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CARRIER FOR VALUABLES

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This invention relates to devices for transporting on the person valuables, such as paper money, stocks, bonds or other negotiable papers or the like, and comprehends means for unobtrusively supporting one or more receptacles upon the person of a messenger or carrier in such a manner that the receptacle and supporting means therefor are concealed from view under the coat, vest or other outer garments of the wearer.

One of the principal objects in view is to provide a safe and convenient device for the transportation on the person, of valuables in such a manner that they are hidden from view while being readily accessible.

More specifically, the invention comprehends in a device of the indicated character, a pouch or receptacle and a harness for supporting the same from the shoulders whereby the receptacle or harness is completely concealed by the coat of the wearer or other outer garment.

The invention further resides in a harness for carrier receptacles which is adjustable to render it adaptable to persons of various sizes.

As a still further object, the invention embodies a harness and receptacles to be supported thereby with means for optionally connecting one or two receptacles with the harness so that when a single receptacle is used, it may be positioned on either side of the wearer.

Other objects of the invention reside in the comparative simplicity of construction of the device, the economy with which it may be produced, the comfort with which it may be worn and the general efficiency derived therefrom.

With the above recited and other objects in view, reference is had to the following description and accompanying drawing, in which there is exhibited one example or embodiment of the invention, while the claims define the actual scope of the same.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device employing two receptacles and showing the manner in which the same is supported on the wearer.

Figure 2 is a similar view showing the harness adjusted to support a single receptacle.

Figure 3 is a view of the device removed.

Figure 4 is an enlarged detail sectional view taken approximately on the line 4—4 of Figure 3.

Referring to the drawing by characters of reference, A designates generally the receptacles or pouches, which may be of any desired configuration and are preferably formed with a concave upper wall B to comfortably fit under the armpit of the wearer. Each pouch preferably opens along its upper front edge and is closed by a closure flap C having a suitable releasable fastening device D. Each pouch further includes a strap E secured to the inner side thereof and depending therefrom, with a snap fastener socket F or equivalent fastening element at its free end adapted to engage with one of a series of snap fastener studs or equivalent interengageable fastener elements G on the outer side, whereby the strap E may be secured in looped form to engage around the belt of the wearer.

The device further includes a supporting harness designated generally by the reference character H, and which harness includes identically formed crossed straps 5 and 6 which are detachably maintained in their crossed relation by the interengageable snap fastener stud and socket 7 and 8 carried respectively by the strap sections 5 and 6. One end 9 of the strap 6 is formed with a series of buckle tongue receiving openings 10, and one end 11 of the harness strap section 5 is provided with a series of buckle tongue receiving openings 12, while the opposite ends 13 and 14 of the harness strap sections 5 and 6 have swivelly attached thereto the extension strap sections 15 and 16, the free ends of the latter carrying the buckles 17 and 18 respectively. This construction of the harness defines a pair of arm receiving loops designated by the reference characters I.

The receptacles or pouches A may be secured to the arm receiving loop portions I of the harness H in any desired manner, so that either pouch separately or both may be employed in connection with the harness. As il-

illustrated, the particular means for detachably connecting the pouches A with the harness consists of a substantially V-shaped tunnel forming member 20 presenting angularly related leads 21 and 22 which are attached by lines of stitching 23 to the inner side walls of the pouches A. The apex of the tunnel forming member 21 is left unstitched to provide a flap 24 which is normally held against opening by a snap fastener socket 25 which engages over a snap fastener stud 26 carried by the inner side wall of the pouch. Under this construction, when it is desired to remove one of the pouches, the snap fastener connections 7 and 8 between the straps 5 and 6 are detached and the end 9 or 11 of the harness strap section 5 or 6 is drawn through or unthreaded from the tunnel lead 21, the flap 24 being raised to facilitate the withdrawal. After the strap has been withdrawn from the lead 22, the said strap is swung on its swivel to alignment with the extension section and is then withdrawn through the tunnel lead 21. After this has been accomplished, it is apparent that the re-connection of the snap fastener elements 7 and 8 and the re-engagement of the free end of the strap section with the buckle permits the use of the device with one pouch only, as clearly illustrated in Figure 2 of the drawing.

Obviously, in use, the length of the harness straps 5 and 6 may be increased or decreased to adjust them to the wearer and, likewise, the strap E has a range of adjustment to cause the pouches to snugly hug the sides of the wearer's body. When the device is worn under the coat or other outer garment, it is practically invisible and affords means for conveniently and safely carrying a large quantity of valuables, such as paper money, stocks, bonds or other negotiable papers of this nature.

While there has been illustrated and described a single and preferred embodiment of the invention, it is to be clearly understood that no limitation is intended to the precise structural details herein exhibited, but that variations and modifications which properly fall within the scope of the claims may be resorted to when desired.

What is claimed is:

1. In a carrier for valuables to be worn under and concealed by an outer garment, a supporting harness including a pair of straps crossing at the back of the wearer and forming a pair of loops for respectively receiving the arms and pouches having means for threading the looped portion therethrough to optionally attach a pouch to either of the loops.

2. In a carrier for valuables to be worn under and concealed by an outer garment, a supporting harness including a pair of straps crossing at the back of the wearer and forming a pair of loops for respectively receiving

the arms, pouches having means for threading the looped portion therethrough to optionally attach a pouch to either of the loops and means on the pouches for attaching the same to the belt of the wearer.

3. A valuable carrier of the indicated character including receptacles adapted to underlie the arms at the opposite sides of the body and a supporting harness therefor comprising a pair of straps having intermediate their ends, detachable interengageable means of connection, a terminal section for each strap having swiveled connection with one end thereof and means at the free end of each terminal section and the free end of each strap for detachably and adjustably connecting the terminal section end and the free end of each strap to form a pair of arm receiving loops and strap engaging means on each receptacle for receiving adjacent portions of the terminal section and strap.

4. A valuable carrier of the indicated character including receptacles adapted to underlie the arms at the opposite sides of the body and a supporting harness therefor comprising a pair of straps having intermediate their ends, detachable interengageable means of connection, a terminal section for each strap having swiveled connection with one end thereof and means at the free end of each terminal section and the free end of each strap for detachably and adjustably connecting the terminal section end and the free end of each strap to form a pair of arm receiving loops, said receptacles each having on the inner side, a tunnel through which the terminal section and end of the strap which carries it is adapted to be threaded.

5. A valuable carrier of the indicated character including receptacles adapted to underlie the arms at the opposite sides of the body and a supporting harness therefor comprising a pair of straps having intermediate their ends, detachable interengageable means of connection, a terminal section for each strap having swiveled connection with one end thereof and means at the free end of each terminal section and the free end of each strap for detachably and adjustably connecting the terminal section end and the free end of each strap to form a pair of arm receiving loops, said receptacles each having on the inner side, a tunnel through which the terminal section and end of the strap which carries it is adapted to be threaded; said tunnels being of substantially V-shaped formation and presenting a loose flap at the apex to facilitate the threading or unthreading of the harness straps therethrough.

6. A concealed carrier for valuables having the combination of a supporting harness including a pair of straps having intermediate their ends, detachable means of connection adapted to hold the straps in crossed relation at the back of the wearer and means

for connecting the opposite ends of each strap to form loops for engaging around the wearer's arms; and a pouch having means through which the looped portion of one of the straps is trained to support the pouch under the
5 wearer's arm.

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