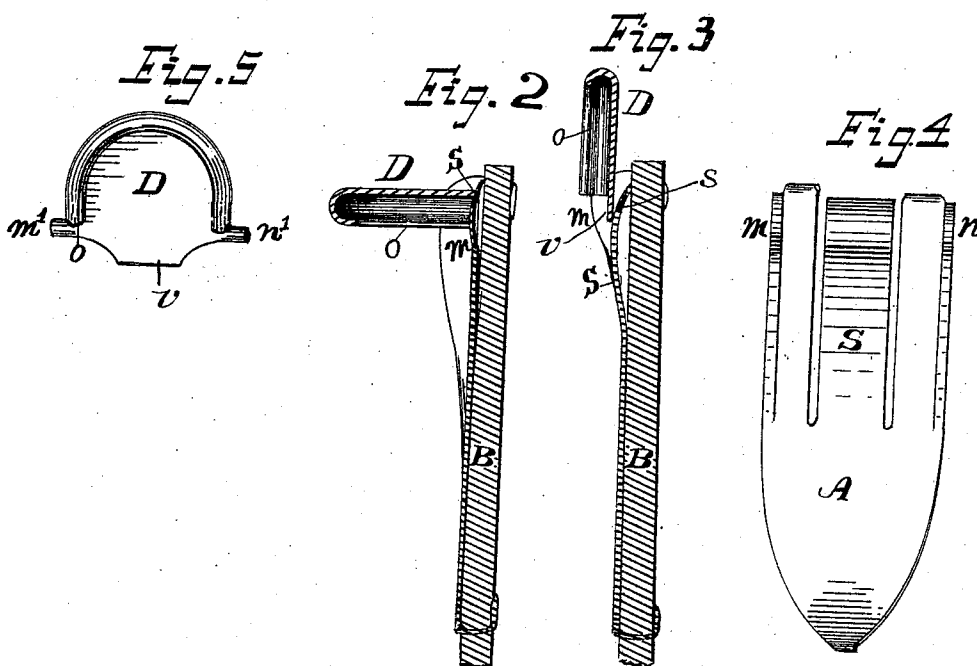
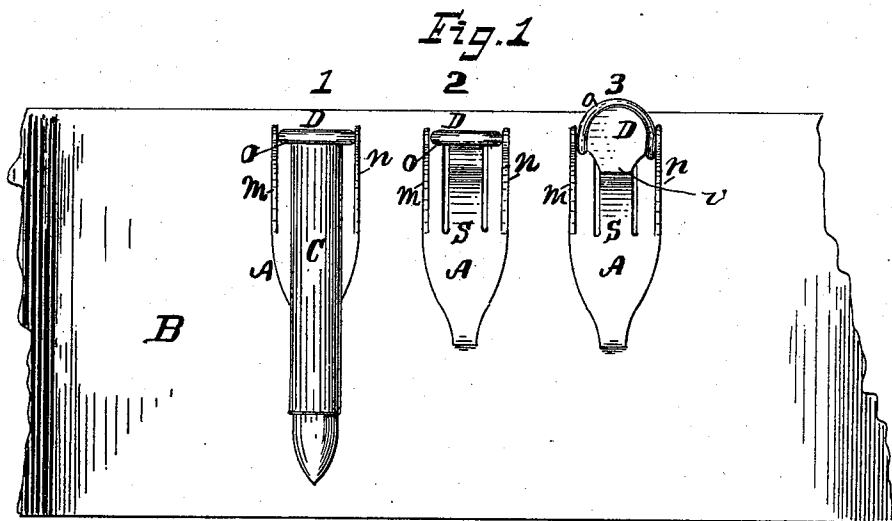


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES E. CONNER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Auburn, in the county of Androscoggin and State of Maine, have invented a new and useful Cartridge-Belt, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to cartridge-belts for either sporting or military use; and its object is to provide a belt from which the cartridges can be more conveniently and quickly removed.

My invention consists, primarily, in a hinged fastening for the cartridge, which holds it by the rim in a manner hereinafter specified.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 shows part of a cartridge-belt to which three hinged fastenings are attached, that are numbered 1, 2, and 3. No. 1 contains a cartridge. No. 2 is shown empty in the same position as No. 1. No. 3 is shown tipped back as it is when the cartridge is removed. Fig. 2 is an enlarged vertical section through fastening No. 2. Fig. 3 is an enlarged vertical section through fastening No. 3. Figs. 4 and 5 show A and D separate from other parts.

In the drawings, B is the belt, which, except as herein specified, may be made like any other belt in common use.

C is the cartridge.

A is the stationary part of the hinged fastening.

D is the hinged part.

A and D are each made from a single piece of sheet metal. A may be fastened to the belt by projections which pass through it and are clenched on the other side, or may be riveted thereto in any convenient manner.

S is a spring formed from the metal of A, which serves to hold the hinged part D either open or closed.

m n are ears turned up from the metal of A.

m' n' in Fig. 5 are pivots which enter the ears *m n*.

o is a chamber for the rim of the cartridge C, which is formed by turning over the edge of D.

v is a projection from D, against which the spring S presses.

When I wish to use my invention, I tip back each hinged piece D into position No. 3 of Fig. 1. Then holding the rim end of each

cartridge parallel to the surface of the belt B, I slip it into the open end of the chamber o, and then tip D back into position 2 of Fig. 1 by pressing upon the cartridge C, which will now be held securely, as in position 1 of Fig. 1, until wanted for use. I then lift the lower end of the cartridge C until D is brought back into position 3 of Fig. 1, when the rim of C will readily slip out of the chamber o. As the rim of C will not slip out of o until it is brought back very closely to position 3, there is practically no danger of its being shaken out by accident. When D is in position 2, it is held in place by the projection *v*, which rests in a hollow of the spring S. When D is in position 3, it is held in place by the pressure of S upon the back of *v*.

It is obvious that the construction of the hinge and of the spring S can be greatly varied without changing the essential features of my device.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination with a cartridge-belt of a hinged support for the rim of the cartridge and means of attaching it to the belt; all as and for the purpose set forth.

2. In a cartridge-belt, the combination with the leather or other material of the belt, of the fixed part of a hinge secured thereto, a holder for the rim of the cartridge which forms the movable part of the hinge and a spring attached to the belt which acts to hold the rim-holder fixed in one or more positions; all as set forth.

3. The combination of a holder for the rim of a cartridge which encircles one-half of it and is open on the other side, a supporting-piece to which the rim-holder is hinged; a spring formed from the metal of the supporting-piece; and a projecting piece on the rim-holder which enters a hollow in the spring when the rim-holder is at right angles to the supporting-piece; all as set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand, in the presence of these witnesses, this 3d day of October, 1896.

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