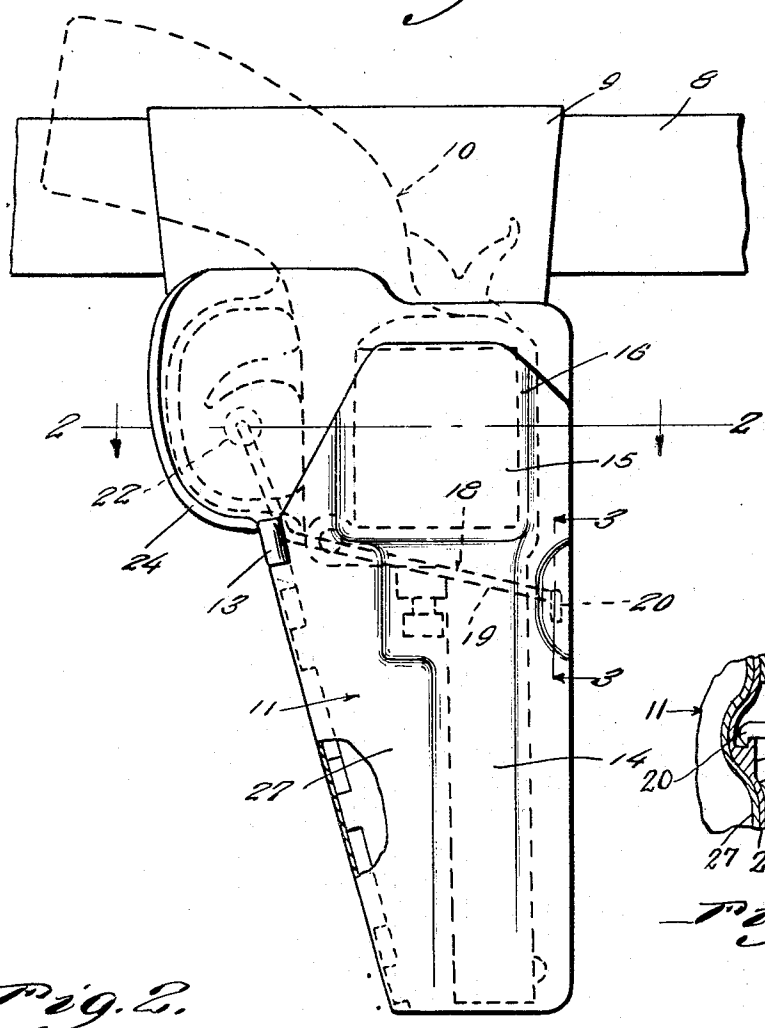
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Fig. 1.



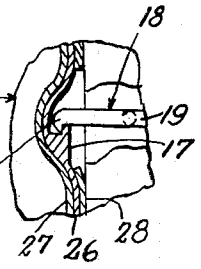
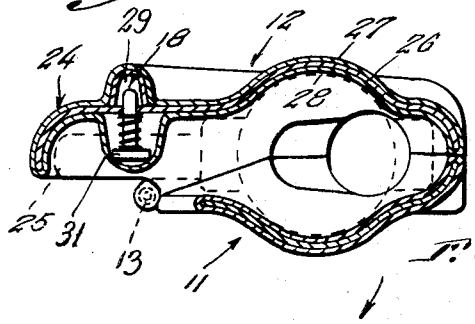


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Fig. 2.



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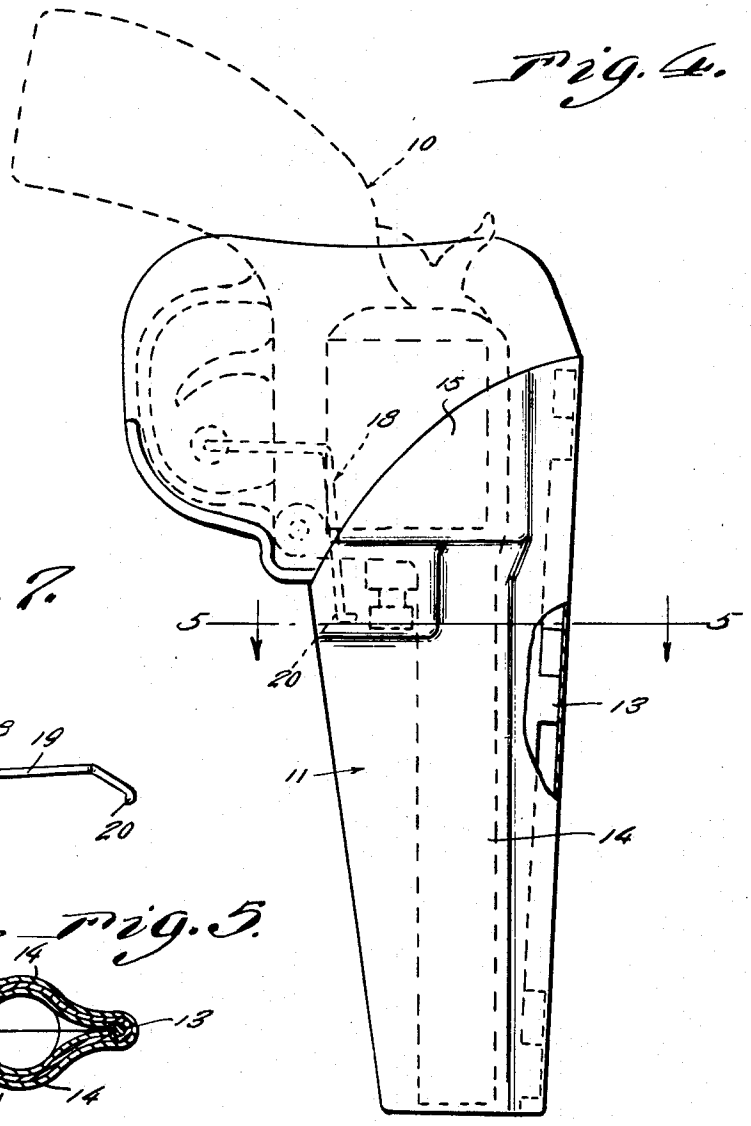


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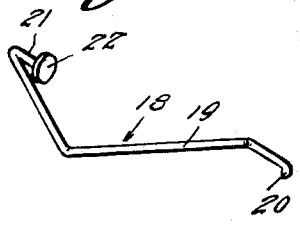


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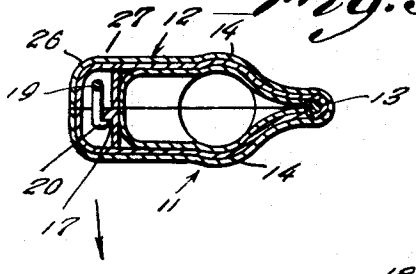
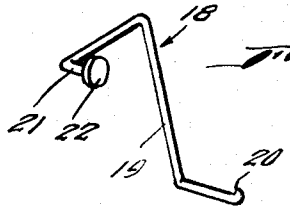


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This invention relates to an improved holster which is especially, but not necessarily, adapted to accommodate pistols.

Broadly stated, the inventive conception comprehends a holster of sectional construction wherein the companion sections are hingedly connected together to form a sheath-like retention receptacle for the pistol, means being provided for automatically swinging the sections to open position to expedite drawing of the pistol and additional means being provided for releasing said sections according to the discretion of the user.

Particular novelty is found in the special construction and adaptation of the manually manipulated release means which is so constructed as to be concealed and located for co-operation with the trigger guard so that it constitutes a safety device to frustrate unauthorized withdrawal of the pistol from the holster.

An additional point of distinction and novelty is found in the special configuration of the complemental features forming said holster wherein said features are shaped to conform to the adjacent portions of the pistol to aid in preventing unauthorized withdrawal and to guard against accidental rotation of the cartridge cylinder to prevent accidental discharge of the pistol.

Other features and advantages will become more readily apparent from the following description and drawings.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is an elevational view of one embodiment of the holster.

Figures 2 and 3 are detail sections on the lines 2—2 and 3—3 respectively of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a view similar to Figure 1 showing a slight modification of the invention.

Figure 5 is a horizontal section on the line 5—5 of Figure 4.

Figures 6 and 7 are detail perspective views of the manually tripped releasing latches.

Referring to the drawings by reference numerals, and more specifically to the form of the invention shown in Figure 1 it will be seen that the holster comprises a pair of companionate sections 11, 12 hingedly connected together at their rear longitudinal edges through the medium of a spring hinge 13 that serves to normally swing the sections relative to one another for opening the holster. The sections 11, 12 are formed of metal suitably shaped and pressed to snugly and conformably receive the firearm, the sections being provided as at 14 to accommodate the barrel portion of the fire arm, and as at 15 to accommodate the magazine 16 of the fire arm.

The sections 11 and 12 are encased within a sheathing of leather or other suitable material providing for the holster an outer covering 27 and an inner lining 28.

One of the sections, in the present instance, section 12 is provided at its upper portion with a rearwardly extending shield 24 to accommodate the trigger guard in a manner clearly suggested in Figures 1 and 2.

Integral with the outer cover 27 at the inner side of the holster is a belt receiving loop 9 preferably made of the same material as the covering and adapted to accommodate a belt in the manner suggested in Figure 1 for suspending the holster from the belt, a portion of which belt is shown in the drawings and indicated by the reference numeral 8.

Suitable manually operable latch means is provided for holding the sections 11, 12 in closed position and in this connection it will be seen that one of the sections, in the present instance section 12 has secured to the outer side thereof in any suitable manner an angular pocket forming member channel shaped in cross section providing a pocket 29 that extends from about the center portion of the extension 24 across the outside of the section 12 to the free longitudinal edge of the section at a point intermediate the upper and lower ends of the said section to aline with a pocket 30 pressed from the section 11 adjacent the free longitudinal edge of said section 11 as will be clear from a study of Figures 1 to 3 inclusive.

Rotatably mounted in the pocket 29 is a latch member designated generally by the reference numeral 18 and the shape of the member 18 will be clear from a study of Figure 7, and it will be noted that the shape of the member 18 is such as to conform to the angular shape of the pocket 29. The member 18 includes an angular rod like portion 19 which is provided at its upper end with a lateral extension 21 operating in a suitable aperture provided therefore in the extension 24 of the holster section 12. The terminal of the projection 21 is equipped with a button 22 that extends inwardly of the holster and in this connection it will be noted, as clearly shown in Figure 2, that the lining 28 is so shaped as to accommodate the projection 21 and button 22 and to substantially conceal the same. At its lower or free end the rod 19 of the latch is provided with a hook shaped extension or catch 20 that is adapted to extend into the pocket 30 and to engage a keeper 17 suitably provided in said pocket for releasably retaining the holster sections 11, 12 in closed

position. The latch member 18 is normally urged to rotate in anti-clockwise direction for releasably retaining the catch 20 engaged with the keeper 17 through the medium of a coil spring 31 disposed about the latch extension 21 and interposed between the head 22 and the extension 24 as shown in Figure 2.

As clearly shown in Figures 1 and 2 the head equipped extension 21 of the latch 18 projects into the holster at a point to be conveniently engaged by the trigger finger for pressing inwardly on the button against the action of spring 21 for releasing the latch to permit the sections of the holster to swing to an open position substantially simultaneously with a withdrawal of the firearm or pistol 10 from the holster. In this connection it will be noted that when the handle of the pistol is grasped preparatory to withdrawing the pistol from the holster the trigger finger is engaged with the button 22 and a pressure applied to the button will cause the latch member 18 to swing in a clockwise direction thereby swinging the catch 20 upwardly and out of engagement with the keeper 17 permitting the sections 11, 12 of the holster to swing relative to one another under action of the spring hinge 13 thus effecting a substantially automatic opening of the holster and facilitating the withdrawing of the firearm.

In the form of the invention shown in Figures 4 and 5 the sections of the holster are hingedly connected together at their forward edges; and in this form of the invention the section 12 of the holster will be provided with a suitably arranged pocket 29' for accommodating the latch 18' which latch, as clearly shown in Figure 6 also include a rod portion 19', an extension 21' at one end of the rod portion extending into the holster and equipped with a button 22', together with a catch member 20' provided at the free end of the rod portion 19' and adapted to extend into a keeper pocket 30' suitably provided in the complemental sections 11, 12 of the holster to engage within the pocket 30' a suitable keeper 17' as will be clear from a study of Figure 5. Manifestly in this form of the invention provision is also made for the engagement of the latch button 22' by the trigger finger when the pistol is grasped preparatory to withdrawing the firearm from the holster.

I claim:

1. A holster of the class described comprising two complemental sections hingedly connected together, each of said sections being provided with a pocket having an opening at the free meeting edges of said sections, a latch rod rotatably mounted in the pocket associated with one of said sections and having at one end a catch projecting from said pocket for reception within the pocket associated with the other of said sections, a keeper member in the pocket of the last named section with which said catch is engaged for releasably retaining the sections in closed condition, and said latch rod having the end portion remote from said catch extending into the holster through an aperture in the inner wall of the pocket associated with the first named holster section, a button on the last named end portion of said latch rod, and a spring device engaged with the button and the holster section for normally urging the button equipped end of the latch rod inwardly of the holster adjacent the trigger of a pistol inserted in the holster to be engaged by the trigger finger of the hand grasping the pistol for releasing the latch means.

2. A holster of the class described comprising a body consisting of two hingedly connected sections, a spring hinge connecting said sections for moving the sections to open position; one of said sections being provided with a lateral pocket having an opening at a free edge of said section, a wall separating said pocket from the interior of the holster and provided with an aperture adjacent the end of the pocket remote from said free edge of the said section, a latch rod freely rotatable within said pocket and having a catch projecting outwardly from the pocket at said free edge of the section, said latch rod at the end thereof remote from said catch having an end portion extending through the aperture in said wall to terminate within the holster, in the region of the trigger of a revolver inserted within the holster, a pocket on the other of said sections for receiving the said catch, a keeper in the last named pocket with which said catch is engaged for holding the sections of the holster in closed position, and an inner lining for the holster having a bulged portion in the region of said aperture to accommodate said end portion of the latch rod and to substantially conceal said end portion of the latch rod.

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