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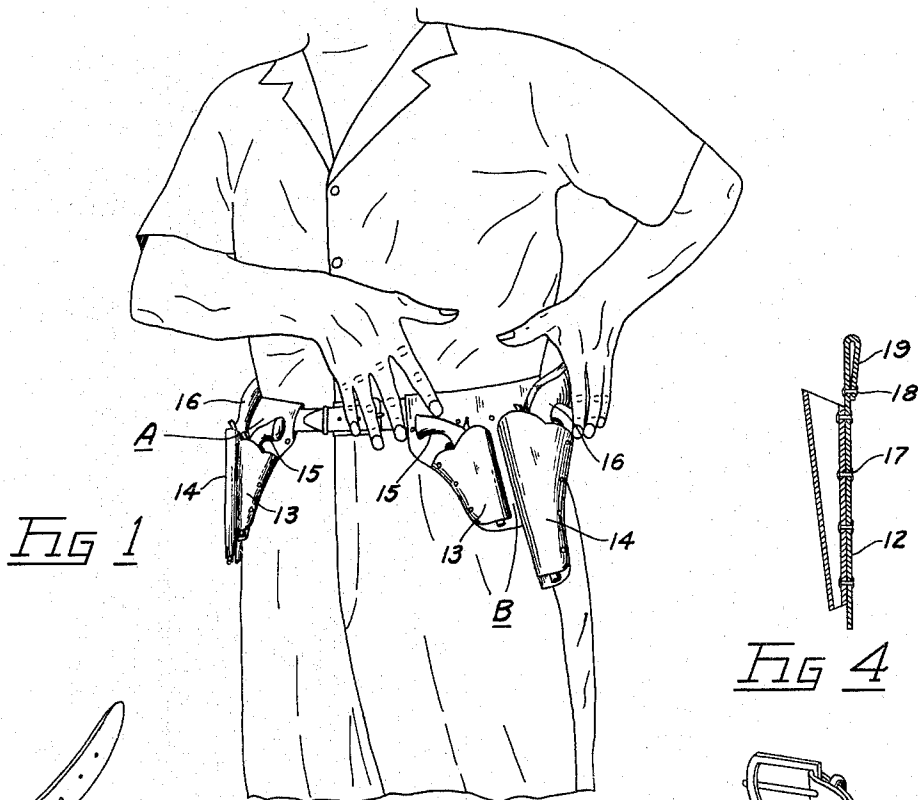
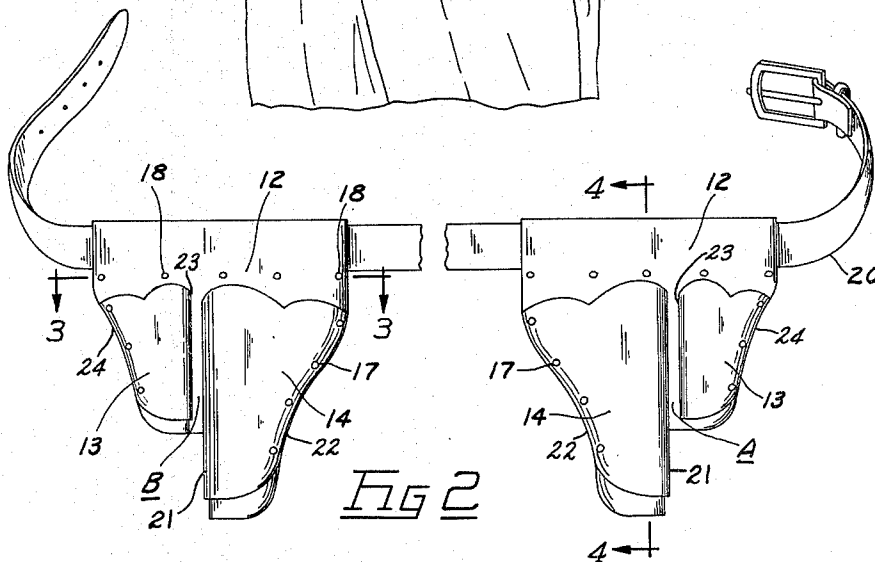
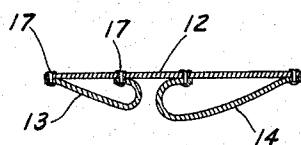


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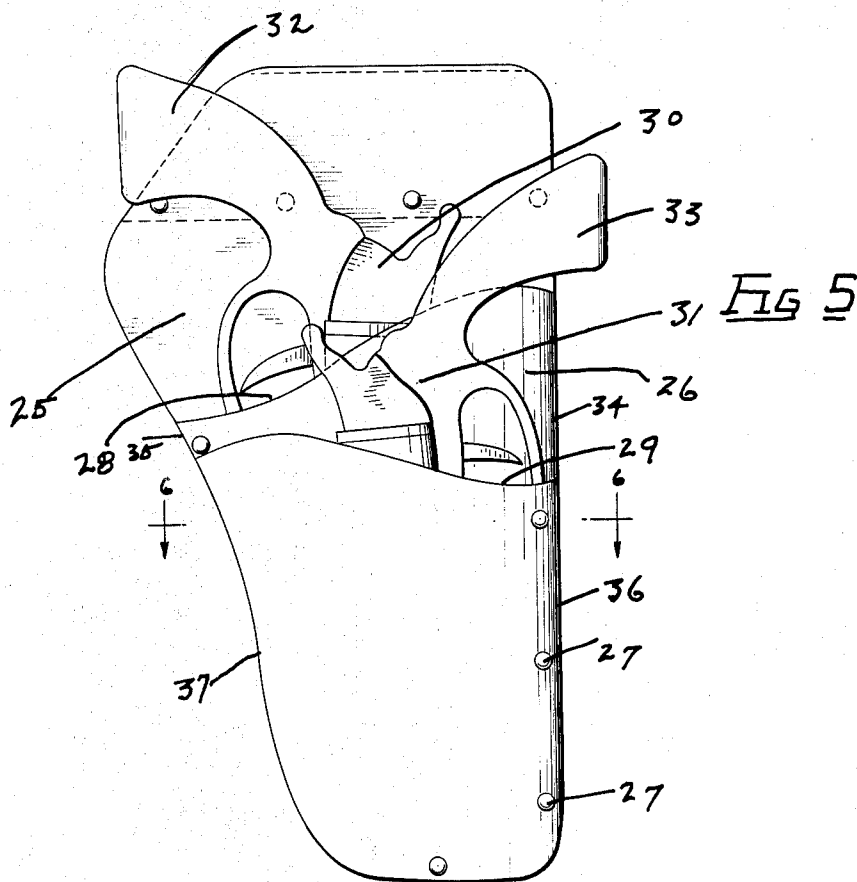
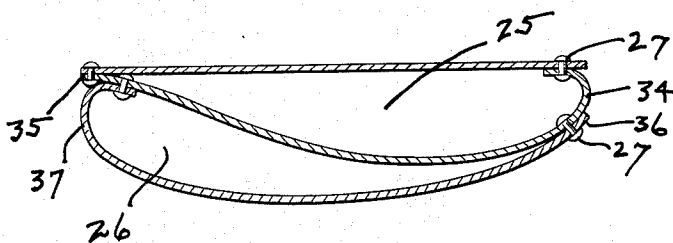
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This invention relates to hand gun holsters, that is, pistol or revolver carriers.

This application is a continuation-in-part of applicant's prior application filed November 26, 1962, Serial Number 240,075, now abandoned.

The holster of the invention is constructed to carry two hand guns with the handles of the hand guns protruding from the pockets of the holsters so that the handles of the hand guns contained within the pockets of the holsters are diametrically opposed to each other, allowing the person carrying the holster to grab and remove the hand guns from the two pockets at the same time, one hand gun in the right hand and the other in the left hand, the hands being in a natural position.

The main object of the present invention is to provide a hand gun holster, whereby two gun receiving pockets can be mounted upon a single planar surface in side-by-side or superposed relation. The holster, as will be seen, includes a pair of gun pockets mounted on planar surfaces which are disposed adjacent the respective sides of the person to which the holsters are attached.

A further object of the invention is to provide such a holster arrangement whereby the two guns can be simultaneously withdrawn from the holsters without the person wearing the holsters making any other move than the natural movement of the hands to the gun holsters.

The invention is primarily intended as a toy for use as an amusement device for the "quick and natural drawing" of toy guns from the holsters.

Not only is the invention directed to the shape of the holsters having means for accommodating two hand guns, but the same is also directed to the simplicity of the construction of each holster, including the pockets for containing the hand guns.

Other and more specific objects of the invention will be apparent with a detailed study of the specification and the accompanying drawings, wherein:

FIG. 1 is a front elevational view showing two holsters with the two hand guns contained in a pocket of each;

FIG. 2 is a back elevation of the holsters mounted on a belt, shown in FIG. 1;

FIG. 3 is a cross section of a holster on the line 3-3 of FIG. 2;

FIG. 4 is a vertical section of a holster on line 4-4 of FIG. 2;

FIG. 5 is a modified form of the invention showing the holsters, one mounted upon the other; and

FIG. 6 is a cross section of the holster on the line 6-6 of FIG. 5.

The holster assembly comprises holsters A and B including planar supporting members 12 to which members are mounted on one face thereof individual different sized pockets 13 and 14 for the hand guns 15 and 16.

The surface of the planar supporting members 12 of each holster assembly is larger than the combined area of the pockets 13 and 14 in that the same extends down below the bottom of the pockets 13 and 14 and extends upwardly beyond the top of the pockets. The disclosed construction shows the supporting members 12 of an area larger than the combined area of the pockets 13 and 14; however, it is conceivable that the area of the respective supporting members 12 could be of substantially the same area as the pockets 13 and 14.

As will be seen in all of the figures of the drawings

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and especially in FIG. 3, the material forming the pockets 13 and 14 is attached to the supporting members 12 by rivets 17. In the embodiment of the invention disclosed rivets are shown as a means of attaching the pockets to the supporting members 12, but it will readily be recognized that the pockets could be supported on the planar members 12 as by stitching, gluing, or in fact in any desirable manner.

The supporting members 12 at their top are turned over and riveted as at 18, to form a loop 19 through which passes a flexible support belt of strap 20 as is clearly shown in FIGS. 1 and 2.

While the drawings show different size pockets for different size guns, the pockets of the holsters could be made the same size to accommodate hand guns of the same size.

As will be seen in FIG. 1, the hands of the wearer of the holsters can easily reach and grab the handles of the hand guns in the pockets of the holster B and come up with a natural advance or natural draw. The above is true whether the hand guns are removed from the holsters on the right or left side of the wearer, as shown in FIG. 1.

In FIG. 1 the right hand of the wearer is about to grasp the smaller hand gun 15 from its pocket 13 on the left side of the wearer, and the left hand of the wearer is about to grasp the larger hand gun 16 from the pocket 14 both pockets being disposed on the planar surface 12. If the hand guns are removed by the same wearer from the pockets of the assembly on the right side of the wearer, the hands of the wearer would grasp the reverse hand gun handles from that explained above, that is, the left hand of the wearer would grasp the handle of the hand gun 15 while the right hand would grasp the handle of the hand gun 16.

The material forming the holsters and the pockets thereon could well be leather, a plastic or any strong flexible material.

Each holster is made from three pieces of material comprising the planar flexible supporting members 12, two hand gun holsters or pockets 13 and 14 attached thereto plus the attaching members therefor, namely the ornamental rivets 17. While the disclosed construction shows that each holster is made from three pieces of material, it is readily conceivable that the respective supporting member and gun pockets could be readily molded from a single piece of material, and further the holster members 13 and 14 could be fashioned from a single piece of material and thereafter supported to the supporting member 12.

It will be noted that the shapes of the holsters are generally identical being of different sizes to accommodate hand guns of various sizes. Thus, the larger holster 14 has a perpendicular inner wall 21 longer than the opposite and complementary outer wall 22. Likewise, the smaller holster 13 has a perpendicular inner wall 23 longer than the outer wall 24 of this holster. The perpendicular inner walls of the holsters face each other and the shorter outer walls of the respective holsters provide and permit for the ready and easy gun insertion and removal functions. The barrels of the hand guns naturally occupy the space adjacent the perpendicular inner walls of the holsters and when so naturally positioned within the holsters the barrels of the guns when thus placed in the holsters dispose the handles of the guns in opposite or diametric relation to each other, the handles of the hand guns pointing in opposite directions. This makes for the ready access of each gun handle to be grasped with the user's hands in their normal position whereby the two guns can be easily and quickly drawn in a natural manner and the guns pulled from the holsters and advanced in a natural manner.

FIG. 5 is a modification of the invention and as will be seen by an examination of FIGS. 5 and 6, the holster

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shown in this modification includes a rear holster 25 and a front holster 26, the front holster 26 being substantially smaller than the rear holster 25. As seen the holsters 25 and 26 are attached to each other as by rivets 27, but of course other means such as sewing could be utilized in securing the holsters together one upon the other. The upper edge of the rear holster pocket is seen at 28, while the upper edge of the front holster is seen at 29. It will be noted that the hand guns 30 and 31 disposed in the holsters of the modified form have their respective handles 32 and 33 positioned in the holsters in reversed or diametric relation. This is possible because of the difference in length of the respective inner and outer complementary walls of the two different sized holsters. The larger holster 25 has a relatively long inner wall 34 and a shorter outer wall 35, while the smaller holster has an inner wall 36 disposed substantially on top and in line with the wall 34, and has a relatively longer outer wall 35 disposed substantially on top and in line with the outer wall 37. Also, as will be apparent from FIGS. 3 and 6, which are longitudinal cross-sectional views of both forms of the invention, the pair of pockets are generally triangular in longitudinal cross-section, and the wider portion of each pocket is arranged to face in opposite directions, thus permitting the hand guns to be inserted in the pockets with their handles positioned in opposite directions as shown in FIGS. 1 and 5. By such an arrangement, it will readily be understood and recognized that the two hands of the person, upon which the holster is supported, can be grasped and the guns withdrawn from the holsters with both hands in their natural or normal position. By such an arrangement there is a "natural advance" of the guns as the same are withdrawn from the holsters. And this is true whether the guns are being removed from the holster at the right hand side of the person or at the left hand side of a person, upon which the holsters are supported as by the strap 20.

While various forms of the invention have been disclosed, it is not intended that the invention be limited to

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the exact construction disclosed, but is capable of variation and modification within the scope of the following claims.

I claim:

1. A hand gun supporting assembly including a holster for supporting a pair of hand guns adapted to be positioned in close proximity to each other and a flexible belt for attachment about a person's body for supporting the holster, said holster comprising a substantially planar surfaced one piece member and means fixedly secured thereto and cooperating therewith to form a pair of pockets positioned in proximity to each other and on the same side of said member and each having a generally triangular shape in horizontal cross section and so positioned relative to each other so that the wider portion of said pockets face in opposite directions to receive a pair of hand guns with the handles positioned in opposite directions so that the user may simultaneously grasp each gun with his hands and manually withdraw a pair of guns from said pockets.
2. A hand gun supporting assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein said pockets are in side-by-side relationship.
3. A hand gun supporting assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein said pockets are in overlying relationship.
4. A hand gun supporting assembly as set forth in claim 2 wherein one of said pockets is smaller than the other.

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