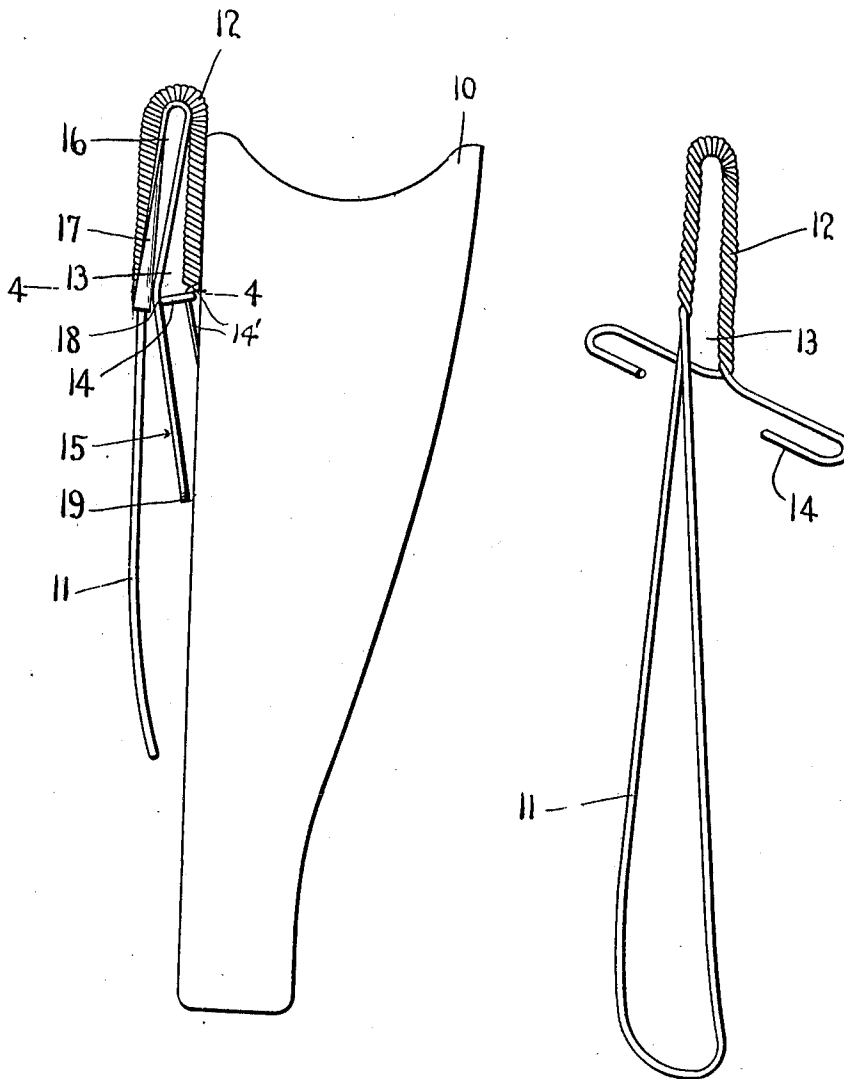


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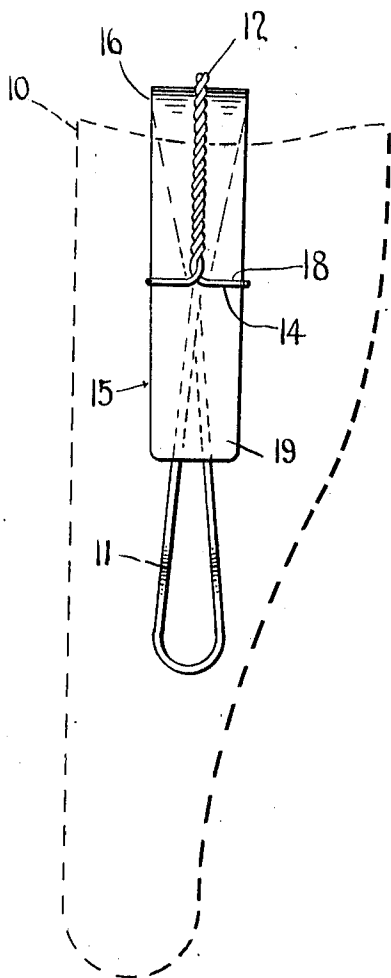


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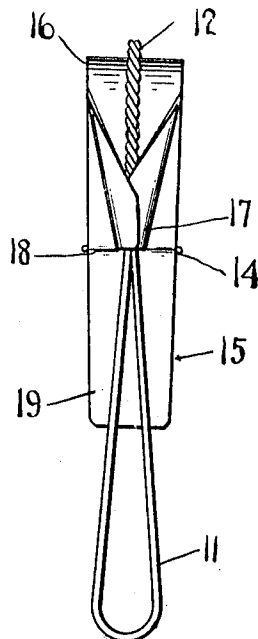
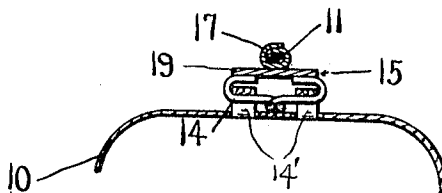


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARION B. FOUNTAIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Green Lake Station, Seattle, in the county of King, State of Washington, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Side-Arm Supports; and I do hereby 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.

This invention relates to side arm supports particularly to holster supports, and has for an object to provide a support which can be hooked in a pocket, arm hole in the vest, or over the trousers band and will have novel means for preventing the displacement of the support when drawing the firearm, this means also preventing the defacement of the garment.

Hitherto great difficulty has been experienced in maintaining the holster support in position without defacing the garment. I obviate this difficulty by means of a resilient guard plate carried within the hook-like support and having flat garment engaging portions which engage the garment without injury to the latter.

In the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification: Figure 1 is an end elevation of a holster equipped with my improved support. Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the support. Fig. 3 is a rear elevation of the support. Fig. 4 is a transverse sectional view taken on the line 4—4, Fig. 1. Fig. 5 is a detail perspective view of the hook.

The reference character 10 designates a revolver holster of ordinary construction. The support for such a holster comprising the subject matter of this invention is formed from a single length of stiff wire looped upon itself intermediate its ends to form a shank 11, the terminals of which are stranded together for a considerable portion of their length as shown at 12, and this stranded portion directed back upon itself to form a hook 13, the extreme ends of the terminals being separated from the strand and directed laterally and looped upon themselves to provide a bar-like stop 14 at the bill of the hook. A plurality of eyes 14' are struck from the back of the holster and through these eyes the terminals of the stops are inserted and secure the holster in place.

The shank 11 of the hook 13 is designed to be hooked over a trousers band, belt, pocket, arm-hole of a vest, according to the position in which the wearer desires to carry the holster. For preventing the displacement of this hook from the garment and also for preventing injury to the garment when the hook is in position, I provide a guard plate 15 formed from a single strap of resilient material bent upon itself intermediate its ends to form a loop 16 which is inserted in and conforms approximately to the outline of the hook 13, one end of this loop being bent over the shank 11 of the hook adjacent the bill of the hook and clamped thereto in any preferred manner as for instance, bending the sides of the plate over the shank and pressing them into snug engagement with the shank by pressure, this latter method being illustrated at 17. The free end of the plate is bent inwardly and disposed in engagement with the secured end as shown at 18 and coöperates with the secured end of the loop to form clamping jaws between which the garment is inserted, the extreme ends of the free end of the loop being directed outwardly so as to diverge from the shank 11 of the hook in the direction of the barrel end of the holster, as shown at 19. The free end 19 of the guard plate coöperates with the adjacent portion of the shank 11 of the hook to form inclined guides which direct the garment to the clamping portions so that the wearer need not take particular care in hooking the support upon the garment.

By referring to Fig. 1 it will be seen that the transverse stops 14 of the hook 13 are disposed in close proximity to the clamping portions of the guard plate, and it is clear that these transverse portions perform the functions of stops that hold the free end portion of the guard plate against being pressed flat against the holster and thus the gripping power of the plate lessened. It is evident that the stops 14 have a double function namely in addition to the above described function of holding the free end of the guard plate against displacement, of also forming means to secure the holster to the hook.

It will be seen by referring to the drawings that the clamping portions of the side plate are sufficiently wide to present broad bearing surfaces against the fabric and

while gripping the fabric at the same time preserve the same from injury.

What is claimed is:—

- 5 1. A side arm support consisting of a hook provided with a side arm cover securing portion, and a resilient fabric gripping guard plate carried within and conforming to the outline of said hook.
- 10 2. A side arm support consisting of a hook having a transverse stop arranged on its bill, and a resilient fabric gripping guard plate carried within said hook and having a free end portion bearing against said stop.
- 15 3. A side arm support consisting of a hook having transverse holster engaging portions arranged upon its bill, and a resilient guard plate carried within and conforming to the outline of said hook, said guard plate having a fabric gripping por-

tion bearing against said holster engaging 20 portion.

4. A side arm support consisting of a hook formed from a length of material looped upon itself, the terminals thence being stranded and the strand directed back 25 upon itself and forming the hook portion, the terminals of said strand being directed laterally and forming holster engaging elements, and a holster having eyes struck from one side and engaging said holster engaging 30 portions.

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

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