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Improvement in Cartridge Boxes.
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Fig. 1

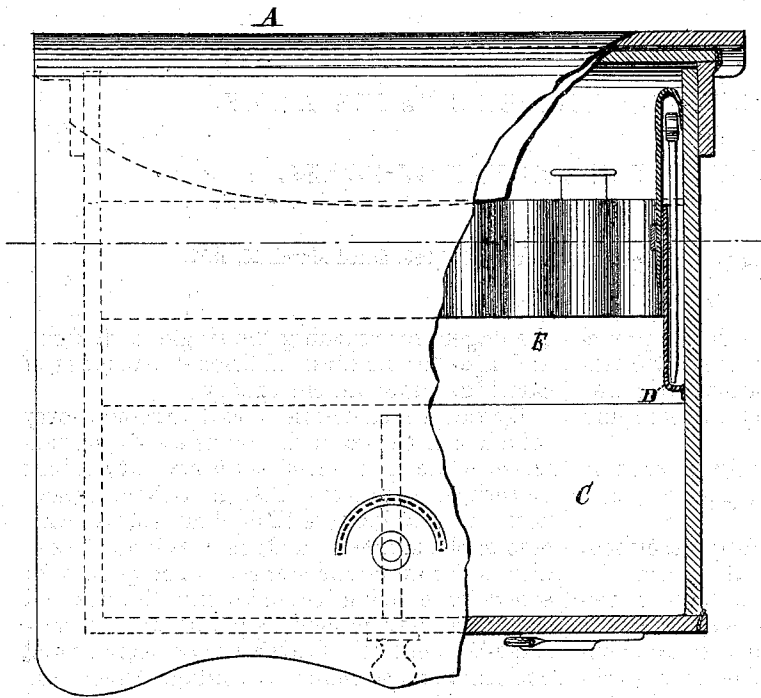


Fig. 2.

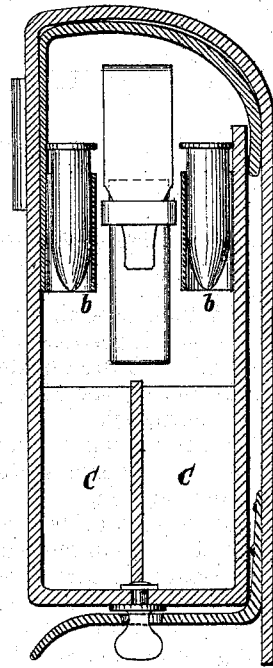
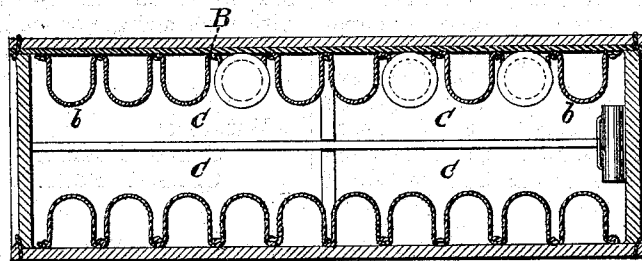


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IMPROVEMENT IN CARTRIDGE-BOXES.

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Specification describing certain Improvements in Cartridge-Boxes, invented by JOHN MILLER, of the United States army, stationed at Lexington, in the county of Fayette and State of Kentucky.

Figure 1 is a plan view, partly in section. Fig. 2 is a transverse section; and Fig. 3, a longitudinal section.

The invention will be first fully described, and then clearly pointed out in the claim.

A represents the cartridge-box, having preferably a depth of about five inches, a width of about two inches, and provided with two non-shrinking leather belts, B B. The latter (preferably) measure about one and three-fourths inch in width, by six in length. Each of these belts has ten loops, *b*, and each of these loops is calculated to receive a single cartridge ready for immediate use. C C are chambers, four in number, occupying the lower part of box A. These are preferably two and one-half inches deep by three long, and are capable of containing four packages having (each) five cartridges. D is the pocket for the screw-driver, placed inside the box, and provided with a cap, which is buckled over the instrument. E is an intermediate space between the loops, to allow the convenient insertion of

the fingers for reaching the single cartridges, and also for holding additional packages of cartridges upon an emergency.

By this construction of cartridge-box forty rounds can be ordinarily carried with convenience, while in case of necessity fifty might be secured within it. The greatest compactness and simplicity is thus obtained, while access to the single cartridges is easy to the soldier under all circumstances. The pocket for screw-driver being located within the box and not on the rear outside, as in the common cartridge-box, entirely prevents that peculiar and noticeable noise made by soldiers when running, and particularly when in a wooded country.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

As a new article of manufacture, a cartridge-box, provided with two series of loops, B B, with intermediate space E, and apartments C C C, as and for the purpose described.

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