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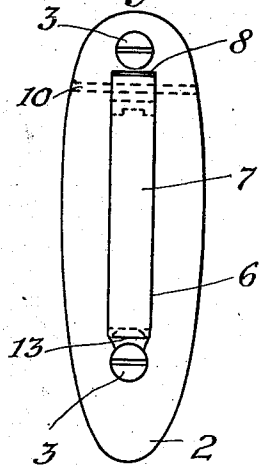

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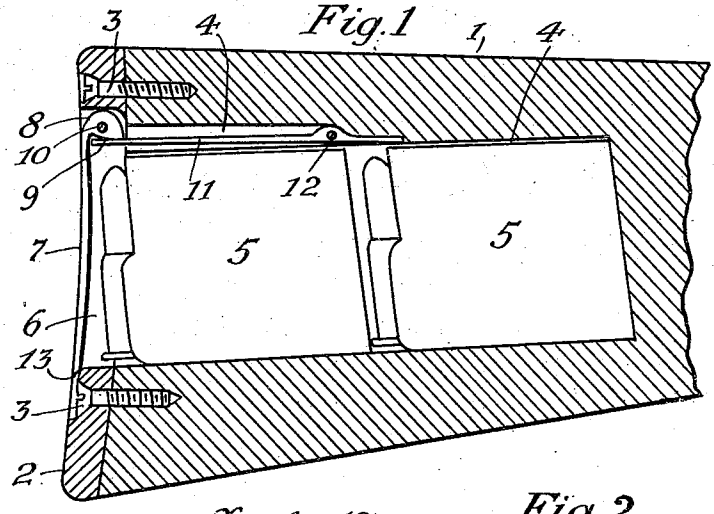

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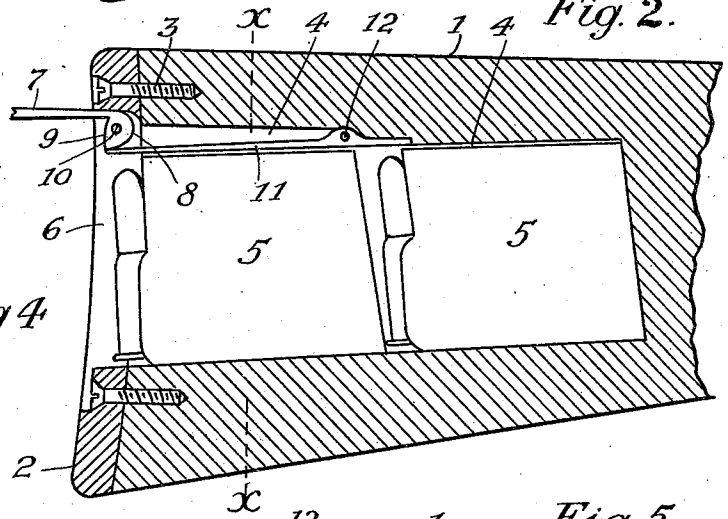

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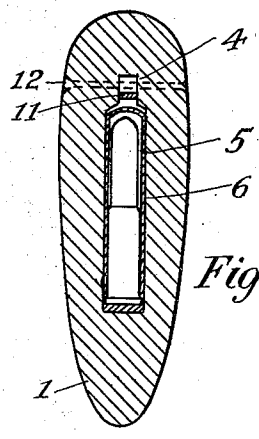

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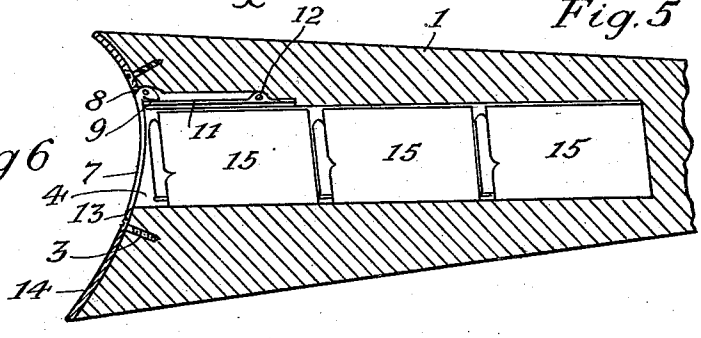

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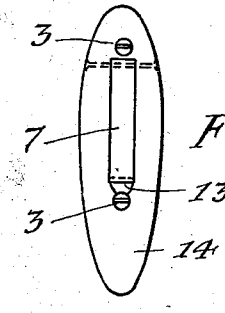

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LAWRENCE F. KENNEDY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cartridge-Magazine Pockets for Self-Loading Rifles, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to self-loading rifles employing independent magazines or cartridge-holding clips; and its object is to supply the gun with a receptacle for storing preferably two or more extra magazines or cartridge clips. This object I accomplish by providing a suitable recess or pocket in the butt of the stock which is closed by a spring-operated cover hinged to the butt-plate. In this way the gun itself is made the carrier of the extra magazines which may be readily taken out and substituted for an empty magazine at the breech in position for firing.

My improvements are illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a longitudinal section of the butt-end of the stock of a gun of the Winchester type, showing the magazine pocket closed; Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the cover to the pocket swung outward; Fig. 3 is a rear view of the gun-stock, that is, from the left of Fig. 1; Fig. 4 is a transverse section on the line *x*—*x* of Fig. 2; Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 1, but showing a gun-stock of the type of the Savage rifle; and Fig. 6 is a rear view of the same.

In the drawings 1 designates the gun-stock, and 2 the usual hard rubber butt-plate, secured to the stock by screws 3. In the stock a recess 4 is formed of suitable dimensions for receiving one or more separate magazines or cartridge clips 5 that are adapted for use in firing the gun. The recess may be relatively deep and narrow, as indicated in the drawings.

In the butt-plate an opening 6, having a little greater width and height than the pocket 5, is cut, and is closed by a cover 7. The cover has at one end a rounded head or knuckle 8, provided with a nearly flat shoulder 9, and is hinged to the plate by a pin 10 extending transversely through the head. A flat spring 11 is placed within the pocket, and fastened to the stock by a pin 12, and its outer end portion presses against the cover head 8. When the cover is down, as in Fig. 1, the spring pressure is against the shoulder 9 and serves to hold the cover to its seat; and when the cover is lifted the pressure is against the side of the head, as shown in Fig. 2, and the cover is held in its open position. For convenience in lifting the cover its end opposite the hinge is beveled, as shown at 13, so that it can be easily caught and raised by the finger-end.

The construction of the devices shown in Figs. 5 and 6 differs from that of the other views only in size and shape. In this instance the butt-plate 14 is more concave, and the magazines 15 are of smaller size and somewhat different shape, being for a gun of smaller caliber.

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

The combination with a gun stock having a cartridge clip chamber in its butt end, of a butt plate having a suitable opening, a cover plate therefor, a rounded head formed on an end of the cover plate, and having a flat shoulder at right angles to the cover, a pintle therefor extending through the butt plate and head and a horizontal flat spring secured to the chamber wall and extending longitudinally of the stock, and adapted to bear against the flat and curved portions of the head for holding the cover plate in its closed and open positions.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses this 3d day of December, 1907.

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