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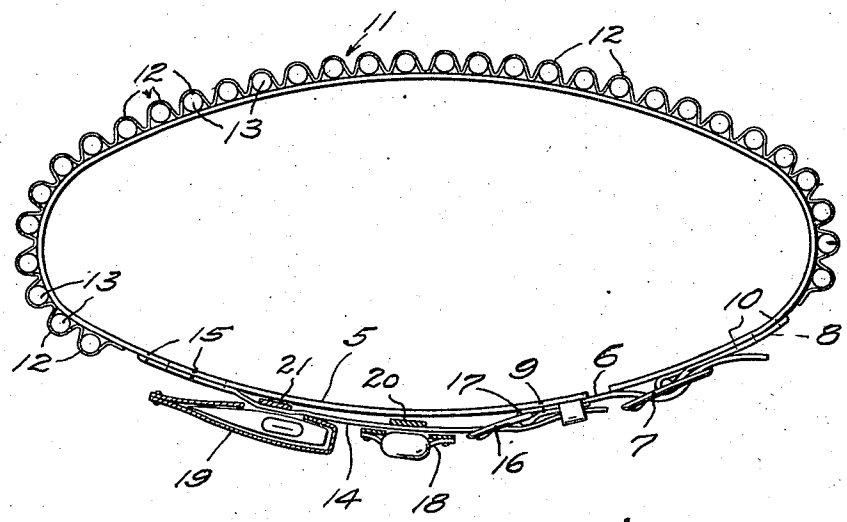


Fig. 2.

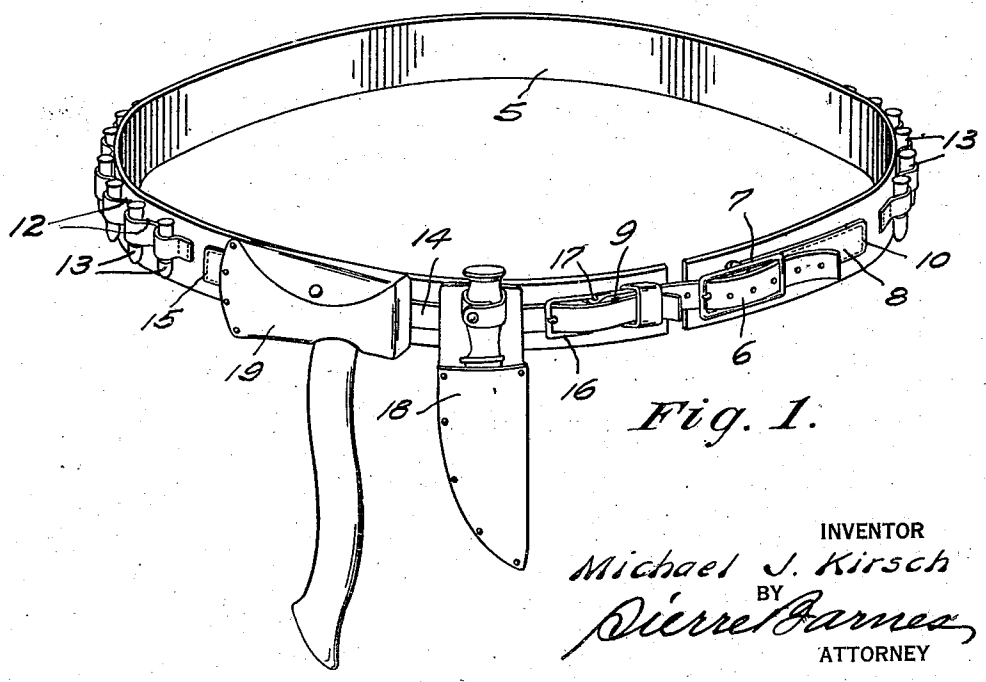


Fig. 1.

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This invention relates to hunters' belts and more especially to cartridge belts adapted for carrying sheaths for knives, axes or fire arms.

The object of the present invention is the provision of an efficient belt of this character, which will be strong, durable and convenient to use and which may readily be applied or removed from a person's waist without removing the sheaths.

More specific objects and advantages of the invention will appear in the following description.

The invention consists in a cartridge belt having strap and buckle devices for securing the belt ends together and supplementary strap and buckle devices which are utilized for attaching sheaths or scabbards for a sheath knife and other instruments to the belt.

The invention further consists in the novel construction, adaptation and combination of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawing,—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a belt embodying my invention with knife and ax sheaths applied thereto; and Fig. 2 is a plan view of Fig. 1 with the sheaths shown in horizontal sections.

In said drawing, the reference numeral 5 repressents a belt having secured to one of its ends a strap 6 which is engageable in a buckle 7 attached to the other end of the belt as by means of a strap 8.

The straps 6 and 8 are fixedly secured to the belt by means of rivets or, as shown, by sewing as indicated by stitches 9 and 10 for the respective straps.

Secured as by sewing to the belt for a portion of its length is a strap 11 which is looped to afford receptacles 12 for cartridges 13.

The above described assembly of parts constitute a cartridge-belt such as heretofore and now used.

According to the present invention I employ another strap 14 having an end thereof secured as at 15 to the belt 5 adjacent to one end of the series of cartridge receptacles 12. To fasten the free end of the strap 14 I employ a buckle 16 which is secured to the adjacent end of the belt.

The buckle 16 is advantageously secured to the belt by engaging the buckle in a loop 17 provided by the strap 6 which, as stated above, is secured to the belt.

The purpose of the strap 14 and its buckle 16 connection with the belt is to provide means for detachably securing knife and ax sheaths such as 18 and 19, for examples, to the outside of the belt.

More particularly said sheaths are formed or provided respectively with loops such as 20 and 21 through which is threaded the sheath holding strap 14.

This strap serves to retain the respective sheaths in substantially vertical positions, and enables the belt being removed from a person's body without disturbing the connections between the sheaths and the belt.

The strap 14 is of less width than the belt 5 and is disposed at about the midwidth of the same so that the belt portions above and below the strap 14 will serve to guard the wearer from being injured by the instruments carried in the sheaths.

In practice the belt is arranged to have the sheaths located at one side of the wearer so as not to interfere with the bending of his body and permit the knife or ax being conveniently withdrawn when required.

While I have described the invention in its form now preferred by me, it is to be understood that I do not wish to confine myself to such specific structure except as limited by the appended claims.

What I claim is,—

1. A combined cartridge, knife and ax carrier, comprising a belt, means for fastening the ends of the belt together, means for supporting a knife and ax adjacent one end of the belt, said means comprising a narrow strap having one of its ends fixed to the belt and the other end adjustably secured thereto, and receptacles having closed loops threaded through said strap, and a cartridge carrier disposed along the remainder of the belt,

whereby the receptacles may be removed from and replaced on the belt while the cartridges are in the cartridge carrier.

2. In a cartridge belt, a buckle secured to one end thereof, a strap having a looped end which is secured to the other end of the belt and having its free end engageable in the buckle for coupling the belt ends together, a buckle secured by the looped end of said strap to the belt, a second strap secured at one of its ends to the belt and adapted to have its free end engaged in the second named buckle, the second named buckle and strap being both located entirely in front of one end portion of the belt.

Signed at Seattle, Washington, this 18th day of February, 1924.

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