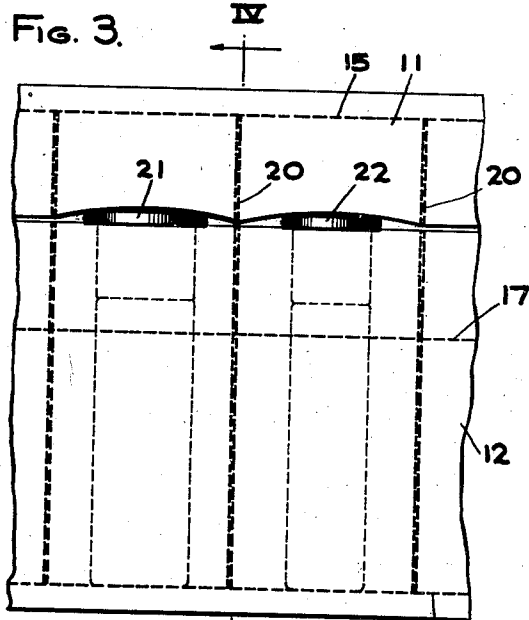


FIG. 4.

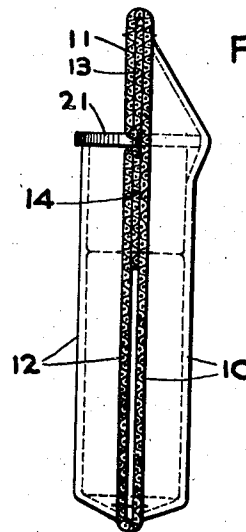
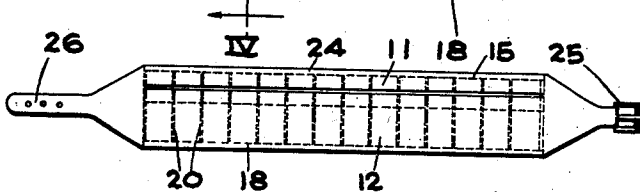


FIG. 5.

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This invention relates to ammunition belts of the general type worn on the body of a hunter or other user.

Various ammunition belts have been proposed wherein individual rounds of ammunition are disposed in individual pockets, frequently with common closure means for a group or series of ammunition compartments. In using such belts, separate manual operations are involved in opening the closure and extracting one or more rounds of ammunition. In general the closing of conventional devices involves an operation requiring the user's both hands.

According to the present invention, a simple and practical ammunition carrying belt is provided wherein each round of ammunition is housed in an individual compartment and has individual closure means which requires no separate manual operation and automatically prevents accidental movement of a round of ammunition from its compartment without any necessity for manually closing the compartment.

Various modifications of the present invention may be made without departing from the spirit thereof and the form set forth in the drawing and the following detailed description is by way of example only. The scope of the present invention is not to be considered limited in any way excepting as defined in the appended claims.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view fragmentarily illustrating a strip of fabric or other suitable flexible material in a position wherein the device of the present invention is partly formed;

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary perspective view of the finished belt, the portions of the base strip thereof having been moved from the intermediate position of Fig. 1 to final position;

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary elevational view of the exterior side of a portion of the belt;

Fig. 4 is a transverse cross-sectional view taken on the line IV-IV of Fig. 3; and

Fig. 5 is a general elevational view of the exterior side of a complete belt.

Throughout the several figures of the drawing like characters of reference denote like parts. In the form of the present invention illustrated herein by way of example, the main body part of the belt is formed from a single piece of flexible material, as for instance fabric or the like. Various materials may be employed, but, by way of example, canvas fabric is found very satisfactory. The piece of blank fabric is folded to form a back panel portion 10, upper and lower marginal fold portions 11 and 12, respectively, and upper

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and lower hem portions 13 and 14, respectively. The relationship of these parts is best seen from the schematic perspective view, Fig. 1, which shows the various parts of the fabric strip in partially folded position.

The upper fold 11 and the upper hem portion 13 are secured in position by fully folding them as shown in Figs. 2 and 3 and stitching lengthwise of the blank strip adjacent to its upper edges as shown at 15 in Figs. 2 and 3. This stitching extends through the back panel portion 10; the fold portion 11, and the edge of the hem portion 13.

Either before or after the upper fold portion is thus completed, the hem portion 14 is stitched to the lower fold portion 12 by stitching along the raw edge of the hem portion 14 as shown at 17 in Figs. 2 and 3. This line of stitching extends only through the hem portion 14 and the lower fold portion 12 and not through the back panel portion 10. The juncture of the lower fold portion 12 with the back panel portion 10 may then be reinforced by a longitudinal line of stitching as at 18 in Figs. 2 and 3.

The entire assembly is then completed, as to the portion with which the present invention is concerned, by the provision of spaced parallel transverse lines of stitching 20 which extend through all of the folded parts including the back panel portion 10 and extend across both the upper and lower fold portions 11 and 12.

This stitching divides the lower fold portion and the back panel portion into individual cartridge receiving pockets and the upper fold portions are found to naturally extend across the tops of the individual pockets about at the centers of such pockets when the pockets contain cartridges such as are indicated at 21 and 22 in Figs. 3 and 4. This is attributable at least in part to the tension in the front or outside of the belt as it curves about the body of a wearer. The foregoing construction thus provides a yieldable but certain closure against accidental movement of cartridges from the pockets and is found to operate satisfactorily whether the pockets contain the maximum size cartridge for which they are designed or a cartridge of less gauge or calibre.

The present invention is not concerned with the particular means for securing the belt about the body of a wearer and any suitable means or device for this purpose may be provided. Fig. 5 shows a complete belt 24 made as shown in detail in Figs. 1 through 4 and having a conventional buckle 25 at one end and a conventional tongue 26 at the other for securement in the buckle.

What is claimed is:

1. A cartridge belt comprising a unitary horizontally extending flexible base sheet having its upper and lower edges hemmed and folded over the front to where their hemmed edges substantially abut, spaced vertical lines of stitching across the folded portions and the base sheet to divide the lower fold portion into individual upwardly opening cartridge receiving pockets, the lower fold being of sufficient vertical depth to accommodate cartridges of desired size and the upper fold comprising flexible cartridge-retaining means for the pockets when the belt is in position of use.

2. A cartridge belt comprising a unitary flexible base strip having its opposite longitudinal edges hemmed and folded over the body of the base strip to a point where their hemmed edges substantially abut, spaced transverse parallel lines of stitching across the folded portions and the body of the base strip to divide one of the fold portions into individual cartridge receiving pockets opening toward the other fold portion, said one fold portion being of sufficient depth to accommodate cartridges of desired size and the other fold comprising flexible cartridge-retaining means for the pockets when the belt is in position of use.

3. A cartridge belt comprising a unitary horizontally extending flexible base sheet having its upper and lower edges folded over the front to where their edges substantially abut, spaced vertical lines of stitching across the folded portions and the base sheet to divide the lower fold portion into individual upwardly opening cartridge receiving pockets, the lower fold being of sufficient vertical depth to accommodate cartridges of desired size and the upper fold comprising flexible cartridge-retaining means for the pockets when the belt is in position of use.

4. A cartridge belt comprising a unitary flexible base strip having its opposite longitudinal edges folded over the body of the base strip to a point where their edges substantially abut, spaced transverse parallel lines of stitching across the folded portions and the body of the base strip to divide the lower fold portion into individual cartridge receiving pockets opening toward the other fold portion, said one fold portion being of sufficient depth to accommodate cartridges of desired size and the other fold comprising flexible cartridge-retaining means for the pockets when the belt is in position of use.

5. A cartridge belt comprising a flexible base strip portion, a flexible panel portion disposed thereagainst with one edge thereof secured to one edge of the base strip portion and the panel portion extending inwardly of said edge a sufficient distance to accommodate a cartridge of maximum desired length, and a second panel portion disposed against the base strip and one edge thereof secured to the opposite edge of the base strip and extending inwardly thereof to substantially meet the inner edge of the first panel portion, said base strip and both panel portions having a plurality of transverse parallel lines of stitching spaced at

such distances along the belt as to provide a series of cartridge receiving pockets formed by said base strip and said first panel portion and opening toward the second panel portion, said second panel portion providing flexible cartridge-retaining means across the pocket openings.

6. A cartridge belt comprising a horizontally extending strip portion, a second strip portion secured along the lower edge of the first strip portion and extending upwardly partially thereacross, a third strip portion secured along the upper edge of the first strip and extending downwardly to substantially abut the second strip portion, and a plurality of vertical lines of stitching across both the second and third strip portions and the first strip portion and spaced to provide a series of cartridge receiving pockets formed by the first and second strip portions and opening upwardly, said third strip portion providing a flexible cartridge-retaining means across the pocket openings.

7. A cartridge belt comprising a longitudinally extending strip portion, a second strip portion having one of its edges secured to one edge of the first strip portion and extending partially across said first strip portion, a third strip portion having one of its edges secured to the other edge of the first strip and extending thereacross to substantially abut the second strip portion, and a plurality of parallel transverse lines of stitching across both the second and third strip portions and the first strip portion and spaced to provide a series of cartridge receiving pockets formed by the first and second strip portions and opening toward the third strip portion, said third strip portion providing a flexible cartridge-retaining means across the pocket openings.

8. A cartridge belt comprising a flexible base strip portion, a flexible panel portion disposed thereagainst with its lower edge secured to the lower edge of the base strip portion and the panel portion extending upwardly of said lower edge a sufficient distance to accommodate a cartridge of maximum desired length, and a second panel portion disposed against the base strip and having its upper edge secured to the upper edge of the base strip and extending downwardly to substantially meet the upper edge of the first panel portion, said base strip and both panel portions having a plurality of vertical parallel lines of stitching spaced at such distances along the belt as to provide a series of upwardly opening cartridge receiving pockets formed by said base strip and said first panel portion, said second panel portion providing flexible cartridge-retaining means across the pocket openings.

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