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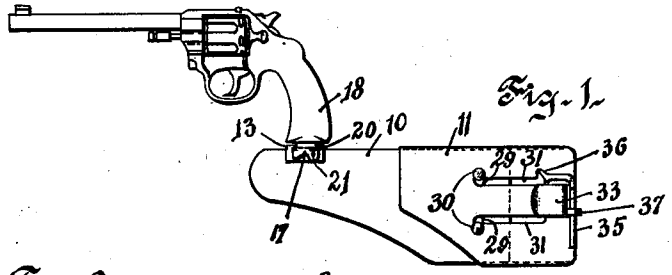


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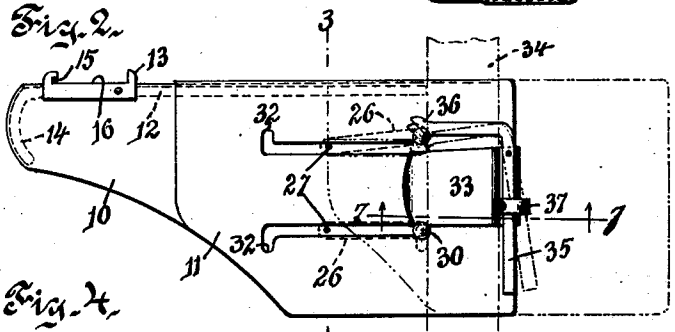


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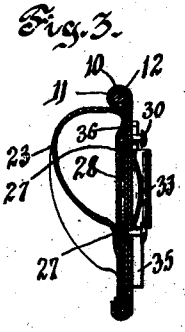


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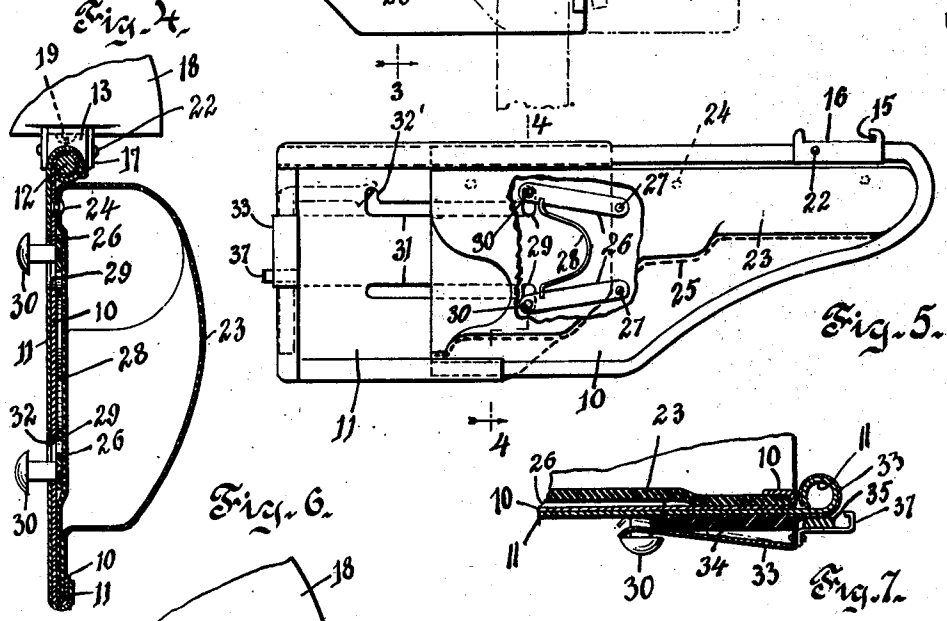


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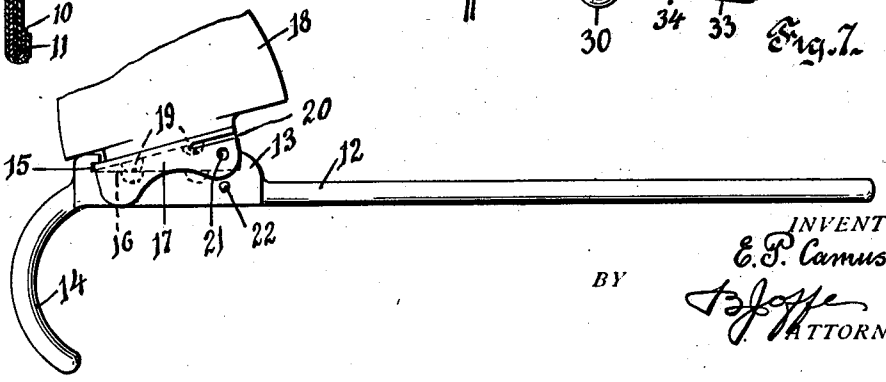


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To all whom it may concern:

I, EUGENE P. CAMUS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the county of Kings, 1150 East 8th Street, borough of Brooklyn, city of New York, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Belt Holster, Lock, and Stock for Pistols, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide the user of a pistol with a belt holster that may be quickly detached from the belt in an extended position, and used as a stock for the pistol.

My invention relates to a holster provided with a rigid back formed of telescopic sections with means for locking said sections in either normal or extended position.

My invention also provides a belt securing means for the holster which may be locked to the belt through the medium of the locking means for the telescopic sections.

The appended drawing forms part of this application and in which—

Figure 1 is a back elevation of the holster when used as a stock for the pistol;

Figure 2 is a similar elevation of the holster, but the telescopic sections are in normal position;

Figure 3 is a section on line 3—3, Figure 2;

Figure 4 is a section on line 4—4, Figure 5;

Figure 5 is a front elevation of the holster with the telescopic sections extended;

Figure 6 is an elevation of the means for locking the pistol to the holster when the holster is used as a stock for the pistol; and

Figure 7 is a section on line 7—7, Figure 2.

Referring to the drawings, 10 and 11 are the two telescopic sections forming the back of the holster. Preferably, those sections are made of metal. Section 10 is reinforced by a rod 12 along its straight edge. The rod 12 has a body portion 13 and a hook section 14, which hook section forms a continuation of the rod 12 to reinforce the tip end of the section 10. The metal of the back section 10 is wrapped or beaded tightly around the rod 12 and the hook section 14.

The body section 13 has an undercut 15 in the seat 16 formed therein. This undercut 15 is adapted to engage the bottom of a channel member 17 which is secured to the bottom of the butt of the pistol 18 as shown in Figures 1, 4 and 6. Preferably the channel member is secured by two screws 19; see Figure 6.

The sides or cheeks of the channel member 17 are rendered yielding at the end, remote from the one adapted to be engaged in the undercut 15. This is obtained by providing a slit 20 in each of the cheeks of the channel member 17; see Figure 6. The yielding parts of the cheeks are each provided with an aperture 21 which is adapted to engage a corresponding projection 22 provided on the member 13 and thereby retain firmly the pistol to the holster section 10. In the seat 16 of the member 13 nests are provided for the screws 19, which secure the channel member 17 to the butt of the pistol. Figure 6 illustrates the manner in which the pistol is brought into firm engagement with the holster section, or disengaged therefrom.

To the section 10 is secured the leather holster 23 by crimping all of the edges of the section 10 not engaged by the rod 12 and hook 14 to the leather extensions of the holsters, and in addition near the upper or straight edge, a few rivets are provided, see Figures 4 and 5. The dotted line 25 in Figure 5 illustrates the stitching in the leather holster.

Between the leather holster and the section 10, a pair of links 26 are provided. For better illustrating the structure and location, in Figure 5, the leather holster is partly broken away. Each of the links is pivotally connected to the section 10 by a rivet 27. On these pivots the links are moved apart by a spring 28 and the free end of each link 26 has a button 30; the buttons 30 project to corresponding transverse slots 29 provided in the section 10 and elongated slots 31 provided in the section 11, the transverse slots 29 limit the out motion of the links 26.

Each of the slots 31 has a lateral outward slot extension 32 which is adapted to match with the corresponding transverse slot 29 when the two sections are in extended position. The slot 31 nearer the straight side of the holster has also a lateral extension 32′ which is adapted to match with the corresponding slot 29 of the section 10 when the back is in normal or closed position, so that the button 30 of that outer slot 31 will engage into that slot extension 32′ when the back is in normal position and prevent the extension of the two telescopic sections, un-

less the corresponding button 30 is depressed to bring it into alignment with the corresponding slot 31.

The section 11 has its upper or straight edge tubular in form to provide a guiding channel for the corresponding edge of the section 10 which is crimped or wrapped around the rod 12. The lower edge of the section 11 is also channelled to fit snugly around the corresponding edge of the section 10 which crimps the leather holster, as best seen in Figures 3, 4 and 5. The upper or free edge of the section 11 is preferably reinforced by curling it into a bead to which bead a hook 33 is secured. This hook serves for securing the holster to a belt 34, indicated by dot and dash in Figure 2 and full lines in Figure 7. The hook is resilient and normally tends to maintain its free end against the section 11.

When the telescopic sections are in normal position, as shown in Figure 2, the button 30 which engages the slot 31 without the second lateral extension prevents the free end of the hook 33 from being raised from the surface of the section 11, as best seen in Figure 7. In addition, the two buttons 30 also lock the belt within the hook 33, as will be best seen in Figures 2 and 7.

To provide a quick disengagement of the holster from the belt, I provide a lever 35 which is pivoted either to the hook, as shown, or to the section 11, if so desired, it has a toe 36 in proximity of the button 30 which engages the lateral extension 32′ when the two sections are in normal position, see Figure 2.

By moving the lever 35 to the position indicated by double dot and dash in Figure 2, the link 26 with which the said button is connected will be depressed to the position indicated by double dot and dash lines in said Figure 2 and thereby permits a sliding movement between the two sections 10 and 11, those freeing the hook 33 from under the other button 30 and permitting the holster to be taken off the belt. As will be seen, the arrangement is such that the thumb of the hands will engage the lever 35 while the other fingers will grasp the beaded end of the section 11. The movement of the lever 35 is preferably limited by a stop 37 which is secured to the hook 33.

While the pull is exerted, the two buttons 30 are maintained in engagement with the belt edge which causes the two buttons to travel in the slots 31 of the section 11, which is being pulled until the two buttons are automatically shifted into the lateral slot extensions 32, when the extended holster could be removed from the belt without any interference by the hook 33, the two sections being locked in the extended position; the pistol can then be quickly removed from the holster and engaged into the body portion 13 as previously described, and this arrangement is illustrated in Figure 1. This arrangement provides means of shooting the pistol more steady and accurately than off hand and without danger of injury to the face of the operator.

I claim:

1. A belt holster lock and stock for a pistol, comprising in combination, a member adapted to be secured to the butt of a pistol, a holster having a rigid back formed of telescopic sections; means for locking said sections in normal or extended position; means on said back for engaging the member to connect a pistol to the holster and belt engaging means co-operating with said locking means of the holster for locking the holster to the belt.

2. A belt holster lock and stock for a pistol, comprising in combination a member adapted to be secured to the butt of the pistol, a holster having a rigid back formed of two telescopic sections, one of said sections having means for engaging and retaining said member; means for locking the two sections in normal or extended positions, and belt engaging means co-operating with said locking means when the telescopic sections are in normal position to lock the belt to the holster.

3. A belt holster lock and stock for a pistol, comprising in combination, a member adapted to be secured to the butt of the pistol, a holster having a rigid back formed of two telescopic sections, one of said sections having means for engaging and retaining said member; means for locking the two sections in normal or extended positions, and belt engaging means on the other of said sections, said locking means co-operating with said belt engaging means when the two sections are in normal position to lock the holster to the belt.

4. A belt holster lock and stock for a pistol, comprising in combination, a channelled member having yielding side portions near one end thereof, a holster having a body portion provided with an undercut for engaging the bottom portion of the channelled member at the end remote from the yielding side portions thereof, and means on said body portion for engaging the yielding portions of said channelled member.

5. A belt holster lock and stock for a pistol, comprising in combination, a member adapted to be secured to the butt of the pistol, a holster having a rigid back formed of two telescopic sections, one of said sections having means for engaging and retaining said member, spring actuated means for locking the two sections in normal or extended positions and belt engaging means on the other of said sections, said spring actuating means co-operating with said belt engaging means when the two sections are in

normal position to lock the holster to the belt.

6. A belt holster lock and stock for a pistol, comprising in combination, a member adapted to be secured to the butt of the pistol, a holster having a rigid back formed of two telescopic sections, one of said sections having means for engaging and retaining said member, said section carrying the holster for the pistol, a pair of links pivotally mounted on said section between the holster and the section, a spring for actuating said links, said sections having co-operating slots, a button of each of said links engaging the co-operating slots, said slots being so arranged that said buttons will lock said sections in normal or extended position, belt engaging means secured to the other of the sections, one of said buttons being adapted to co-operate with said belt engaging means when the two sections are in normal position, and means associated with said belt associating means for actuating said button to release said belt engaging means.

7. A belt holster lock and stock for a pistol, comprising in combination, a member adapted to be secured to the butt of the pistol, a holster having a rigid back formed of two telescopic sections, one of said sections having means for engaging and retaining said member, means for automatically locking the two sections in normal or extended position, belt securing means co-operating with said locking means when the telescopic sections are in normal position and means associated with the belt securing means for operating the locking means when the telescopic sections are in normal position.

8. A belt holster lock and stock for a pistol, comprising in combination, a member adapted to be secured to the butt of the pistol, a holster having a rigid back formed of two telescopic sections, one of said sections having means for engaging or retaining said member, said section carrying the holster for the pistol, a pair of links pivotally mounted on said section between the holster and the section, a spring for moving said links apart, the two sections having co-operating slots, a button of each of the links engaging corresponding co-operating slots of the sections whereby the two sections may be locked by the spring actuating links in either normal or extended position, belt securing means on said other section, one of said buttons co-operating with said belt securing means when the sections are in normal position to lock the holster to the belt, and a lever for actuating the second button whereby the two sections could be unlocked while in normal position to be extended, and also unlocking the belt securing means from the belt.

9. A belt holster lock and stock for a pistol, comprising in combination, a member adapted to be secured to the butt of the pistol, a holster having a rigid back formed of two telescopic sections, one of said sections having means for engaging and retaining said member, means for locking the two sections in normal or extended position, belt engaging means on the other of said sections, said locking means co-operating with said belt engaging means when the two sections are in normal position to lock the holster to the belt and means associated with said second section for actuating the locking means when the two sections are in normal position, whereby the belt engaging means are unlocked from the belt, and the two sections could be moved from the normal to the extended position.

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