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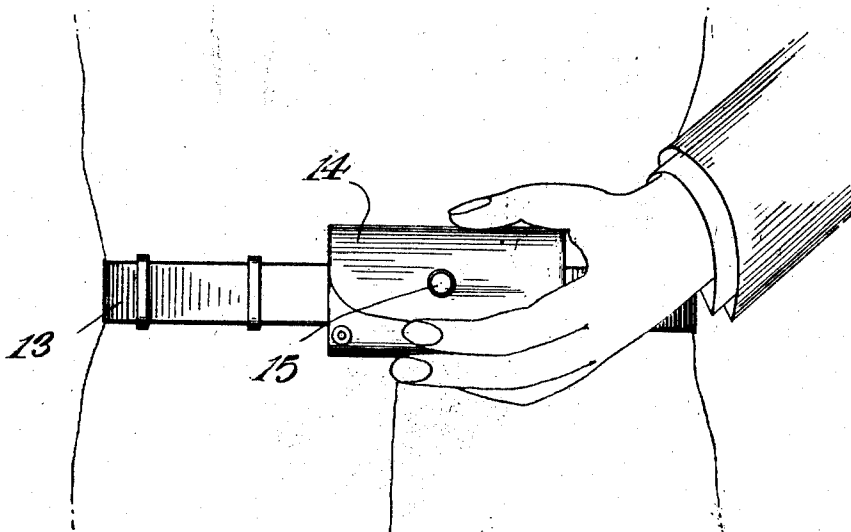
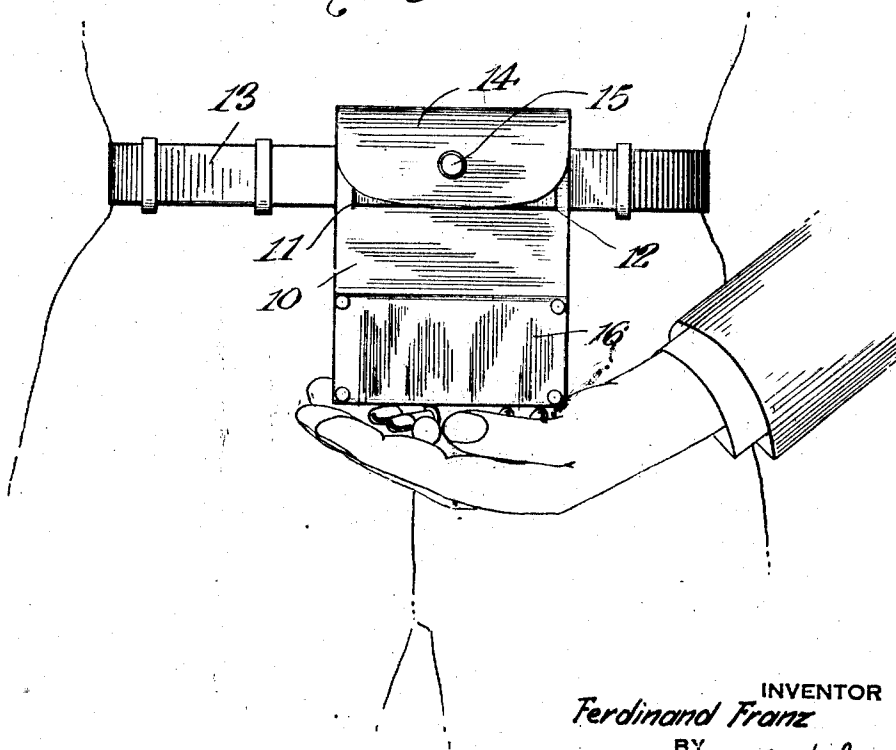


Fig. 2.



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Fig. 3.

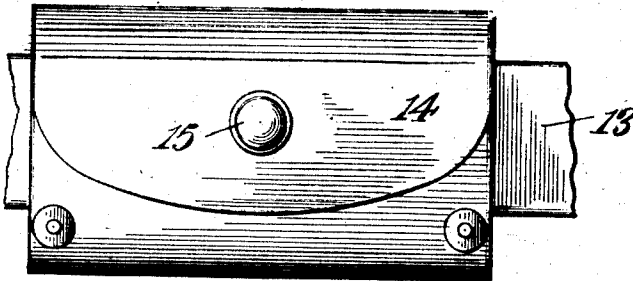


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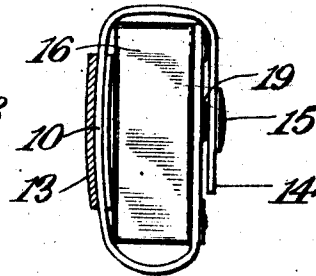


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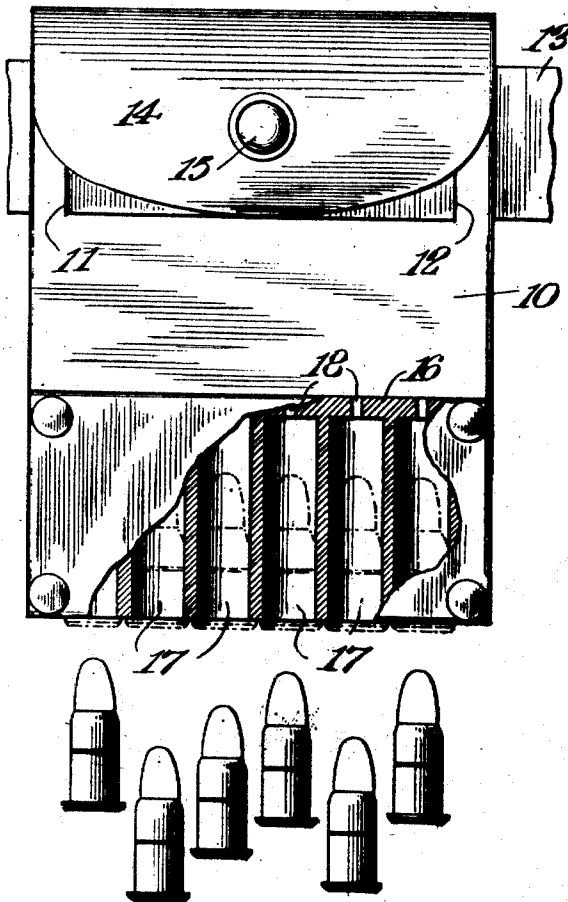
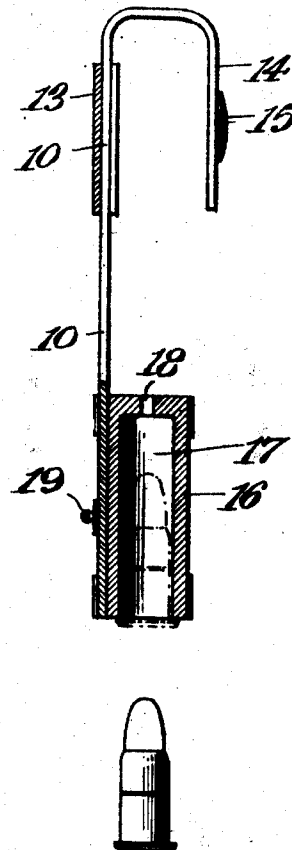


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This invention relates to cartridge holders and has particular reference to new and useful improvements in those which are generally carried around on the body by means of a belt or similar support.

The main object of the invention is to provide a simple and efficient cartridge holder readily attachable to the person of the user and from which the cartridges may be quickly and easily obtained when desired with a minimum of effort and loss of time on the part of the user.

A further object is to provide a simple and compact cartridge holder which can be economically manufactured at low cost and which is yet durable and certain in its operation.

Further and more specific objects, features, and advantages will more clearly appear from the detailed description given below when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings which form part of the specification and which illustrate a present preferred embodiment of the invention.

The invention considered in general terms comprises a support which may be easily attached or supported from the person of the user such as from his belt or hunting clothes. This support comprises flaps, one of which supports the cartridge holder, another of which is directly attached to the body of the wearer or his belt, and yet another of which acts as a latch flap to hold the holder-supporting flap in a predetermined position when the device is closed. When the latch flap is opened, as by releasing a snap fastener, the cartridge holder immediately pivots or turns by gravity to a position where the cartridges spill therefrom directly into the hand of the user. Thus, to get a new round of cartridges, the user merely has to open the latch flap whereupon the cartridges will drop into his hand without any further effort on his part.

In the drawings, which illustrate a present preferred form of the invention,

Fig. 1 shows the invention supported on a belt, and the hand of the user about to open the latch flap;

Fig. 2 shows the flap opened and the cartridges spilling into the hand of the user;

Fig. 3 is a front elevation of the holder closed;

Fig. 4 is a side elevation of the holder closed;

Fig. 5 is a front elevation of the holder open; and,

Fig. 6 is a side elevation of the holder open.

According to the drawings, the invention comprises a support which preferably is in the form of an integral length of heavy leather having a central portion 10 provided with slits 11 and 12 to permit attachment to a belt 13. One end of the support has a flap 14 provided with a fastener element 15 thereon. The other end of the support has attached thereto a holder 16 preferably of such material as is insulating in quality as bakelite. This holder 16 is provided with several bores 17 to receive cartridges. The bottom of each bore has a small aperture 18 therein to permit the dirt and moisture to escape since in the normal position of the parts shown in Figs. 3 and 4, the cartridges are disposed with their heads upright in the bores with the holder 16 lying flat against the central portion 10 and with the fastener 15 on the flap 14 engaging a similar element 19 on the end of the support adjacent the holder 16, thus maintaining the holder 16 in the upright position, or at least closed since it is possible although not preferable to dispose the holder with the cartridges having their heads pointed downwardly.

It will be apparent therefore, that when a person has one of these cartridge holders attached to his person, as to his belt, and preferably near his free hand, the only act required of him is to undo the latch flap with his hand held beneath the holder to receive the cartridges which will immediately fall out of the holder thereinto. Thus if a police officer has his pistol in one hand and his round is shot, it is the easiest operation imaginable for him to immediately get a full round of fresh cartridges in his free hand without having to pick each cartridge out of the holder as is usually the case, an oper-

ation which takes time and may well be fatal to himself and his plans.

It is of course understood that the holder may be turned upside down and the cartridges will fall out when the latch flap is released but this position is not as practical and advantageous as the one shown and described.

While the invention has been described in detail and with respect to a preferred form thereof, it is not intended to limit it to such details and forms since many changes may be made and the invention embodied in other forms without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention in its broadest aspects. Hence it is desired to cover any and all forms and modifications of the invention which may come within the language or scope of the appended claim.

What is claimed, is,

A device for holding cartridges which comprises a support formed of a single strap of leather having a main central portion and end portions, a bored block to receive cartridges fastened to one of the end portions of the strap, said block adapted to be folded with one face normally lying against the main portion of the strap, the opposite end portion of the strap adapted to be folded to lie against the opposite face of the block when thus folded, fastening means on the end portions of the strap to hold them in their folded positions, the block when disposed in normal folded position holding cartridges therein with their heads upright and adapted to swing downwardly when the fastening means is released to release the cartridges, the bores in the block being of size sufficient to permit the cartridges to drop freely into the hand.

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