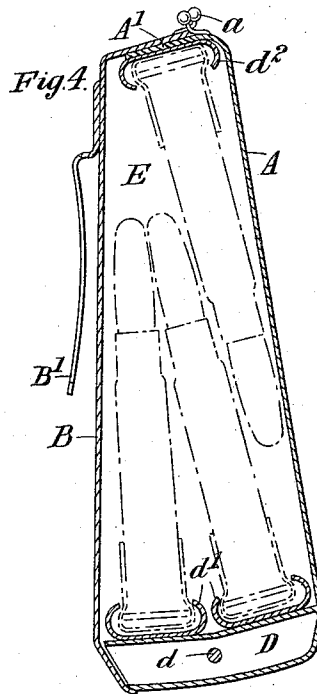
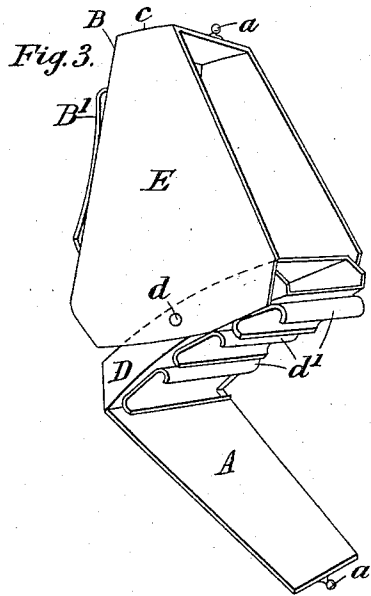
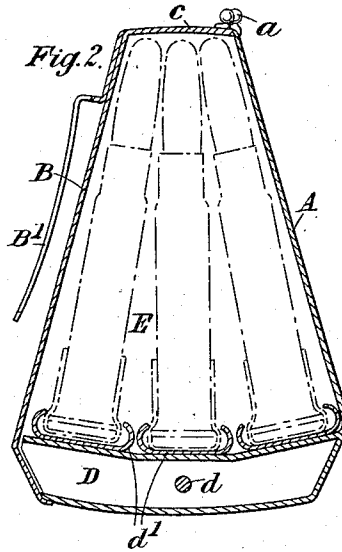
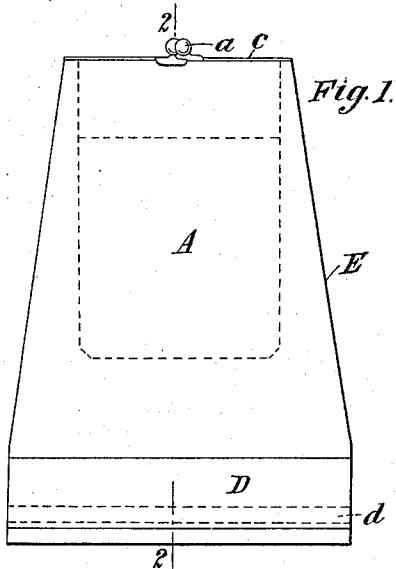


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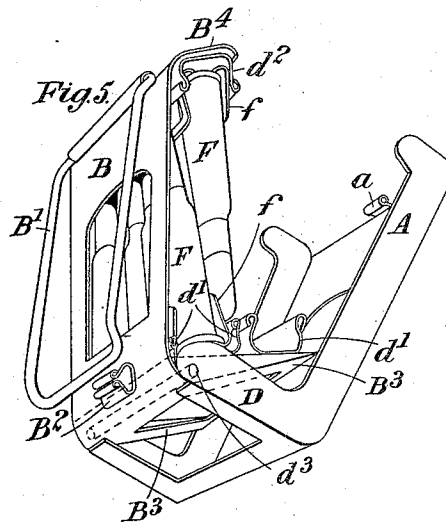
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES JOSIAH ROSS, a subject of the King of England, residing at 227 High street, Exeter, England, (whose post-office address is 227 High street, Exeter, England,) have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ammunition-Receptacles, of which the following is a specification.

10 This invention relates to ammunition receptacles of the kind for carrying on the person rows of cartridges in clips adapted to be used with magazine rifles, or other weapons requiring magazines of cartridges.

15 The object of my invention is so to construct a receptacle of the indicated kind that a given number of rows of cartridges will be stored in the minimum of space, be readily removable as and when required, and yet cannot be dropped or thrown out of the case whether it be open or closed, thus preventing the great waste which the present method of carrying cartridges entails.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved ammunition receptacle; Fig. 2 is a vertical section of same on the line 2—2; Fig. 3 is a perspective view of same in the open position; Fig. 4 is a vertical section of a modification; and 30 Fig. 5 is a perspective view of another modification.

The same parts are lettered to correspond in all five figures.

35 According to my invention the ammunition receptacle, which is formed preferably as a wedge-shaped box with the front A and back B tapering inward toward the top C, has the front A secured to or formed integrally with the bottom D of the box which 40 latter is pivoted at *d* in the sides E of the box so as to turn through an angle of approximately 180°, as shown in Fig. 3.

In the form shown in Figs. 1 to 3, the bottom D is provided with a series of clips 45 *d'* whose sides may be curved as shown, or made approximately vertical to the base line, and the cartridge clips secured therein by knobs on the clips engaging indentations in the vertical sides of the clips *d'*. Into 50 these clips the clips carrying the rows of cartridges are slid, the clips *d'* being inclined toward each other so that the tapering rows of cartridges lie close together within the receptacle, as shown by the dotted 55 lines in Fig. 2. The box is secured in the closed position by means of knobs *a* on the

front A and on the top C of the box so placed as to form a spring clip, or any other readily detachable means may be employed for securing the front A in the closed position. 60

In the form shown in Fig. 4 the front A is provided with a top inwardly projecting extension A' which carries one or more clips *d*² so as to carry a clip or clips with the 65 cartridges directed downward instead of upward as in the lower clips *d'*. The clips *d'* and *d*² are so arranged that the cartridges carried thereby incline in opposite directions as shown. 70

When it is desired to remove a row of cartridges the fastening *a* is undone and the front A let down and the bottom D thus turned on its pivot *d* into the position shown in Fig. 3, when a clip can be slid out of its 75 clip *d'* or *d*² to drop into the palm of the operator's hand, the cartridges inserted in the fire-arm, and the box closed by raising the front A and securing the fastening *a*. It will be observed that all of this operation 80 can be readily performed by the operator using only one hand.

The box is provided with a spring hook B' or other fastening device by means of which it may be secured to belts or loops on 85 the wearer's garment.

In the form shown in Fig. 5, the means to receive the clips carrying the rows of cartridges are formed on or secured to the non-rotatable part of the receptacle, instead of 90 on or to the rotatable part, so that the weight of the cartridges is always close against the wearer's body until removed for firing purposes. A further advantage of this form is that the receptacle is reduced in weight and 95 can be more securely attached to the belt or other part of the clothing or accoutrement, and that the clips carrying the rows of cartridges can be rapidly placed in or removed from the grooves in the receptacle. In this 100 modification the back B is provided with a wire frame hook B' which is adapted to fit around a waist belt or the like and is secured by being snapped into a spring clip B² formed on or secured to the back B. 105

The back B carries a false bottom B³ to which are firmly secured spring clips *d'* which act as the grooves to receive the clips *f* carrying the rows of cartridges F, and are so sprung that the cartridge clips *f* 110 can be quickly placed therein or removed therefrom by downward or upward pres-

sure thereon. A similar spring clip d^2 is secured to the extension B^4 of the back B, which corresponds to the similar extension A' shown in Fig. 4. In fact the modification shown in Fig. 5 can be readily adapted to the form shown in Fig. 4 by securing the spring hook B' to the part A there shown which part A then becomes the back B of the receptacle, that is to say, the part which rests against the wearer's body.

So that the revoluble front A and bottom D may fall down clear of the false bottom B^3 and leave the cartridges fully exposed for removal, I prefer to pivot the bottom at its rear near to the lower part of the back, as shown at d^3 , instead of approximately centrally as shown in the first four figures of the drawings.

As shown all the parts of the receptacle are now cut away to save weight, the receptacle being thus more in the nature of a frame or skeleton. It may obviously be made of wire if so desired. The fastening a for securing the case in the closed position is made as a spring clip which snaps on to a ridge or projection (not shown) on the extension B^4 .

Having fully described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. An ammunition receptacle for carry-

ing rows of cartridges in clips comprising a box having a revoluble bottom and front, and clips in the bottom to receive the clips carrying the rows of cartridges.

2. An ammunition receptacle for carrying rows of cartridges in clips comprising a box having a revoluble bottom and front, clips in the bottom to receive the clips carrying the rows of cartridges and an inwardly projecting extension on the front and clips in said extension.

3. An ammunition receptacle for carrying rows of cartridges in clips comprising a box having a revoluble bottom and front and clips at top and bottom to receive the clips carrying the rows of cartridges.

4. An ammunition receptacle for carrying rows of cartridges in clips comprising two parts hingedly connected together, clips rigidly secured in the receptacle for receiving the clips of cartridges, and means whereby the two parts may be held closed.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses this twenty-fourth day of June, 1914.

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