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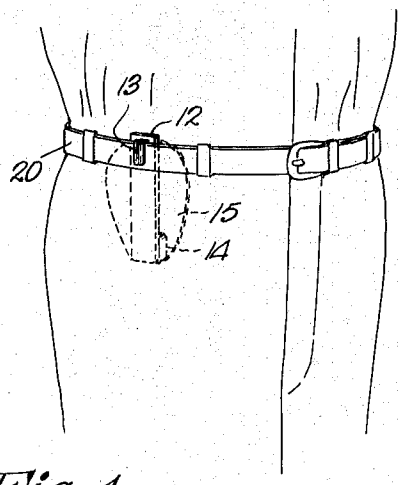


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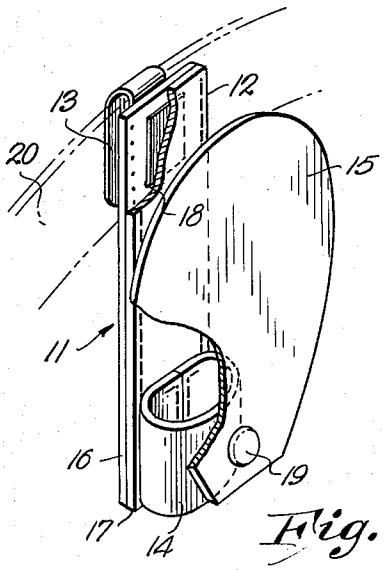


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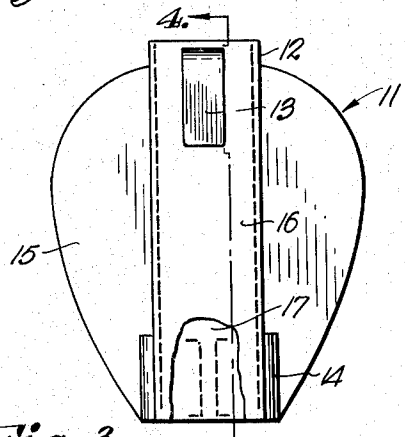


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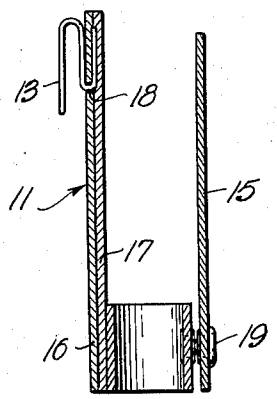


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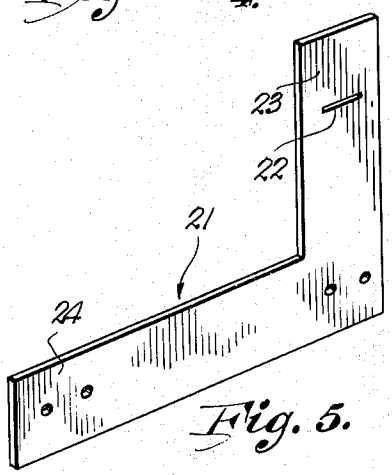


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This invention relates to holsters of the type used for carrying pistols and revolvers. It has particular reference to that type of holster in which the gun and holster is supported by the belt or trouser waistband of the wearer.

One object of my invention is to provide a novel and improved holster which is simple of design, easily and inexpensively constructed, light in weight, and compact and inconspicuous when worn.

A further object is to provide a holster adapted for use by right- or left-hand shooters and which can be carried in either of two semiconcealed front positions or one of two fully concealed rear positions.

My invention is particularly designed for detectives or other peace officers who must wear a hand weapon under a coat rather than exposed to view.

Further objects are to design such a holster which can be put on or taken off without removing the wearer's belt or disarranging the clothing and which, while in place, permits the weapon to be easily and quickly withdrawn.

These and other objects of the invention will be apparent from the following specification and accompanying drawings in which similar numerals refer to similar parts throughout the views.

Referring to the drawings which are for illustrative purposes only:

FIGURE 1 is an illustrative view showing one adaptation of my invention and the manner in which it is used.

FIGURE 2 is a perspective view of the device with portions cut away.

FIGURE 3 is a plan view, partly cut away.

FIGURE 4 is a sectional view along the line 4—4 of FIGURE 3.

FIGURE 5 is a perspective view of a blank from which a modified form of my invention is formed.

FIGURE 6 is a perspective view of the blank of FIGURE 5, formed into shape.

As shown in the drawings, numeral **11** designates a holster embodying my invention. Holster **11** comprises a strap **12**, an S-shaped belt hook or clip **13**, a cylindrical, barrel receiving loop **14** and a shield or guard **15**. Belt hook **13** is preferably made of metal although it may be of a similar semiflexible material. Strap **12**, loop **14** and shield **15** are preferably made of leather, but may be of a similar material. Strap **12** may be formed of two layers or plies **16** and **17** which are glued or stitched together after hook **13** is inserted through slot **18** in ply **16** adjacent its upper end.

Loop **14** consists of a rectangular strap of leather which is formed into a cylinder open at both ends and stitched to ply **17** adjacent its lower end so that the axis of the cylinder is parallel to the length of strap **12**. Shield **15** is substantially egg-shaped with its greatest width at its upper end. At its lower and narrower end it carries a metal snap fastener **19** by which it may be removably attached to the outer face of loop **14**.

To utilize the holster it is inserted between the trouser band and the body of the wearer and moved downward until belt hook **13** fully engages belt **20** and loop **14** is inside the trousers and suspended downward below the

belt so that shield **15** rests against the shirt or inner garment of the wearer. The hand gun may then be placed in the holster by inserting the barrel of the gun into loop **14** until further downward movement is arrested by either the trigger guard or enlarged portion of the barrel coming in contact with the upper rim of loop **14**. The purpose of shield **15** is to protect the garments of the wearer from the oil of the weapon and to shield the weapon from the moisture of the body. It also guards the weapon against entanglement amongst the garments. The widened upper portion of shield **15** is so designed as to function as a shield whether the gun is inserted with the handle to the right or to the left.

To remove the holster it is merely lifted upward so that hook **13** disengages from the belt or waistband.

The holster is designed so as to be worn in the waistband on the right front side, on the left front side, at the right rear or in the left rear. It will be noted that it thus permits a right-hand front draw or a left-hand cross draw from the first position; a left-hand front draw or right-hand cross draw from the second position; a right-hand rear draw from the third position or a left-hand rear draw from the fourth position.

If it is desired to further lighten the holster and to make it even less conspicuous it may be worn without shield **15** which may be unsnapped and laid aside.

In a modified embodiment of my invention illustrated in FIGURES 5 and 6 of the drawings, the barrel-receiving loop and the hook-receiving ply of the strap are formed of one single L-shaped piece of leather **21**. A horizontal slot **22** is cut into vertical arm **23** of the L to receive belt hook **13** and the horizontal arm **24** is wrapped around vertical arm **23** and riveted or stitched in position so as to form the barrel-receiving loop.

While I have shown and described herein specific embodiments of my invention, it is to be understood that any change or changes in the forms of and in relative arrangements of components can be made within the scope of the invention, as defined by the claims appended hereto.

Having fully disclosed my invention, I claim:

1. A hand gun holster comprising a rectangular leather strap adapted to be vertically positioned between the waistband of the trousers and the body of the wearer, a downward depending metal hook secured to one face of the strap at the upper end thereof and adapted to engage the belt or waistband, a vertical, cylindrical gun barrel-receiving, leather loop, secured to the opposite face of said strap adjacent the lower end thereof and a flexible guard attached to the outer surface of said loop, said guard being formed of a flat piece of material having its bottom edge attached to the outside of said loop which constitutes its sole support whereby the gun may be supported in the loop and the gun guarded while the gun is oriented for either a right-hand or left-hand draw, said cylindrical loop extending less than one-half the length of said strap.

2. A hand gun holster comprising a strap, a downward depending hook secured to one face of said strap adjacent the upward end thereof and a vertical, open top and bottom, cylindrical, gun barrel-receiving loop secured to the opposite face of said strap at the lower end thereof, said barrel-receiving loop having a length less than the length of a conventional hand gun barrel, said loop opening being slightly greater in diameter than the diameter of the gun barrel, said loop receiving only the

said barrel and being the only support on the strap for the gun whereby the gun may be supported in the left-hand or right-hand draw position.

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