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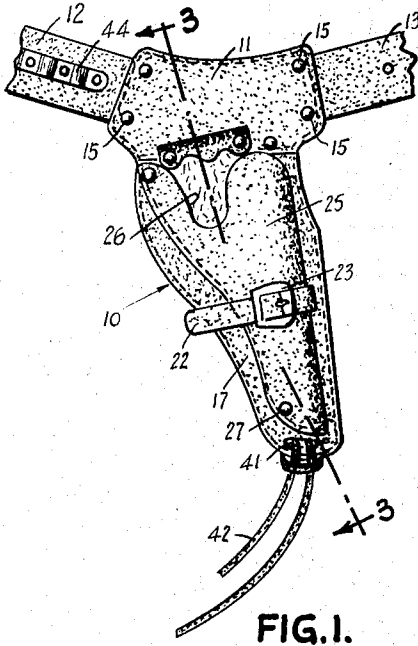


FIG. 1.

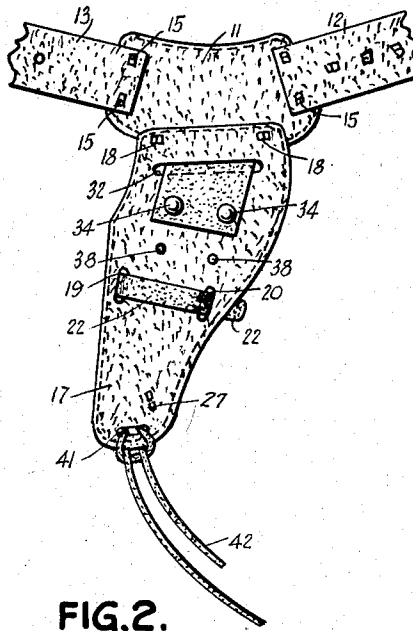


FIG. 2.

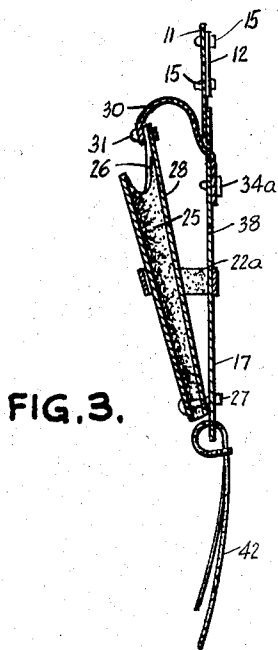


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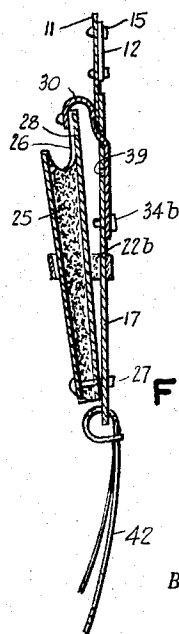


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This invention relates to holster construction and, more particularly, to a holster assembly that permits the rapid withdrawal of a revolver supported therein.

Hip-type gun holsters have been used in the past to support a pistol in position for quick withdrawal by the wearer. Consequently, those persons possessed of the skill of being able to withdraw the pistol rapidly have been able to defend themselves in gun fights. With the popularization of the wild west gun fights brought on by motion pictures and television, children have become fascinated with the ability of the wild west heroes to beat their opponents to the "draw." The usual type of holster, however, has been such that the speed of withdrawing the pistol depended entirely upon the ability of the wearer. An object of this invention, therefore, is to provide a hip-type gun holster assembly that is adjustable to provide a quick-draw position in which the pistol may be rapidly withdrawn.

Another object of this invention is to provide a hip-type gun holster assembly that is simple in construction, efficient in use, inexpensive to manufacture, and which is particularly attractive as a toy for children.

Still another object of this invention, is to provide an attractive gun holster assembly for use by children, that is adjustable for various types of use and for rapid withdrawal of the pistol.

All of the foregoing and still further objects and advantages of this invention will become apparent from a study of the following specification, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, wherein:

Fig. 1 is a front elevational view of a hip-type gun holster assembly made in accordance with this invention.

Fig. 2 is a rear elevational view of the holster assembly shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view taken along line 3—3 of Fig. 1, showing the gun holster assembly in one adjusted position.

Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 3, but showing the holster assembly in a second adjusted position.

Referring now to Fig. 1 of the drawing, a holster assembly 10 is shown secured to a wide gusset member 11 that is fixedly disposed between adjacent belt sections 12, 13, adapted to fasten about the hip of the wearer. In securing these related parts together, any suitable means such as rivets 15 may be used, the heads of which rivets also enhance the appearance of the assembly.

A hip flap 17 is suspended from the gusset 11 and secured thereto by means of rivets 18. This hip flap is provided with a pair of vertically disposed slots 19, 20, adjacent to the mid-portion thereof for receiving a circular strap 22 having an adjustable buckle 23 disposed on the outer side of the holster assembly. This strap forms a loop that is adapted to receive the holster pocket 25 and maintain the mid-portion thereof in an adjusted position in a manner hereinafter described. The upper extremity of the holster pocket is provided with a cut-out, finger-receiving, portion 26, and the bottom end of the holster is secured to the hip flap 17 by means of a

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rivet 27. The upper end of the inner wall 28 is secured, as at 31, to a quick draw adjustment tab 30 that extends through a horizontally disposed slot 32 in the hip flap in the manner shown in Fig. 2. The free end of the tab 30 is provided with a pair of peg clips 34 that are adapted to be removably engaged with one pair of lower or upper sockets 33, 39, respectively, so as to adjust the effective length of the tab between the slot and its securement to the holster. The lower extremity of the hip flap 17 may be provided with a small slot 41 that is adapted to receive a section of knotted rawhide 42 which further enhances the appearance of the assembly. Furthermore, a series of bullet clips 44 may also be secured to the strap portions 12, 13, as more clearly shown in Fig. 1.

It has been found that the pistol may be more rapidly withdrawn from the holster when the cutout finger-receiving position is disposed outwardly from the wearer's hip than when it is placed in close engagement therewith. Accordingly, this holster assembly is provided with adjustment means for varying the distance between the hip flap 17 and the upper extremity of the holster pocket 25 along with the adjustment of the angle defined by these two related parts.

Referring to Figs. 3 and 4, the holster may be adjusted from the quick draw relationship shown in Fig. 3 to the normal draw position shown in Fig. 4 in the following manner. The centrally disposed strap 22 is adjusted from its expanded position 22a to its restricted length 22b whereby the upper end of the holster is drawn into closer engagement with the hip flap about the support rivet 27 at the bottom end thereof, thereby also reducing the angle defined between these two parts. The slack in the adjustment tab 30 is then taken up by moving the peg clips 34 from their engagement 34a with the upper sockets 39, to their engagement 34b with the lower sockets 33, whereby the upper end of the holster is held in adjacent relationship with the flap 17, in the manner shown in Fig. 4.

It will be recognized that the holster may be reversely adjusted from the position shown in Fig. 4 to the quick-draw position of Fig. 3 by loosening the strap 22 and then moving the peg clips 34 into engagement with the upper socket 39. Although only two positions of adjustment have been shown, it will be understood that any number of such adjustments may be provided for, as a matter of choice. Since the weight of the holster and gun carried thereby is supported mainly by the rivet 27, this rivet also acts as a securing point about which the holster pocket 25 is flexed from one adjustment position to another. The adjustment strap 22 and adjustment tab 30, while also supporting a part of the load, mainly serves to provide the desired adjustments and maintain the unit in proper assembled position.

While this invention has been described with particular reference to the specific form shown in the drawing, it is to be understood that such is not to be construed as imparting limitations upon the invention, which is best defined by the claims appended hereto.

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

1. A hip-type gun holster assembly as set forth in claim 5, wherein said means comprises a tab having one end secured to the upper extremity of said holster and the other end thereof being in adjustable length engagement with said hip flap, adjustment of said tab being operative to vary the distance of said upper extremity relative to said hip flap.

2. A hip-type gun holster assembly as set forth in claim 1, wherein adjustable strap means are secured to said hip flap adapted to embrace an intermediate part of said holster and maintain said holster in adjusted angular disposition relative to said hip flap, length adjustment of said strap means being operative to permit the adjust-

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ment of said tab to vary the position of said holster relative to said hip flap.

3. A hip-type gun holster assembly as set forth in claim 1, wherein said hip flap has a slot adapted to receive said other end of said tab therethrough, and additional means associated with said hip flap and said tab for adjusting the effective length of said tab between said slot and said holster.

4. A hip-type gun holster assembly comprising, in combination, a hip flap, a holster pocket carried by said hip flap, said holster pocket being directed outwardly and upwardly relative to said hip flap and defining an acute angle therebetween, and means for adjusting the magnitude of said acute angle, the bottom of the holster pocket being secured to the hip flap to provide a flexing point about which the holster pocket is flexed from one adjustment position to another.

5. A hip-type gun holster assembly comprising, in combination, a hip flap, a holster pocket carried by said hip

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flap having a finger receiving cutout adjacent the upper extremity thereof, said holster pocket being directed outwardly and upwardly relative to said hip flap and defining an acute angle therebetween, and means for adjusting the magnitude of said defined acute angle, said means being further operative to vary the distance between said finger receiving cutout and said hip flap, the bottom of the holster pocket being secured to the hip flap to provide a flexing point about which the holster pocket is flexed from one adjustment position to another.

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