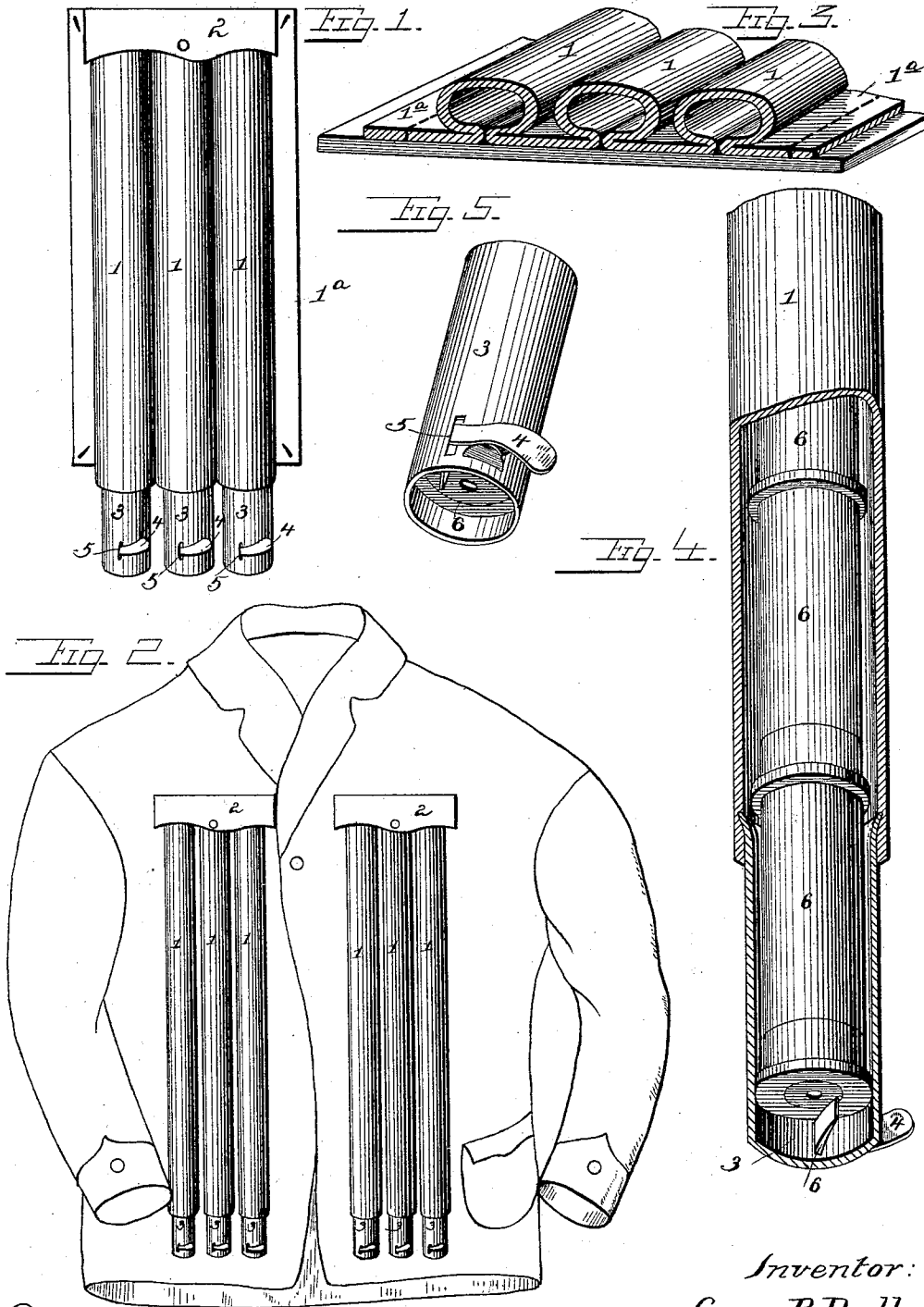


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE B. DUDLEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Topeka, in the county of Shawnee and State of Kansas, have invented a new and useful Hunter's Cartridge-Pouch, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to cartridge-pouches; and the objects of my invention are to provide a cartridge-pouch entirely waterproof, adapted to be attached to or made part of a hunting-coat or hunting-vest or other outside garment, in which the weight of the cartridges shall be borne from the shoulders instead of from the waist; to provide a self-feeding cartridge-pouch, affording the greatest facility and convenience in handling the cartridge and in loading the gun, and from which shells containing shot of the desired number may be selected with least liability to mistake; to provide a cartridge-pouch in which there is no danger of the shot losing from the shells, and avoiding the necessity of crimping the shells, so that they may be reloaded any number of times. I attain these objects by means of the construction and arrangement illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents one of my cartridge-pouches having three chambers. Fig. 2 represents a hunting-coat with one of my cartridge-pouches attached to either side of the front thereof. Fig. 3 represents in perspective a section of a three-chambered pouch, showing the construction and the manner of attaching to a coat or other garment. Fig. 4 represents a single chamber of my cartridge-pouch having a part of the wall removed to disclose the cartridges resting one on the other. Fig. 5 represents in perspective the discharge-tube, showing the bottom shell resting against the spring-stop.

Similar figures refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

1 1 1 are chambers, into which the pouch is divided. These are made by folding a strip of material 1<sup>a</sup>, so as to form complete circles or loops of the requisite number and size and then stitching along one side of each loop to retain the meeting folds, after which the ends are turned out, so as to form a backing

to the chambers and extensions for attaching the pouch. By making each loop complete, so that the folds meet, it will be observed that the continuous backing is formed, presenting a substantially-flat surface on the under side, beyond which there are no protuberances to annoy the wearer.

2 is a single flap or cover, closing the upper opening of all the chambers and protecting the cartridges from rain and moisture. This flap may be secured in any suitable way to the backing.

3 3 3 represent the individual discharge-tubes, in which the respective chambers terminate, and from which the cartridge is delivered upon the withdrawal through slot 5 of the inner curved end of the horizontally-disposed spring-stop 4, which is effected by pressure upon the outer end of said spring-stop. The inner curved end of said stop projects through the slot 5 and intercepts the shell and prevents its escape until such pressure is applied at the outer extremity.

6 6 are cartridges resting one upon the other in the chamber, the bottom one resting upon and against the spring-stop, as shown in Fig. 5. The cartridges are placed head down, and being held by the pouch in vertical position the constant impact of the shot against the wad is avoided and crimping thereby rendered unnecessary.

The pouch may be attached to and carried by a strap or like arrangement passing over the shoulder; but I prefer attaching it to the coat or other garment, as shown, to which a pair are secured throughout their length or the length of the backing by stitching, as shown in Fig. 3, or by buttons on the coat engaging buttonholes. (Shown in extensions of the pouch in Fig. 1.) The mode of attachment, however, is not material.

The pouch may be of duck or leather or other impervious flexible material, each chamber terminating in a metallic discharge-tube, as shown.

For use the pouch is filled from the top, the cartridges being put into the chambers primer down, the bottom shell in each chamber resting upon the spring-stops, and each successive shell resting upon the one below it.

The principal advantages I claim for my

cartridge-pouch are: The flap being closed, it is rendered entirely waterproof. The bottom shell in each chamber is the only one exposed, and in this, the primer being down, does not collect and hold moisture and water as in cartridge-belts and all other devices now in use. The shot end of the shell being upward, there is no danger of the charge losing out. Crimping the shell is unnecessary, and the shells can be reloaded any number of times. It is self-feeding, pressing upon the spring-stop. The bottom shell in the chamber by its own weight and the weight of those above it passes easily out into the hand, while the stop actuated by the spring regains its place and prevents the exit of the succeeding shell. It will carry more shells than a belt. The shells are carried conveniently in front and part of them not out of reach in the rear. The chambers are each provided with a discharge-tube, so that different grades of shot may be carried and selected for use at will.

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

1. A cartridge-pouch consisting of a number of parallel chambers formed of a single piece of material folded, substantially as shown and described, to form the chambers of requisite

number and size, stitched along the backs of the respective chambers and afterward extended, so as to form the backing, each of said chambers being provided at its lower end with an independent discharge-tube and an independent spring-stop and said pouch being provided at top with a covering-flap common to all the chambers, substantially as set forth.

2. A cartridge-pouch consisting of a number of chambers formed of a single piece of material folded and secured substantially in the manner described and provided at their respective lower ends with independent discharge-tubes having suitable slots and spring-stops disposed horizontally on the tubes and adapted to project through the slots, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

3. A cartridge-pouch consisting of a single piece of material folded to form complete loops, serving as chambers, the folds of each of said loops meeting, whereby a continuous backing is formed free from protuberances on its undersurface, and independent discharge-tubes at the lower ends of said chambers, substantially as set forth.

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