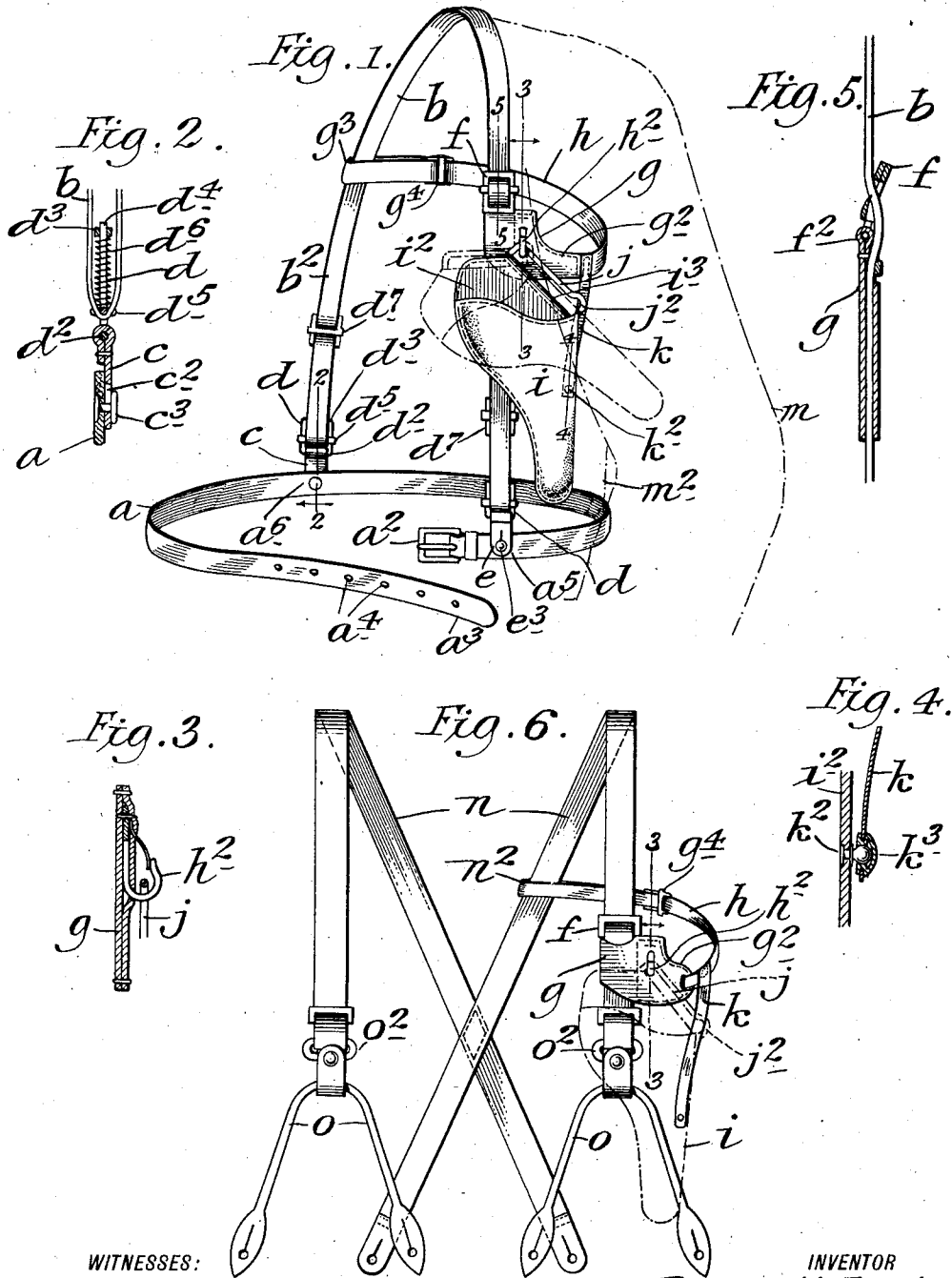


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANCIS H. AUDLEY, a citizen of the United States, and residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pistol-Holster Carriers, of which the following is a specification, such as will enable those skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to supports or carriers for pistol holsters and the object thereof is to provide an improved device of this class which may be used in connection with an ordinary pair of suspenders or with a belt, and by means of which the pistol holster is supported under the left arm and within the coat so that a pistol or revolver may be conveniently withdrawn therefrom by the right hand; a further object being to provide a device of the class specified designed particularly for use by policemen and others having a legitimate right to carry a pistol or revolver, and by means of which a pistol holster may be carried without being inserted into a pocket of the trousers or other garment; and with these and other objects in view the invention consists in a device of the class specified constructed as hereinafter described and claimed.

The invention is fully disclosed in the following specification, of which the accompanying drawing forms a part, in which the separate parts of my improvement are designated by suitable reference characters in each of the views, and in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved holster carrier and indicating the method of its use in connection with a belt; Fig. 2 a section on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1; Fig. 3 a section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1; Fig. 4 a section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1; Fig. 5 a section on the line 5—5 of Fig. 1, and Fig. 6 a view similar to Fig. 1 but showing my improvement used in connection with an ordinary pair of suspenders.

In the practice of my invention as shown in Fig. 1 I provide a belt *a* provided at one end with a buckle *a*², and the other end *a*³ of which is provided with holes *a*⁴ whereby said end may be connected with the buckle *a*². Connected with the belt *a* adjacent to the buckle *a*² as shown at *a*⁵ and at a predetermined point as shown at *a*⁶, said point *a*⁶ being nearer the end *a*³ than the buckle end

of the belt, is a shoulder strap *b* which when the device is in use passes over the left shoulder and the end portion *b*² of which is connected with the belt at *a*⁶ so that the pull on the belt will be from the back right side of the user. The connection of the strap *b* with the belt *a* at the back is made by means of a tab *c* having a buttonhole or slot *c*², through which is passed a button *c*³ connected with the belt *a*, and the tab *c*, is connected with an oblong link-shaped attachment *d* having a bottom transverse member *d*² around which the tab *c* is secured, and a top transverse member *d*³, through which is passed a vertically movable pin *d*⁴, the lower end of which is connected with a slide *d*⁵ movable on the sides of the part *d*, and between which and the upper end portion *d*³ of said part *d* is placed a spiral spring *d*⁶, and one end of the strap *b* is passed through the slide *d*⁵ and is connected with the main part of said strap by means of a sliding buckle device *d*⁷ this construction being clearly shown in Figs. 1 and 2, and by means of this construction the strap *b* has a sliding and tensional connection with the belt *a*. The strap *b* is also provided at its front end with a tab *e*, and is connected with the belt at *a*⁵ by means of a button *e*³ passed through said tab, and the front end portion of said strap is passed through a buckle-shaped device *d*, the same as the buckle-shaped device *d* used at the back end shown in Fig. 3, and the front end portion of said strap is connected with another sliding buckle-shaped device *d*⁷ the same as the part *d*⁷ used at the back.

A buckle-shaped device *f* is mounted on the front end portion of the strap *b* and is adapted to slide thereon and connected therewith as shown at *f*² in Fig. 5 is a tab *g* through which the strap *b* passes, in the construction shown, and the tab *g* is provided with a backwardly directed extension *g*², with which is connected a strap *h* which passes around the body under the left arm and is connected with the strap *b* at the back as shown at *g*³, the back end portion, in making this connection, being passed around the strap *h* and connected with a sliding and adjustable buckle *g*⁴ mounted on the strap *g*. The tab *g* is provided with a spring hook device *h*² as clearly shown in Figs. 1 and 3, and in practice the holster *i* is suspended from said hook.

The holster *i*, shown in the drawing, is of a well known form and the back *i*² of the open end thereof is cut away at an angle or inclination as shown at *i*³, and secured thereto is an oblong link-shaped device *j*, one end portion of which is preferably provided with a semi-circular loop *j*², in which the hook *h*² is adapted to rest in one position of the holster *i*.

Connected with the strap *h*, adjacent to the backwardly directed extension of the tab *g*, is a strap *k*, the lower end portion of which is adapted to be connected at *k*² with the back *i*² of the holster *i*, this connection being preferably made by a fastening device of the ball and socket type, as shown at *k*³ in Fig. 4, the socket member being connected with the strap *k* and the ball member with the back of the holster.

In Fig. 1 the holster is shown in full lines in its normal position and when the device is on the body of the user it hangs suspended in a vertical position and the strap *k* prevents it from swinging backwardly and forwardly, and when it is desired to withdraw the pistol or revolver from the holster the handle thereof is grasped by the right hand and the holster is moved in the position shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1, the hook *h*² in this operation sliding through the link-shaped device *j* and the holster will remain in this position until the pistol or revolver is again inserted thereinto, in which operation the holster is moved back into the position shown in full lines in said figure.

The strap *b* may be worn under a vest or similar garment in which operation the hook is passed through the left armhole and the holster hangs between the vest and the coat and is concealed by the latter, or the device may be worn without a vest as will be readily understood.

In Fig. 1 I have indicated at *m* the left arm of the wearer and at *m*² the left body line so as to clearly indicate the position of the holster when in use, and in Fig. 6 I have shown my improvement applied to an ordinary pair of suspenders, and in this operation or use of the device the buckle-shaped attachment *f* is connected with the suspender strap *n* at the front, and the strap *h* is connected with the suspender strap at the back as shown at *n*².

The suspender straps shown in Fig. 6 are provided at their front ends with the usual bottom straps *o*, and the connection of these straps with the suspender straps at *o*² may be made in the usual or any desired manner,

or may be made by means of a device similar to that shown in Fig. 2.

The use of my improvement when applied to an ordinary pair of suspenders as shown in Fig. 6 will be the same as when applied to a belt as shown in Fig. 1, and in both cases it will be observed that the attachment is applied to a suspending strap which passes over the left shoulder in the manner of an ordinary suspender strap, and while I have shown and described my improvement as described for use under the left arm and applied to a suspending strap passed over the left shoulder, it will be apparent that the said improvement may be applied to a suspending strap passed over the right shoulder in cases where such arrangement is necessary by reason of the user being left handed.

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

1. In a pistol holster carrier, a suspending strap adapted to be passed over a shoulder of the user and secured at the waist, a tab device detachably connected with said strap at the front and provided with a supplemental transverse strip which is connected therewith and with the suspending strap at the back, and a holster, said tab device and said holster being provided with devices whereby said holster may be connected with said tab device and suspended in a vertical position and turned into a substantially horizontal position in which the handle of the pistol will extend forwardly.

2. In a pistol holster carrier, a suspending strap adapted to be passed over a shoulder of the user and be secured at the waist, a tab device detachably connected with said strap and when the carrier is in use occupying a position just below one arm-pit, a holster, a hook connected with said tab device and an oblong link device connected with the back of the holster and adapted to be engaged with said hook device whereby said holster may be connected with said tab device and suspended in a vertical position and turned into a substantially horizontal position in which the handle of said pistol will extend forwardly.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in presence of the subscribing witnesses this 2nd day of July 1910.

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