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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH R. RANDLE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Columbus, in the county of Lowndes and State of Mississippi, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cartridge and Game Belts; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to improvements in cartridge and game belts; and it has for its general object to provide a cheap, simple, and light belt of wire, and one which will securely hold the cartridges and yet will admit of a quick and easy removal of the same, and which will serve to carry the game in a position convenient to the gunner.

Other objects and advantages will be fully understood from the following description and claims when taken in connection with the annexed drawings, in which—

Figure 1, is a perspective view illustrating my improved belt in position upon the figure of a gunner. Fig. 2, is an enlarged detail perspective view illustrating the manner of connecting the several cartridge holders and game hooks together. Fig. 3, is a detail perspective view of one of the cartridge holders. Fig. 4, is a similar view of one of the game suspending hooks and Fig. 5, is a detail view illustrating the belt fastening.

Referring by letter to said drawings:—A, indicates the cartridge holders of which there are preferably twenty-five, more or less, employed in my improved belt; and B, indicates the game suspending hooks which are disposed at suitable intervals between the holders A, as will be presently described.

The holders A, are respectively formed from a single piece of spring wire *a*, as better shown in Fig. 3, of the drawings, and in the formation of the holders, this piece of wire is first bent to form a loop as *b*, and is then bent so as to form the outwardly extending, angular bracket branch *c*, at the lower end of the loop and the angularly disposed terminal arms *d*, which are designed and adapted to clasp the cartridge. These terminal arms *d*, preferably have their free ends bent upon themselves as shown at *e*, so as to permit of

a ready interposition of the cartridge and they also have their outer portions curved toward each other, whereby it will be seen that when the cartridge is placed in position and rests upon the bracket branch *c*, they will effectually prevent a casual displacement of the cartridge. The bracket branches *c*, of the holders, when designed for shot-gun cartridges are preferably disposed upwardly at an angle of about forty-five degrees from the vertical, but when the holders are designed for rifle and pistol cartridges, I prefer to dispose them at right angles to the loop *b*, which is vertical or approximately vertical when in its operative position.

The game holding or suspending hooks B, which are preferably arranged in the belt so as to have two, three, or four holders A, between each pair of them, are also respectively formed from a single piece of wire *f*, preferably spring wire of suitable size. This piece of wire *f*, is bent at one end and at an intermediate point of its length so as to form eyes *g*, and *h*, and it is also bent upon itself so as to form the upwardly and outwardly extending branch *i*, which has its end pointed as shown so as to enable it to readily engage the game.

I prefer to form my improved belt of flexibly connected sections so that the same will conform to the figure of the wearer. These sections, a portion of one of which is shown in Fig. 2, comprise two hooks B, two, three, or more holders A, arranged between the hooks, and the upper and lower annealed wire links C, D, for connecting the hooks and holders together. The upper connecting link C, is bent at intermediate points in its length so as to form eyes *j*, which are designed to embrace the legs of the loops *b*, at points adjacent to the arms *d*; and said link C, is also bent at its ends so as to form the eyes *k*, which are designed to engage the eyes *g*, of the hooks B, as shown. The lower connecting link D, is provided at its ends with eyes *l*, to engage the eyes *h*, of the hooks B, and it is bent around the legs of the loops *b*, of the holders as shown at *m*, so as to effect a strong connection between the holders and hooks.

Holders A, are arranged at the ends of the belt as shown in Fig. 5, and the ends of the

upper and lower connecting links D, are extended beyond said holders and are provided with eyes *n*, and *p*, as illustrated. The eyes *p*, are designed for the engagement of the eyes *q*, of the link E, to which is connected a series of flexibly connected links F, for a purpose presently disclosed.

G, indicates the fastener of the belt. This fastener is formed from a single piece of wire and it is provided at its inner end with eyes *r*, which engage the eyes *n*, of the wire links C, D, and it has its outer end bent at an angle so as to form a hook *s*, designed and adapted to engage the end link F, as illustrated and fix the belt in position.

It will be seen from the foregoing description taken in connection with the drawings that my improved belt is very simple and that it may be constructed at slight cost; and it will also be seen that the belt is adapted to securely hold the cartridges and carry the killed game in such a position as not to impede the movements of the gunner.

I have endeavored to impart a full and clear understanding of my improved belt by specifically describing the construction and relative arrangement of the several elements thereof, but I do not desire to be understood as confining myself to such specific construction and arrangement as such changes may be made in practice as fairly fall within the scope of my invention.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A cartridge and game belt comprising a series of cartridge holders formed from wire, a series of game suspending hooks also formed from wire and having eyes as *g*, *h*, an upper wire link having eyes at intermediate points in its length to embrace the cartridge holders and also having eyes at its ends to engage the eyes *g*, of the hooks, and a lower wire link engaging the cartridge holders and having eyes at its ends to engage the eyes *h*, of the hooks, substantially as specified.

2. A cartridge and game belt comprising a series of cartridge holders respectively formed from a single piece of wire bent into loop form and having an angular bracket branch at its lower end and the terminal clasping arms at its upper end, a series of game suspending hooks respectively formed from a single piece of wire bent upon itself and having eyes as *g*, *h*, an upper wire link having eyes at intermediate points in its length to embrace the cartridge holders and also having eyes at its ends to engage the eyes *g*, of the hooks, and a lower wire link engaging the cartridge holders and having eyes at its ends to engage the eyes *h*, of the hooks, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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