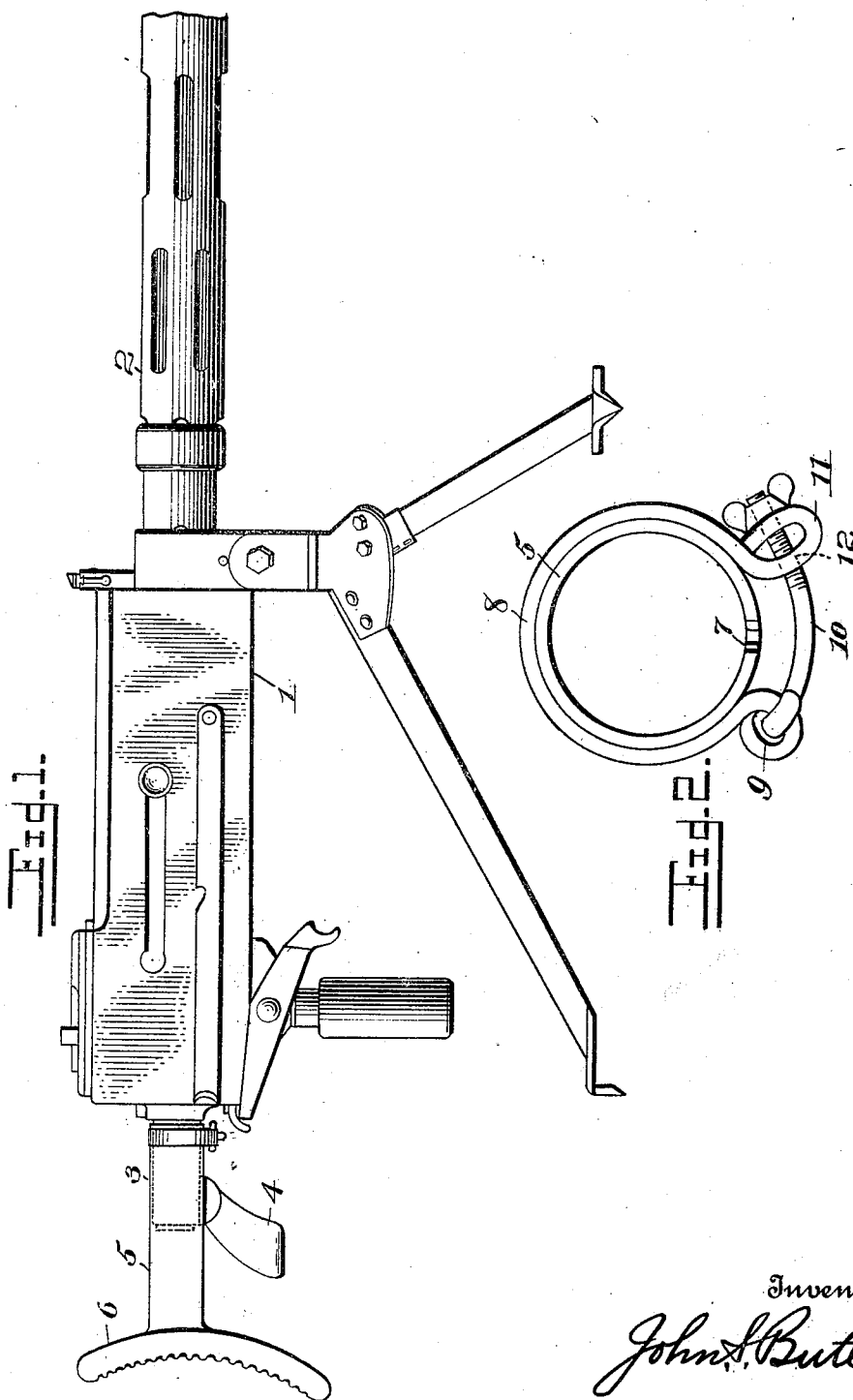


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN S. BUTLER, Capt., Ordnance Dept., U. S. Army, a citizen of the United States, stationed at Washington, D. C., have invented an Improvement in Detachable Stocks for Firearms, of which the following is a specification.

The invention described herein may be used by the Government, or any of its officers or employees in prosecution of work for the Government, or by any other person in the United States, without payment of any royalty thereon.

The subject of this invention is a detachable stock for firearms adapted, primarily, for use on machine guns.

The main object of the invention is the provision of a stock which may be readily attached to a gun when it is desirable to use a stock with the gun.

Another object of the invention is the provision of means for securely binding the stock in place on the gun.

The invention also contemplates providing a simple, cheap and efficient gun stock.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed can be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

A practical embodiment of the invention is shown in the accompanying drawing, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a machine gun showing a stock, constructed in accordance with the invention, in place thereon; and

Fig. 2 is an end view of the stock, remote parts removed.

Referring to the drawing by numerals of reference:—

A usual form of machine gun is illustrated, consisting of a recoil casing, 1, from which the barrel, 2, projects forwardly, and

an extension, 3, projects rearwardly of said casing, being provided with the usual depending grip, 4.

Upon the extension, 3, is secured a stock, which forms the subject of the present invention, said stock consisting of a tubular shank, 5, connected to an arcuate shoulder rest, 6, at its rearmost end, and split for a short distance longitudinally, as indicated at 7, Fig. 2, to straddle the grip, 4, and permit of proper placement upon the extension, 3. The tubular shank, 5, is bound or clamped on the extension, 3, by means of a split collar, 8, or like clamping member which surrounds the tube at its forward end, and which is clamped about the tube by any suitable means, such as is herein shown, wherein one end of the collar, 8, is bent or rolled to form an eye, 9, adapted for link engagement with the eye of an eye-bolt, 10, while the other end of the collar is bent upon itself to form a loop, 11, which is apertured, as at 12, to receive the threaded end of the eye-bolt.

A wing-nut, or like element, is threaded on the end of the eye-bolt and serves to draw the ends of the collar toward each other and so clamp the tubular member upon the extension to detachably secure the stock in place.

It is thought that the operation of the device can be amply understood from the foregoing description without a specific and extended explanation thereof.

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

1. A gun stock, including a tubular shank split longitudinally for a portion of its length, a shoulder rest secured to the shank, and means encircling the shank for binding the stock in place upon the gun.

2. A gun stock, including a tubular shank split longitudinally for a portion of its length, a shoulder rest secured to the shank, a collar encircling the split end of the shank, and means for compressing the collar to bind the shank in place upon the gun.

3. The combination with a machine gun, including an extension and a grip depending from the extension; of a tubular shank adapted to encircle the extension, said shank  
5 split longitudinally for a portion of its length to straddle the grip, a shoulder rest secured to the shank and means for binding the shank upon the extension.
4. A gun stock, including a tubular shank split longitudinally for a portion of its 10 length to straddle the hand grip of the gun, a shoulder rest secured to the shank and means for binding the shank in place upon a gun.

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