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PIPE HOLSTER

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FIG. 1.

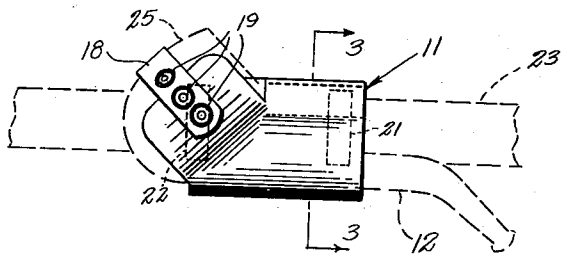


FIG. 3.

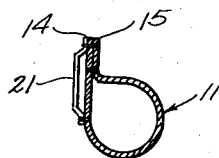


FIG. 2.

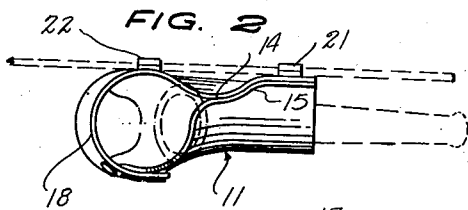


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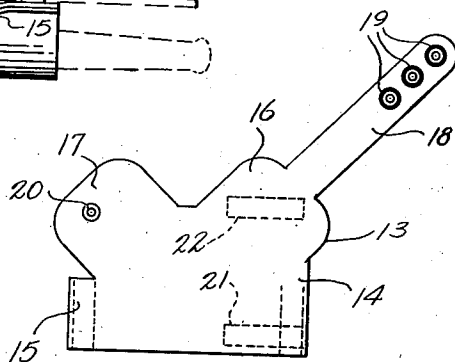


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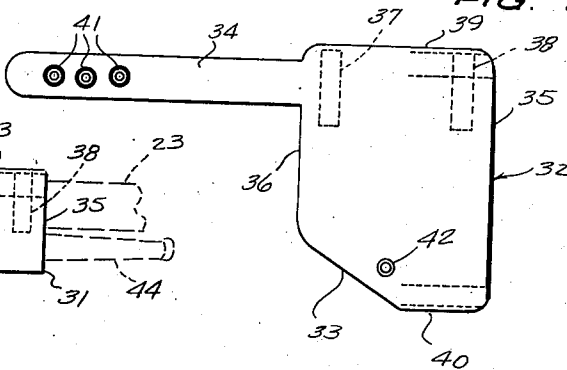


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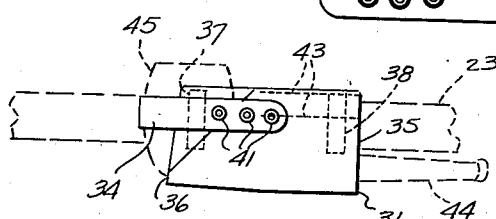
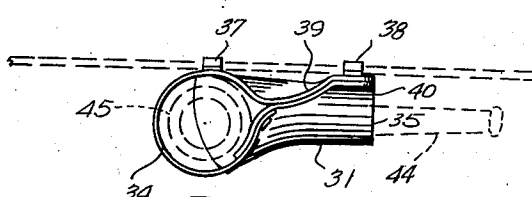


FIG. 6.



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This invention relates to smokers' accessories, and more particularly to a holster for a smoking pipe.

The main object of the invention is to provide a novel and improved carrying holster for a smoking pipe, said holster being simple in construction, being comfortable to wear, and securely supporting a smoking pipe therein whereby the smoker may have ready access thereto.

A further object of the invention is to provide an improved carrying holster for a smoking pipe, said holster being arranged to be supported on the user's belt, being inexpensive to fabricate, being attractive in appearance, and securely retaining a smoking pipe therein, whereby loss of the pipe or breakage thereof is prevented.

Further objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent from the following description and claim, and from the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a side elevational view of one form of smoking pipe holster constructed in accordance with the present invention, shown arranged to carry a pipe having a curved stem.

Figure 2 is a top view of the holster of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a vertical transverse cross sectional view taken on the line 3-3 of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a plan view of the blank employed for forming the pipe holster of Figures 1 to 3.

Figure 5 is a side elevational view of another form of pipe holster according to the present invention, shown arranged to support and retain a pipe having a straight stem therein.

Figure 6 is a top view of the pipe holster of Figure 5.

Figure 7 is a plan view of the blank employed to form the pipe holster of Figures 5 and 6.

Referring to the drawings, and more particularly to Figures 1 to 4, 11 designates a smoking pipe holster adapted to support a smoking pipe of the type having a curved stem, as shown in dotted view at 12. The holster 11 is formed from a blank of resilient sheet material, such as leather or the like, shown in Figure 4 at 13, said blank having the opposed parallel longitudinal margins 14 and 15 and being formed with respective divergent wing elements 16 and 17. Formed integrally with the wing element 16 and projecting from its outer top edge is the strap member 18 which is provided with a plurality of spaced female snap fastener elements 19, as shown. The wing element 17 is provided with the male snap fastener element 20, as shown. The blank 13 is folded substantially along its longitudinal cen-

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ter line, namely, a longitudinal line intermediate the wings 16 and 17 and parallel to the marginal portions 14 and 15, to define a tubular receptacle, and the marginal portions 14 and 15 are stitched together to secure said receptacle in closed position. Respective belt-receiving loops 21 and 22 are provided on the side portion of the blank 13 from which the strap 18 projects, as shown in Figure 4, said loops 21 and 22 being arranged substantially at right angles to the longitudinal side edges 14 and 15 of the blank. As shown in Figure 1, the holster is arranged along the user's belt, shown at 23, and the belt 23 is engaged through the loops 21, 22 in the manner shown in Figure 2. The pipe 12 is supported in the holster with the stem thereof extending through the tubular conduit defined in the manner above described, and the bowl of the pipe shown at 25 is received between the wings 16 and 17 and is retained therein by engaging the strap 18 around the pipe bowl and locking one of the female snap fastener elements 19 in engagement with the male snap fastener element 20. When thus disposed in the holster, the pipe is carried with the main portion of the stem extending parallel to the belt 23 and is securely retained in the holster in a position of maximum comfort to the wearer and in a position wherein the risk of breakage of the pipe is minimized.

Referring now to Figures 5, 6 and 7, another form of holster is disclosed for use with pipes having straight stems, the holster being designated generally at 31 and being formed from a substantially rectangular blank 32 of leather or other suitable flexible sheet material. The blank 32 is cut away at one lower corner thereof, as viewed in Figure 7 at 33 and a strap element 34 is integrally formed on the upper corner portion above the cut away corner 33. The strap element 34 projects substantially at right angles to the longitudinal edges of the blank, as shown respectively at 35 and 36 and the top marginal portion of the blank, as viewed in Figure 7, is provided with the respective belt-receiving loops 37 and 38 disposed adjacent to the top portions of the longitudinal edges 35 and 36. The top and bottom edge portions of the blank, designated respectively at 39 and 40 also extend substantially parallel to each other.

The strap member 34 is provided with a plurality of spaced female snap fastener elements 41, and the lower portion of the blank, as viewed in Figure 7, is provided with a male snap fastener element 42.

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In forming the holster, the blank 32 is folded along a line substantially midway between and parallel to the edges 39 and 40 to define a tubular receptacle, and the edges 39 and 40 are stitched together, as shown at 43, to secure the tubular receptacle in closed position.

As shown in Figure 5, the tubular receptacle may be disposed parallel to a belt 23 and the loops 37 and 38 may be engaged in the belt in the manner shown in Figure 6 to support the receptacle in a position parallel to the belt. A smoking pipe 44 may be engaged in the holster with its stem received in the tubular receptacle above described and with the bowl thereof retained in the holster by engaging the strap 34 around the bowl, as shown at 45 and lockingly engaging one of the female snap fastener elements 41 with the male snap fastener element 42. As in the first form of the invention described above, the pipe is supported in a position substantially parallel to the belt 23 wherein it is comfortable to wear and wherein risk of breakage of the pipe is minimized.

While certain specific embodiments of an improved supporting holster for a smoking pipe has been disclosed in the foregoing description, it will be understood that various modifications within the spirit of the invention may occur to those skilled in the art. Therefore, it is intended that

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no limitations be placed on the invention except as defined by the scope of the appended claim.

What is claimed is:

- 5 A smoking pipe holster comprising a body of flexible sheet material having parallel longitudinal edges, respective flaps projecting at equal and opposite acute angles relative to a line between, parallel, and substantially equidistant from said longitudinal edges, said body being folded substantially along said line to define a receptacle, means securing said longitudinal edges together, a plurality of belt loops secured to one side of said body, a retaining strap secured to the end portion of one of said flaps and projecting in the same direction as said one of the flaps, and inter-engaging snap fastener elements on said strap and the other flap, said flaps and strap being arranged to engage around the bowl of a pipe having its stem disposed in said receptacle.

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