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Fig. 1.

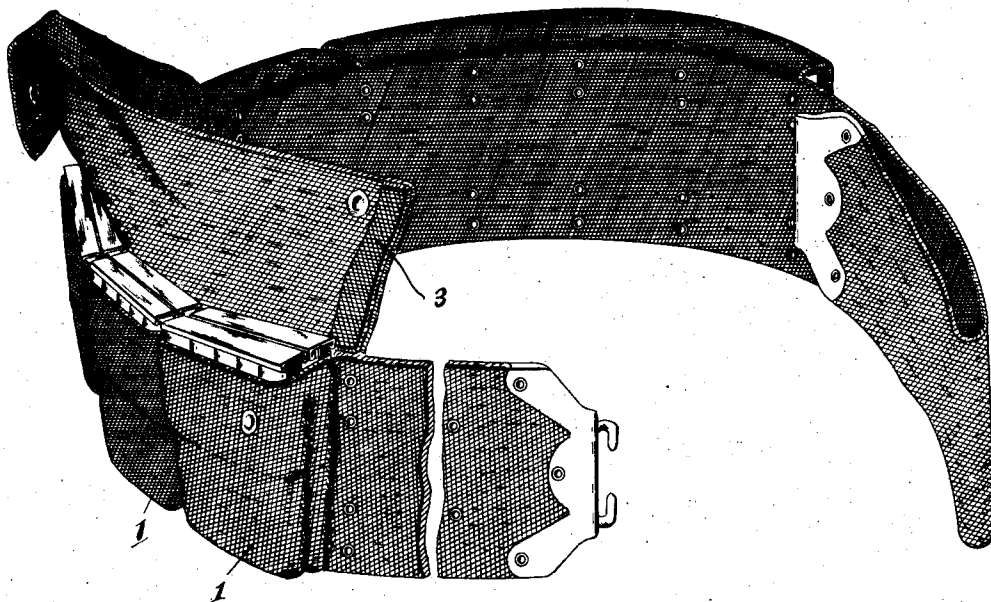


Fig 2.

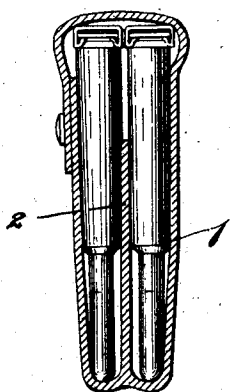
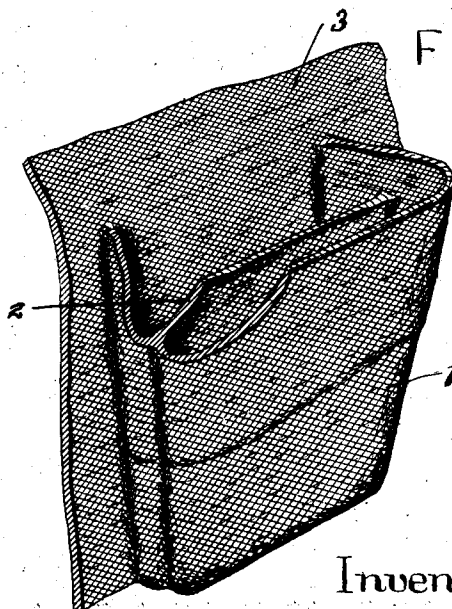


Fig 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK R. BATCHELDER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Worcester, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements in Cartridge-Pockets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in cartridge pockets for containing cartridges, and the object is to provide means which will retain the clips of cartridges in the pocket in such a manner that while they may be readily withdrawn for use, the liability of their being accidentally displaced will be reduced to a minimum.

With the above object in view, the invention consists in the novel features of construction hereinafter fully described, particularly pointed out in the claims, and clearly illustrated by the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a cartridge belt provided with my improved cartridge pocket; Fig. 2, a longitudinal sectional view through one of the pockets, and Fig. 3, a perspective view of one of the pockets, with the wall thereof broken away to show the partition.

The present invention is an improvement on that shown and described in Letters Patent No. 787,851, dated April 18th, 1905, and consists particularly in so forming the divisional wall or partition, of which there may be any desired number, shown in said Letters Patent, that when the clips of cartridges are in position, it will exert a sufficient pressure to act as a retaining means for preventing the accidental displacement of the clips by jarring or in any other manner while in action.

Referring now more particularly to the drawings, 1 designates a cartridge pocket which is illustrated in connection with a cartridge belt. The pocket is formed of woven fabric and may be either integral with the belt or carrier or woven separately and subsequently connected therewith by any suitable means.

2 designates an internal partition of woven material, forming a divisional wall between the front and rear walls of the pocket as clearly illustrated. This divisional wall or partition may be woven, as set forth in Letters Patent 787,851, or in any other desired

manner. Said partition is formed of such transverse extent as to be drawn sufficiently taut when the clips of the cartridges are inserted in the compartments of the pocket as to act as a retaining means for holding the clips securely and preventing the jolting thereof from the pocket, which is liable to occur in action when the cover 3 of the pocket is opened. Said partition, in order to act as described, has a normally smaller transverse area than the area of the pocket when the clips of cartridges are in position therein, the elasticity of the fabric permitting the partition to be placed under the desired tension by the insertion of clips of cartridges. The relative size of this partition can of course be so fixed as to provide retaining means that will exert sufficient pressure to tend to prevent the accidental displacement of the clips of cartridges, but which will at the same time permit the latter to be readily removed when desired for use. The partition also acts as a separator or pad between the clips or cartridges to prevent the abrasion of the cartridges by the rubbing of one against the other, which is often the case with the belt now in common use, where two clips are carried in a pocket without a division between them.

It will be noticed that the divisional wall or partition terminates below the upper edge of the pocket and that it is so constructed for two reasons, namely: First, in inserting the clips, they are apt to catch in the upper edge of the partition and thereby be prevented from being readily pushed down into the pocket, and secondly, with a partition terminating flush with the upper edge of the pocket, it is difficult to remove the clips. By constructing the divisional wall as here shown, it is removed from the upper end of the clip, thereby preventing the catching of the latter thereon when being inserted in the pocket and at the same time permitting the soldier to secure a good hold for the thumb and fore-finger when removing the clips.

From the above description, it will be seen that the present invention resides solely in the construction and arrangement of the divisional wall of the cartridge pocket shown and described in the Letters Patent referred to.

It will be understood that the invention is not limited to a cartridge pocket provided

with a single partition or divisional wall as one or more of such walls may be provided as desired.

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

1. A cartridge pocket having an internal partition arranged therein parallel to the front and rear walls and disposed between the two end walls, said partition being of less width than the width of the front and rear walls of the pocket for the purpose of acting as a retaining means to prevent the accidental displacement of the clips or cartridges from the pocket.

2. A cartridge pocket having an internal partition arranged therein parallel to the front and rear walls thereof and disposed between the end walls, said partition being of less width than the width of the front and rear walls of the pocket and terminating below the upper edge of the pocket for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature, in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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