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Fig. 1.

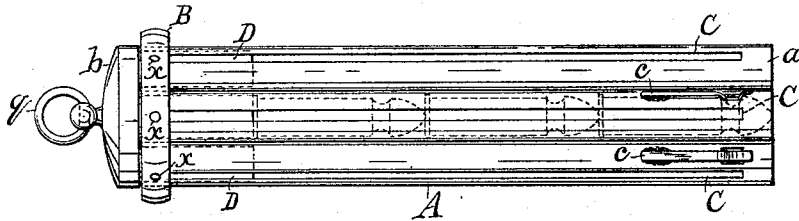


Fig. 2.

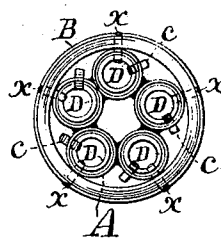
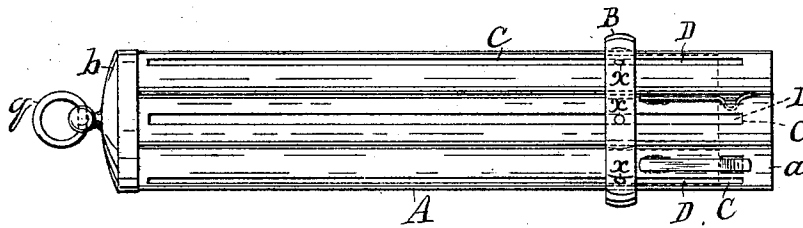


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM F. TRAVIS, of Canastota, in the county of Madison, in the State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Ammunition Carrying and Loading Devices for Magazine-Firearms, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to ammunition carrying and loading devices for magazine-firearms; and the object is to provide a simple and effective means for holding and carrying ammunition for magazine-firearms and for loading the magazines of the firearm simultaneously and a number of times.

To this end my invention consists in the combination with a circular series of tubes secured rigidly together parallel with each other, each tube having a slot in its side, followers in said tubes, a ring surrounding said tubes to slide thereon, and connections between the ring and the followers and extending through the slots.

In the drawings hereto annexed and forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a side elevation of the device with the ring and followers in a position they would occupy when the device was filled with ammunition or cartridges. Fig. 2 shows a similar view of the device with the ring and followers moved to the opposite end thereof, the position they would occupy when nearly all the cartridges have been ejected therefrom; and Fig. 3 is a view of the open end of the device.

Referring specifically to the drawings, A indicates the circular series of tubes of equal length, arranged parallel to each other and secured rigidly together by solder or other suitable means. These tubes form the chambers for the cartridges and may be of any suitable length, diameter, and number corresponding with the number and size of the barrels or magazines in the firearm to be loaded simultaneously. These tubes are preferably all closed by a cap *b* at one end, to which is attached a small ring *q* or other device whereby the holder can be secured to a strap or belt. The opposite ends of the tubes

are left open. The tubes are each provided with a perforation near the open end to allow a curved portion near the free end of a spring to enter and prevent the ammunition or cartridges from falling out when the holder is inverted. These springs *c* lie in the corrugations or longitudinal recesses formed by the tubes and are soldered or otherwise secured rigidly at one end to the exterior of the tubes. The curvature in each of the springs projecting through the aperture and entering the tube is so slight that it does not interfere with the filling or the ejecting of the cartridges. The tubes are also provided each with a longitudinal slot *C* in its outer side, extending nearly its entire length.

Within the tubes are a corresponding number of followers *D D*, &c., formed of short bars or pipes, which can move easily from one end of the device to the other and which engage the cartridges and eject them when the followers are forced toward the open ends *a* of the tubes.

B is a circular hand-piece or ring surrounding the series of tubes and adapted to slide on them from one end to the other. The ring *B* is connected to the followers *D D*, &c., by pins *x*, extending through the slots *C C*, &c., in the tubes and operates said followers simultaneously.

After filling the holder the end *a* is applied to the firearm to be loaded, the former conforming in shape to the latter, when the ring *B* is moved toward the end *a* the length of a cartridge, and the plurality of barrels or magazines of the firearm are filled. This operation may be repeated a number of times, depending upon the length of the holder and the length of the cartridges.

I do not limit myself to the precise form of construction herein shown and described, as it will be obvious that the same may be changed without departing from my invention.

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

In an ammunition-holder, the combination with a circular series of tubes secured rigidly together, each tube having a longitudinal slot

in its outer side, a cap closing one end of the series of tubes, followers in said tubes, a ring on said tubes to slide thereon, connections between the ring and the followers and extending through the slots, and springs secured at one end to the tubes and lying in the recesses between them, the free ends of said

5 springs being curved and entering apertures in the sides of tubes near their open ends, as and for the purpose described.

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