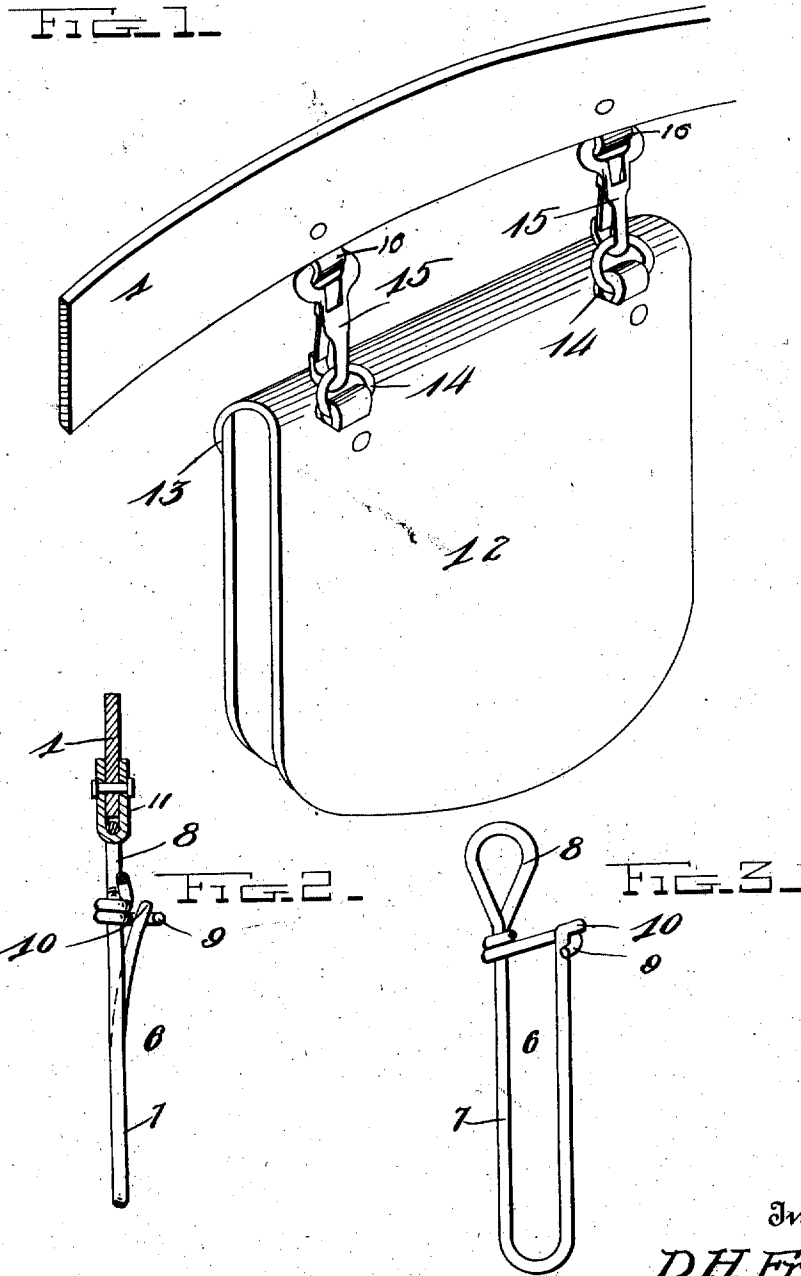


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID H. FRANKS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Mancos, in the county of Montezuma and State of Colorado, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hunting-Belts; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to improvements in hunting belts.

One object of the invention is to provide a hunting belt having improved means whereby a large quantity of game may be securely fastened thereto and thus readily carried without interfering with the movements of the hunter.

The invention consists in the construction and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter described and particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings: Figure 1 is a vertical section of the improved belt. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the same. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of one of the game attaching hooks of the belt.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, 1 denotes my improved belt, which may be formed of leather, webbing, or other suitable material, and which is provided on one end with a buckle 2 whereby the same may be adjusted.

Depending from the belt is a game attaching hook 6, said hook being formed from a single piece of spring wire bent to form U shaped bail 7, the upper end of one of the arms of which is bent into an eye 8 which is secured to a loop 11, said arm being coiled upon itself at the base of the eye, after which said end is bent laterally to form a hook-shaped guard or keeper 9. The upper end of the other member of the loop 7 is bent laterally to a slight extent to form a catch 10 and is adapted to be sprung into engagement with the keeper 9, thereby closing the upper end of the loop 7 and preventing the loss or casual disengagement of the game which may be engaged with the loop. The hook 6 may be secured to the belt in any suitable manner, but is preferably loosely connected thereto by short strap loop 11, the ends of which are engaged with the opposite sides of the belt at the lower edge

thereof and are riveted or otherwise suitably fastened thereto.

Secured to the opposite ends of the belt at the front portion thereof, are pockets 12 which may be of any suitable size and shape, and constructed of any suitable material, said pockets being here shown as having cover flaps 13 adapted to close the upper open ends of the pockets, said flaps being secured by a short strap and buckle or by any other suitable fastening means. The pockets have secured to their rear sides near their upper ends rings 14 which are adapted to be engaged with snap hooks 15 secured to the belt by strap loops 16 or other suitable fastening devices. The pockets 12 when thus arranged form convenient receptacles for carrying ammunition, provisions, or other objects whereby said objects may be carried within convenient reach without interfering with the movements of the wearer.

By means of my improved game attaching hooks the game may be suspended from the belt by their heads or feet, which are engaged between the members of the loops and are thus securely fastened to the hooks when the catch 10 on the free end of the loop is engaged with the keeper 9. By constructing the hooks 6 in the manner described, several birds or animals may be engaged with each hook and thus secured to the belt, thereby greatly increasing the carrying capacity of the belt.

My improved game carrier is inexpensive in construction, reliable in use, and possesses all the advantages and none of the disadvantages of a cumbersome hunting coat or game bag.

From the foregoing description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction and operation of the invention will be readily understood without requiring a more extended explanation.

Various changes in the form, proportion and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention claimed.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

A game carrier belt comprising the belt with a loop depending therefrom, an attachment for the loop consisting of single length of wire bent at one portion of its length to

provide a U-shaped bail having one portion
of one of its arms bent to provide an eye
which is adapted to be connected to said
loop, said arm being coiled upon itself at
5 the base of the eye and having a right angular
portion extending laterally and up-
wardly inclined from said eye so as to
spread the arms apart, the terminal of said
laterally extended portion having an in-
10 wardly curved catch, the other arm of the
bail having a right angular terminal to pro-

vide a keeper, said catch being adapted to
be sprung into engagement with the keeper
so that said keeper will contact with the
other arm and its catch. 1

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