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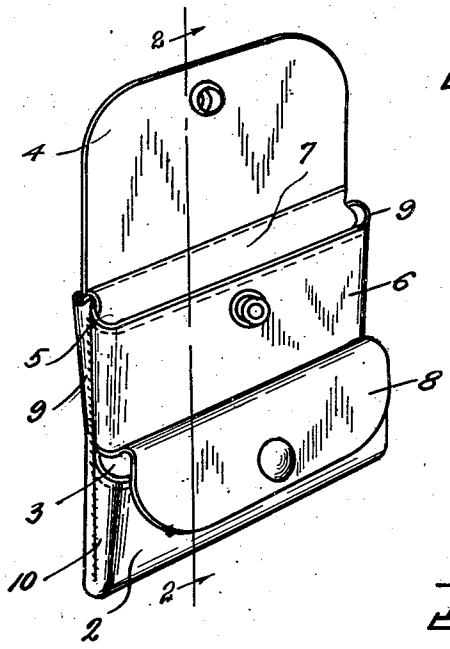



Fig. 1

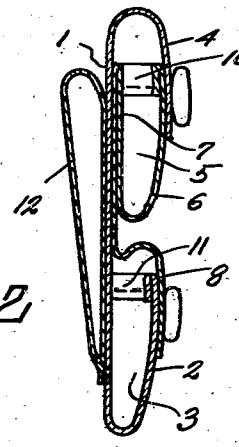



Fig. 2

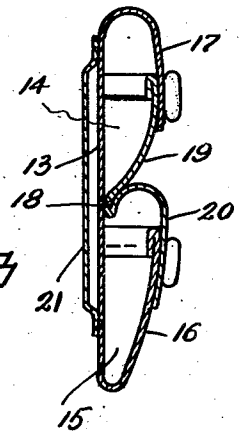



Fig. 3

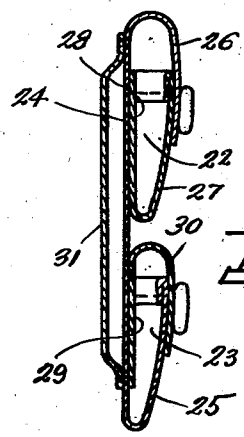



Fig. 4

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This invention relates to a cartridge container and the present application constitutes a division from my co-pending application filed May 6, 1942, Ser. No. 441,977, now Patent No. 2,346,185.

One object of the invention is to provide a cartridge carrier or pouch having pockets disposed one above the other and each provided with a closure flap normally closed but capable of being easily released and swung upwardly to an opened position for removal of cartridges.

Another object of the invention is to provide a pouch wherein a rear sheet has its lower portion turned upwardly to form a front wall for the lower pocket and its upper portion forming a closure flap for the upper pocket, the front walls of the pockets being disposed forwardly from the rear sheet so that cartridges may be easily withdrawn from the pockets when the flaps are moved to the opened position.

Another object of the invention is to provide the pouch with upper and lower pockets in front of a rear sheet having closure flaps, the closure flap for the lower pocket being formed from a portion of a sheet from which the front wall of the upper pocket is formed.

Another object of the invention is to so arrange the pockets that cartridges may be removed from one pocket without disturbing the other pocket.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved cartridge pouch.

Figure 2 is a sectional view on the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a sectional view taken vertically through a pouch of modified construction.

Figure 4 is a vertical sectional view of another modified form of pouch.

The pouch illustrated in Figures 1 and 2 of the drawing, has a rear sheet 1 formed of leather or other suitable material and is of such length that its lower portion may be folded upwardly to form the front wall 2 of a lower pocket 3 and its upper portion form a closure flap 4 for an upper pocket 5. This upper pocket has a front wall 6 formed from an end portion of a second sheet of leather which extends downwardly and is looped intermediate its length and extends upwardly to form the rear wall 7 of the upper pocket, then folded on itself and extends downwardly underneath the rear wall of the upper pocket with its lower portion free and forming a closure flap 8 for the lower pocket. The rear sheet 1 has its upper flap-forming portion of reduced width and for the remainder of its length has its side portions or extensions turned inwardly, upper ends of the inturned portions being sewed to inturned portions of the wall 6 of the upper pocket to form side walls 9 for the upper pocket and their lower portions being sewed together to form side walls 10 for the lower pocket.

Since the rear wall 7 is formed from a closely folded portion of a sheet of leather and sewed firmly against the rear sheet along its fold line, the rear wall 7 will have a smooth and rounded upper edge not liable to be caught and torn loose from the rear sheet when a person thrusts his fingers into the upper pocket to remove cartridges therefrom. Upper edge portions of the front walls are also turned inwardly and sewed, as shown at 12 and 11, to eliminate raw edges and prevent the front walls from becoming frayed and torn by insertion or removal of cartridges from the pockets.

A sheet or strip of leather is folded to form a loop 12 which is mounted against the rear sheet 1 to receive a belt and permit the pouch to be suspended at a person's waist. Since the pouch is formed from two sheets of leather instead of a large number of small sheets or blanks, it may be cheaply manufactured and there will be less likelihood of portions being ripped loose after the pouch has been used for some time and cartridges lost. It should be noted that the two pockets are in such spaced relation to each other that the lower flap 8 may be swung upwardly to opened position for filling the lower pocket or removing cartridges therefrom and also, due to the space between the upper and lower pockets, the lower pocket may be tilted after its closure flap has been released and cartridges dumped out of the pocket into a person's hand for immediate use in filling the magazine of a rifle or other gun having a magazine.

In Fig. 3, the pouch is also formed of two sheets of leather or similar material. The main sheet 13 forms rear walls for the upper and lower pockets 14 and 15 and has its lower portion folded upwardly to form the front wall 16 of the lower pocket and its upper portion forming the closure flap 17 of the upper pocket. The second sheet of leather is creased substantially midway its length and sewed to the rear sheet by stitching 18, its upper portion forming the front wall 19 of the upper pocket and its lower portion forming the closure flap 20 for the lower pocket. Side walls for the pockets are formed by sewing side edge portions of the front and rear walls of the pockets

together and the pouch is suspended from a belt by passing the belt through a loop 21 at the back of the pouch.

The pouch illustrated in Fig. 4 of the drawing, also has upper and lower pockets 22 and 23 and includes in its formation a rear sheet 24 having its lower portion folded upwardly to form the front wall 25 of the lower pocket and its upper portion folded downwardly to form the closure flap 26 for the upper pocket. A second sheet of leather is used to form the upper pocket, this sheet being folded to form front and rear walls 27 and 28 for the upper pocket and its side portions being sewed to form end walls. A third sheet of leather 29 is sewed or otherwise secured against the rear sheet within the lower pocket and this sheet has its upper portion free and folded downwardly to form the closure flap 30 for the lower pocket. This lower pocket is spaced from the upper pocket so that when the pouch is suspended from a belt passed through the loop 31, the lower pouch may have its closure flap easily swung upwardly to open position and the pouch then tilted to dump the cartridges out of the pouch.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:

A cartridge carrier comprising a rear sheet and upper and lower pockets in front of the rear sheet, said rear sheet having its lower portion folded upwardly to form a front wall for the lower pocket and its upper portion folded downwardly to form a closure flap for the upper pocket, and a second sheet folded intermediate its length to provide front and rear plies secured against the front face of the rear sheet to form a rear wall of double thickness for the upper pocket, one end portion of the folded second sheet being extended outwardly and downwardly to form a closure flap for the lower pocket and its other end portion being folded upwardly to form a front wall for the upper pocket.

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