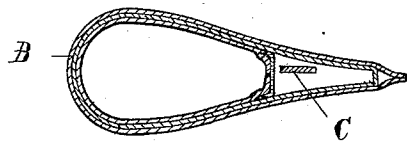
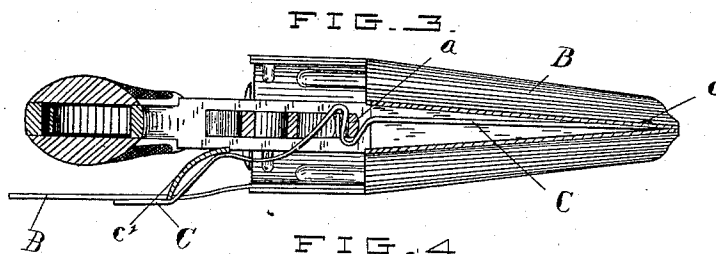
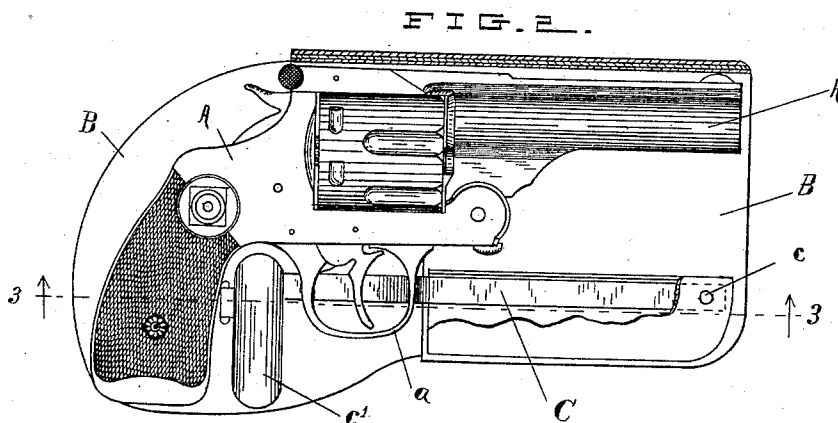
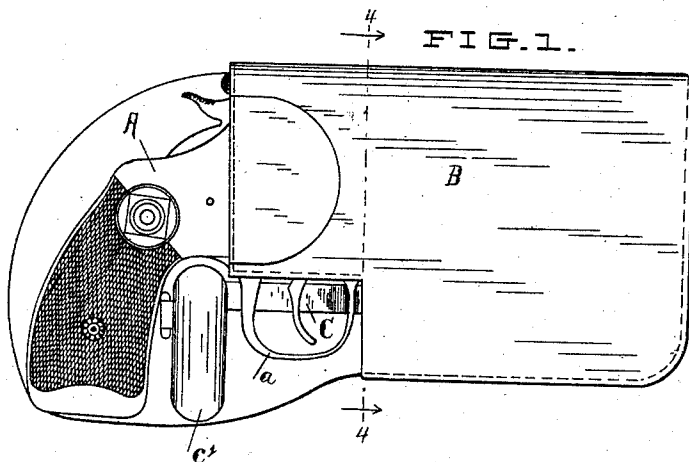


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN A. E. ANDERSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lebanon, in the county of Boone and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pistol-Pockets, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my said invention is to provide a device which will hold a fire-arm—such as a pistol or revolver—securely in the pocket or holster in which it is carried, while at the same time it may be easily and quickly released, when desired, with the same hand and at the same time the pistol itself is grasped. This object is accomplished by securing within the structure of the pocket or holster a spring-catch adapted to engage with the finger-guard of the pistol and provided with a finger-piece which extends into proximity to the handle of said pistol, whereby the spring-catch may be disengaged.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, which are made a part hereof, and on which similar letters of reference indicate similar parts, Figure 1 is a side elevation of a pistol-pocket embodying my said invention with a revolver contained therein; Fig. 2, a similar view with the side of the pocket or holster broken away, showing the revolver and the spring-catch; Fig. 3, a horizontal sectional view looking upwardly from the dotted line 3 3 in Fig. 2 and showing the outline of the spring-catch, and Fig. 4 a transverse sectional view looking toward the right from the dotted line 4 4 in Fig. 1 of the empty pocket or holster.

In said drawings the portions marked A represent the fire-arm, B the pocket or holster, and C the spring.

The fire-arm A may be any ordinary pistol or revolver and needs no special description. It is provided with the usual finger-guard *a* or other similar projecting part with which the spring-catch may engage.

The pocket or holster B is constructed, preferably, of sheet metal, covered with leather or other suitable covering material, and its main compartment also preferably suitably lined. It is constructed of a shape and size adapted to conveniently receive the fire-arm to be carried. It is preferably divided into two compartments, one of which receives the main por-

tion of the fire-arm and in the other of which is contained the lower or attached end of the spring-catch.

The spring-catch C is secured within the lower portion of the pocket or holster B, preferably to the side of said pocket or holster, by a rivet *c* or otherwise. It extends up to a point just below where the handle of the fire-arm will come when in place in the pocket and is there provided with an enlargement or finger-piece *c'*. At the point where the finger-guard *a* of the fire-arm will come when said fire-arm is in position in the pocket this spring is bent to form a catch which will conveniently engage with said finger-guard, as shown most clearly in Fig. 3 of the drawings. The spring is so attached that by its own spring force it will engage with the finger-guard at all times when not forcibly disengaged. As also clearly shown in said Fig. 3, that portion which extends to the finger-piece *c'* from the catch is inclined, so that in inserting the fire-arm into the pocket the finger-guard will travel over said incline, forcing the spring back until it reaches the bend which forms the catch. This holds the fire-arm securely in the pocket or holster, overcoming all danger of its being thrown or jolted out by any ordinary movement until such time as it is desired to purposely withdraw it. In such a case the user grasps the handle of the fire-arm, as usual, at the same time pressing with one or more of his fingers against the finger-piece *c'*, (usually with the nails or upper knuckles,) which forces the spring back, throwing the catch out of engagement with the finger-guard, after which the pistol can be withdrawn in the same manner as if no catch were present, as will be readily understood. As will also readily be seen, the disengagement of the catch can be effected simultaneously with the grasping of the handle of the fire-arm, so that no time need be lost.

The structure as a whole may be placed within an ordinary pocket in a garment, or it may be secured to a belt, or it may be attached to a saddle after the manner of an ordinary holster.

Having thus fully described my said invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A pistol pocket or holster having a spring-

catch connected therewith and engaging with the finger-guard of a fire-arm when inserted therein, thus holding said fire-arm securely in place, substantially as set forth.

5 2. In a pistol pocket or holster, a spring-catch connected therewith and engaging with a finger-guard or projection on the fire-arm and provided with an extension or finger-piece extending to near the handle of said
10 fire-arm, whereby it may be conveniently disengaged.

3. The combination, with a pistol pocket or holster, of a spring-catch secured therein at a point underneath the fire-arm when in position and formed to engage with a projecting portion of said fire-arm and having a finger-piece arranged to be in proximity to the

handle of the fire-arm when in position, whereby the catch may be disengaged with the same hand and at the same time that the
20 fire-arm is grasped for withdrawal from said pocket or holster.

4. A pistol pocket or holster the structure of which is formed in three thicknesses, the middle one of which is sheet metal and the
25 outer and inner ones of leather or other suitable covering or lining material.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, at Lebanon, Indiana, this 27th day of February, A. D. 1891.

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