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WATER PISTOL HOLSTER

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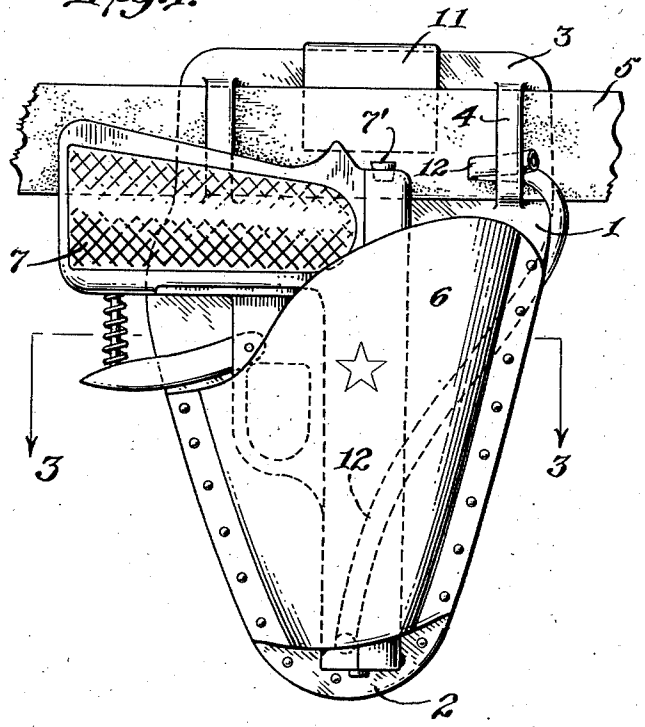


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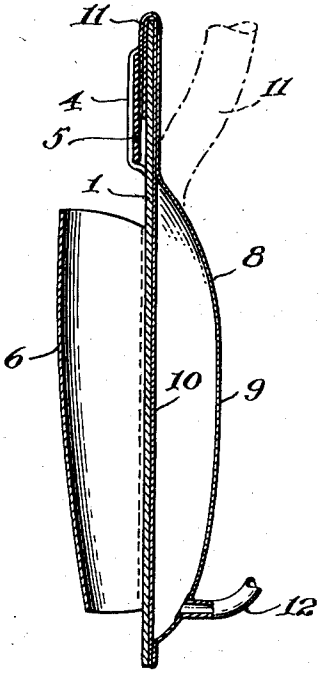


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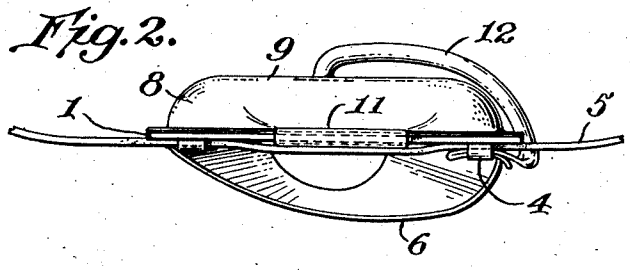


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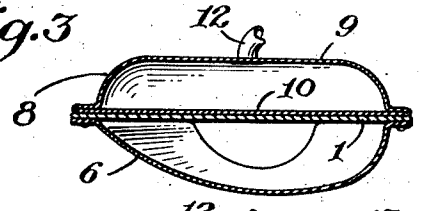
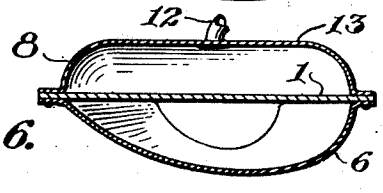


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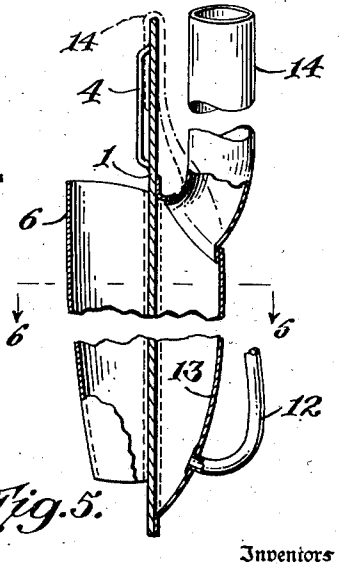


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One of the most popular toys for youngsters is the water pistol, now mainly of the repeater type. But prior to the present invention, the fun of the "battle" is lost to some extent, or at least interferred with, because of the necessity of the boy running home or to the nearest faucet each time his gun is out of action for lack of water.

One of the objects of the present invention is to provide a holster for water pistols which, while retaining the appearance of the conventional holster, will carry a supply of water, whereby the gun can be instantly reloaded on the spot, so that the youngster is not left to the mercy of the "foe" while running for a faucet to reload.

Another object of the invention is to provide means by which the holster can easily be refilled when it is finally emptied of water.

A further object of the invention is to provide a holster of this character which will be very inexpensive in manufacture.

Various other objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent from the following detailed description, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a front view of the holster with a conventional water pistol shown therein;

Figure 2 is a top plan view of the holster, with the pistol removed;

Figure 3 is a horizontal sectional view taken on line 3—3 of Figure 1, with the pistol removed;

Figure 4 is a vertical transverse sectional view through Figure 1, with the pistol removed;

Figure 5 is a vertical, transverse sectional view of a slightly modified form of the device, and

Figure 6 is a horizontal sectional view taken on line 6—6 of Figure 5.

Referring to the drawings in more detail, and particularly to Figures 1 to 4, numeral 1 indicates the main piece or backing member of the holster. This piece, as well as all other parts of the device, are preferably made of a suitable plastic, such as Vinylite for example. Though of course the invention contemplates the use of any desirable and suitable material.

This backing piece 1 is of sufficient thickness to give considerable stiffness, and in the specific embodiment illustrated it extends all the way from the lower end 2 to the upper end 3, which is conventional in appearance and carries the usual loops 4 to receive the wearer's belt 5.

The front piece 6 is, in the present embodiment, a single sheet of plastic of suitable thickness to retain its shape, having its longitudinal edge portions heat welded to the backing member 1. Thus there is formed a pocket to receive any desired type of water pistol 7, with the end of the pistol barrel protruding at the lower end to simulate a real holster, and of course this effect can be increased by the simulation of rivets, as shown. The pistol is shown as provided with a conventional type of closure 7' for the filling opening.

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Numeral 8 refers generally to a water or ammunition compartment. In the particular form illustrated the compartment is formed by heat welding the edges of two relatively thin sheets 9 and 10 of Vinylite or other plastic material, and then heat welding the inner wall 10 to the relatively stiff main piece or backing member 1. Thus the compartment is held in a substantially flat position.

For filling the compartment with water there is formed with the compartment, at its upper end, a neck member or tube 11. When the compartment has been filled, it is closed by tightly folding the neck member or tube over the top edge of the main piece or backing member 1, and tucking it in between this member and the belt, as shown in Figures 1, 2 and 4. In Figure 4 the neck member is also shown in dotted lines in filling position.

Extending from the lower end of the water compartment is a pistol charging or loading tube 12. When this tube is not in use for loading the gun, it can be closed and carried conveniently by doubling back an end portion and inserting it under one of the loops 4, as shown in Figures 1 and 2.

In the form described hereinbefore the water compartment is formed by uniting at the edges an outer and an inner wall, and then uniting the inner wall and the backing member, leaving the neck open. In the slightly modified form shown in Figures 5 and 6, the water compartment is formed by the use of a single sheet of Vinylite 13, or other desirable material, and sealing its entire edge to the backing member 1. In this form, a very flexible Vinylite filling neck or tube 14 is connected with the wall 13, as by heat welding, and the tube is preferably of the size to slip over a faucet for filling. Of course, various other means could be employed for filling the water compartment, such as a one-way valve, but as numerous such modifications can be made, illustration is unnecessary.

In operation, when the gun is empty, it is only necessary to remove the closure from the gun filling opening, and apply the tube 12 thereto to load the gun. When the gun is filled the

closure 7' is replaced, and the loading tube closed by doubling it over and inserting it beneath one of the loops 4. This operation is continued until the water compartment is emptied. In the case of the muzzle loading suction type of pistols, not now generally used, the pistol can be loaded by inserting the muzzle thereof into the neck 11 of the water compartment.

When the compartment is empty, it is refilled merely by placing the neck 11 under a faucet, and when refilled the neck is closed by folding it tightly over the top edge of the main holster piece or backing member 1, and tucking the end under the belt of the wearer. The operation of the modified form of the device is the same, except that the filling tube for the water compartment may be made of the size to slip over the faucet, for filling.

It will be apparent that the fun of the youngster in the use of water pistols will be very greatly increased by making it possible for him to reload his gun numerous times, while the "battle" continues, and thus avoiding the necessity of the boy retreating or withdrawing during the period he is seeking a faucet to reload his gun.

It is to be noted that while the particular embodiments of the device illustrated have been described in considerable detail, yet the invention is not restricted in any such manner, but relates broadly to the provision of a holster for water pistols including as part thereof a water supply for instant reloading. Obviously the invention may be changed and modified in many respects, and all such changes and modifications are intended to be included in the scope of the appended claims.

What we claim is:

1. In a holster for water pistols, the combination of a pocket for carrying a water pistol, and a water compartment for loading a water pistol.

2. In a holster for water pistols, the combination of a pocket for carrying a water pistol, a water compartment for loading a water pistol, and means communicating with the water compartment for filling.

3. In a holster for water pistols, the combination of a pocket for carrying a water pistol, a water compartment for loading a water pistol, a neck or tube communicating with the water compartment for filling, and said neck or tube doubled over and secured to close the same.

4. In a holster for water pistols, the combination of a pocket for carrying a water pistol, a water compartment, and means communicating with the lower portion of said compartment for loading a water pistol.

5. In a holster for water pistols, the combination of a backing member, a sheet of material secured to one side of said backing member to form a pocket for a water pistol, a water compartment secured to the other side of said backing member, and means communicating with the water compartment for loading a water pistol.

6. In a holster for water pistols, the combination of a backing member of plastic material, a sheet of plastic material heat welded to one side of said backing member to form a pocket for a water pistol, and a water compartment of plastic material heat welded to the other side of said backing member, and means communicating with the water compartment for loading a water pistol.

7. In a holster for water pistols, the combination of a backing member of plastic material, a sheet of plastic material heat welded to one side of said backing member to form a pocket for a water pistol, another sheet of plastic material heat sealed to the other side of said backing member to form a water compartment, means communicating with the water compartment for filling, and means communicating with the water compartment for loading a water pistol.

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