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Fig. 1.

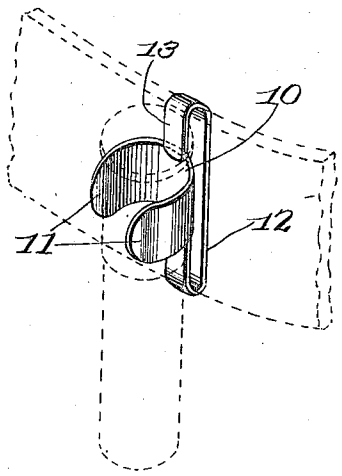


Fig. 2.

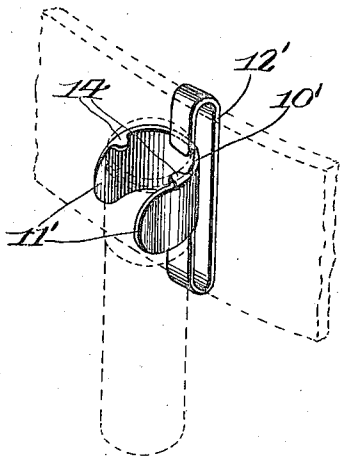
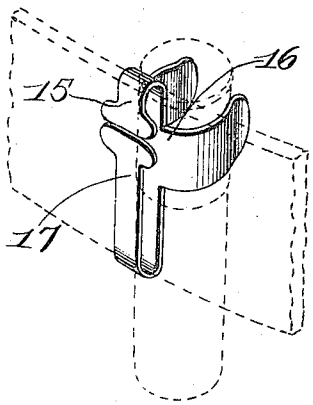


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NORRIS C. KEELY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Wilkes-Barre, in the county of Luzerne, State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cartridge Holders; and I do hereby 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 new and useful improvements in cartridge holders.

One object of the invention is to provide a novel and improved form of cartridge holder which is arranged to be readily applied to a belt, and in which the individual cartridges will be retained against accidental displacement, but which may be readily and easily removed when needed.

Another object is to provide a device of this character which is simple in construction, formed from a single piece of metal, and which can be manufactured at a low cost.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent from the following description when taken in connection with the accompanying drawing.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of one form of the cartridge holder in which the belt slide is formed from a single tongue.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the cartridge holder, similar to that of Figure 1, except that each of the jaws has a lip for engagement in the groove of a rimless cartridge.

Figure 3 is a modification showing the belt slide formed by properly bending two tongues from the upper and lower end of the body, respectively.

Referring to the accompanying drawing, and particularly to Figure 1, the holder is formed from a single piece of metal and includes the body portion 10, from the opposite sides of which extend the outwardly and oppositely bowed gripping jaws 11, and between which jaws the body of a cartridge is adapted to be gripped and retained. It will be noted that the jaws grip the shell below the rim so that the cartridge cannot slide downwardly from the jaws. Formed integrally with the body 10, and extending from the lower end thereof, is a long tongue 12, the same being bent to extend upwardly in parallel relation to the rear of the body, and with its upper end bent downwardly to lie forwardly of the upper end of the body, as shown at 13. The belt is disposed between the upwardly extending portion and the rear face of the body, as clearly seen in the drawing.

In the form shown in Figure 2, the holder comprises the body 10′, with the jaws 11′, and the tongue 12′, bent and arranged in the same manner as that of Figure 1. Formed integrally with the gripping jaws 11′, and extending horizontally inwardly therefrom, are the small lips 14, said lips being arranged to engage in the groove of the upper end of a rimless cartridge.

In the form shown in Figure 3, the slide is formed by extending a tongue 15 from the upper end of the body 16, and a tongue 17 from the lower end of the body, and then bending the tongues so that they extend to and touch, at their extremities, as clearly seen in the drawing.

The most commonly used form of cartridge holder is made from canvas or leather, but this soon wears out, or the pockets or loops become so stretched that when the wearer stoops or leans, the cartridges fall from the pockets. The present device effectively prevents this.

What is claimed is:

A cartridge holding attachment for a belt comprising a single piece of metal of the required springiness and having a pair of outwardly extending and oppositely bowed cartridge gripping jaws, and a tongue extending from the side of the body at a point intermediate the juncture of the jaws, said tongue being bent to extend away from the said side of the body in the plane thereof, thence in parallel relation to and behind the body, the outer end of the tongue being rebent to extend in parallel relation to the last-named portion and overlapping the adjacent side of the body between the juncture of the said jaws.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature, in the presence of two witnesses.

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