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FIG. 1.

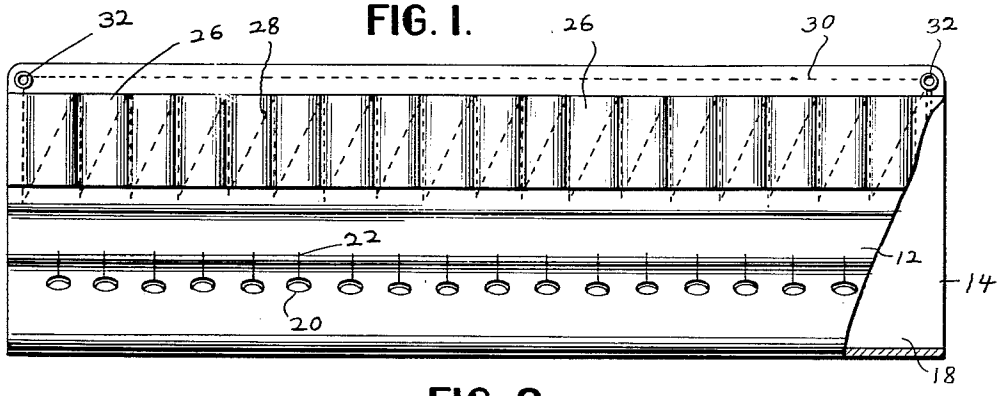


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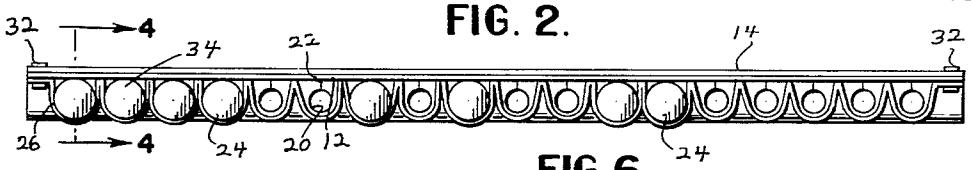
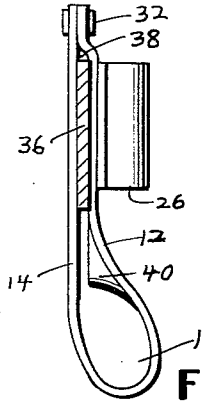


FIG. 6.

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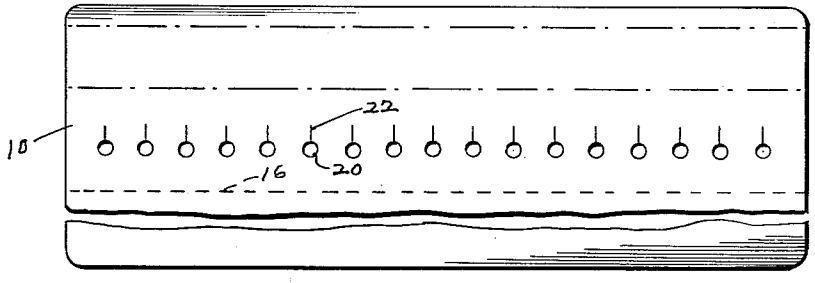


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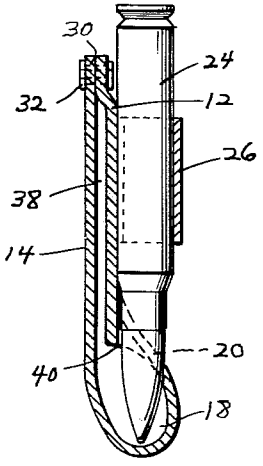
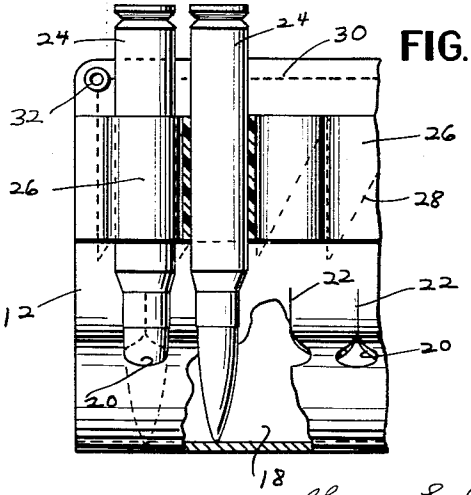


FIG. 5.



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This invention relates to improvements in holders for cartridges and may be used by hunters, military men and others.

Various types of devices for retaining cartridges are known at this time, and many are quite satisfactory. However, it is an object of this invention to provide a highly satisfactory cartridge holder to fit on the belt of the user, which is light, compact and inexpensive, but yet provides more than the usual amount of safety in carrying live ammunition.

More specifically, an object of the invention is to provide a cartridge holder by folding a single piece of flexible material, as leather or plastic, so as to form a pocket at the fold line and define two panels between which the user's belt may be fitted, and have a group of apertures in the wall of the pocket, each aperture containing a communicating slit so that when the cartridge end is inserted, the material of the holder flexes, the aperture spreading open slightly, the slit opening, and the material immediately adjacent to the slit bending inward slightly to form cartridge engaging elements, in consequence of which the cartridges are firmly held in place but yield easily to a force for withdrawing them.

Another object of the invention is to provide a novel means of forming the intermediate cartridge retainers, that is by the use of a single strip held in place by a single, continuous row of stitching.

Other objects and features will become apparent in following the description of the illustrated form of the invention.

In the drawing,

Figure 1 is a front view of the cartridge holder;

Figure 2 is a top view of the cartridge holder, several cartridges being shown in place;

Figure 3 is an end view of the device of Figure 1, a belt being shown in proper position therein;

Figure 4 is an enlarged sectional view on the line 4—4 of Figure 2;

Figure 5 is a fragmentary front view of the device, portions being broken away to show internal detail;

Figure 6 is a plan view of the blank from which the panels are formed.

In the illustrated embodiment of the invention there is a blank **10** from which the front and back panels, **12** and **14** respectively are formed by folding approximately along a fold line indicated at **16**. If the material of the blank **10** is flexible, but not so flexible as to lose its shape, a pocket **18** will be formed as a consequence of the folding procedure. Examples of the many materials from which the blank may be made are reasonable selections of leather or plastic.

Prior to the folding, however, the blank **10** is provided with a series of apertures **20**, each of which has a slit **22** in communication therewith. The apertures and

slits are so located on the blank that they will appear in the front panel **12** and open into pocket **18** after folding. Their function is to accommodate the ends of cartridges **24**, as seen best in Figures 4 and 5. Also, prior to folding, the intermediate cartridge sleeves or retainers **26** are formed and applied to the blank in such position that they will be in alignment with the apertures **20** and slits **22**. Preferably, but not exclusively, the retainers are made of a plastic strip by a single and continuous row of stitching **28**. It runs in alternate sections, first one parallel to and then one generally transversely across the retainers **26**. One end of the strip is stitched to the blank by a parallel section and then the transverse section is effected. Then the strip is gathered and the next parallel section made, attaching the strip to the blank.

After forming another transverse section in the blank only, the gathering step is repeated as is the formation of the next parallel section. This procedure is repeated until all of the retainers **26** are formed.

Panels **12** and **14** may be joined in any suitable fashion, as by stitching **30** together with rivets **32** in the corners. However, the ends of the panels remain unjoined and they form entrances for a belt **36** adapted to be fitted in the passage **38** defined by the inner surfaces of the panels **12** and **14**, to connect the cartridge holder to the person of the user.

In operation the cartridges are passed through retainers **26**, the ends of the cartridges entering apertures **20**. They are of such size that the cartridges spread them as well as the slits **22** slightly, and they press the material of the blank immediately adjacent to the slits **22** inward of the pocket **18** against the cartridge ends, thereby forming frictional gripping elements **40** which help to hold the cartridges fast and steady in the holder. The cartridges are removed in the usual way.

It is apparent that various modifications may be made without departing from the following claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A cartridge holder for attachment to a belt comprising an elongated back panel and an elongated front panel, said panels being formed from flexible material and being coextensive in length and width, said panels having integral bottom edges and adjoining top edges, means securing the top edges together so that the panels have confronting spaced inner faces, the upper portions of said faces forming a belt receiving passage and the lower portions forming a pocket, said front panel having an outer face, a plurality of open ended cartridge retainers provided on the outer face and arranged transversely thereof so as to extend perpendicularly of the pocket, said front panel having a series of apertures formed therein and communicating with the pocket, said apertures being aligned with the retainers so as to receive the nose ends of cartridges sleeved into the retainers and means connected with the apertures for releasably frictionally gripping the nose ends.

2. A holder as claimed in claim 1, wherein said last means includes slits formed in the front panel and extending radially from the apertures and disposed axially between the apertures and the retainers.

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