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PISTOL HOLSTER.

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Fig. 1.

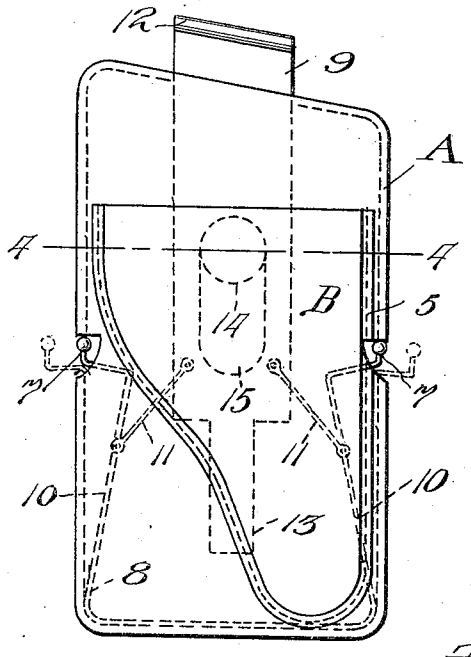


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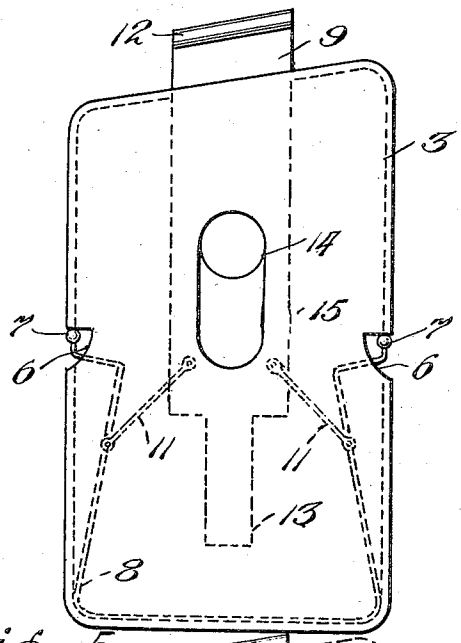


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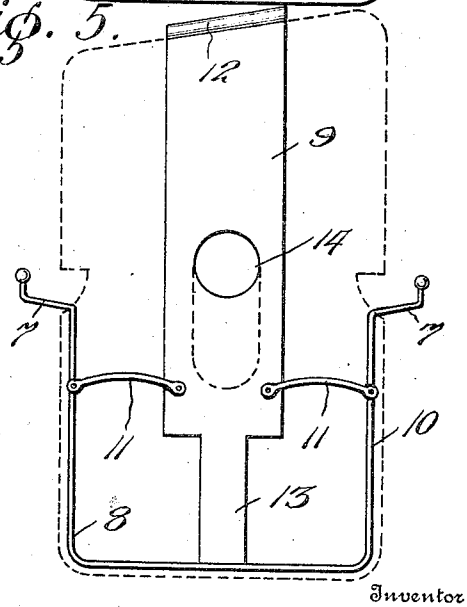


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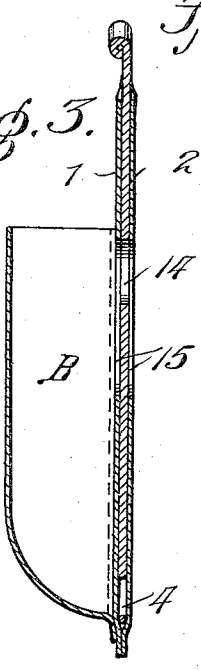
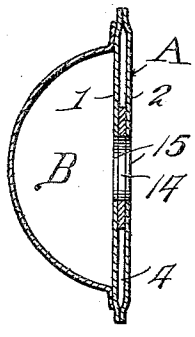


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES E. GASKILL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pueblo, in the county of Pueblo and State of Colorado, have invented new and useful Improvements in Pistol-Holsters, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a holster of the pocket type, whereby a pistol or revolver is positively held in place and maintained in an upright position so that it can be quickly and conveniently grasped when it is desired to draw the pistol or revolver.

The invention has for one of its objects to improve and simplify the construction and operation of devices of this character so as to be comparatively easy and inexpensive to manufacture, convenient to apply or remove from the hip pocket and convenient and reliable in use.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a pocket holster provided with means for locking the same in the pocket of the trousers so as to prevent the holster and pistol from accidentally jolting or dropping out.

Another object of the invention is the employment of outwardly extending pocket-engaging members which are capable of being indrawn when it is desired to remove the holster from the pocket, the said members being normally locked in extended position.

With these objects in view and others, as will appear as the description proceeds, the invention comprises the various novel features of construction and arrangement of parts which will be more fully described hereinafter and set forth with particularity in the claims appended hereto.

In the accompanying drawing, which illustrates one of the embodiments of the invention, Figure 1 is a front view of the pocket holster. Fig. 2 is a rear view thereof. Fig. 3 is a central longitudinal section thereof. Fig. 4 is a horizontal section on line 4—4, Fig. 1. Fig. 5 is a detail view of the pocket-engaging members and means for actuating the same.

Similar reference characters are employed to designate corresponding parts throughout the several views.

Referring to the drawing, A designates the back of the device, and B, the pistol or revolver pocket. The back, which is preferably flat, is composed of two strips of leather 1 and 2 secured together by marginal stitches 3, thereby forming a pocket 4 for the mechanism intended to lock the holster in the hip pocket of the trousers. The pistol-receiving pocket B comprises a piece of leather or other suitable material stitched to the front piece 1 by the row of stitches 5, the back A of the holster being so proportioned as to extend somewhat above the pistol pocket B. The back A is notched about midway of its vertical edges so as to form lateral openings 6 through which project the pocket-engaging members 7. These members are formed by bending the extremities of a U-shaped wire or other spring 8, as shown, the spring being arranged in the bottom of the chamber or pocket 4 between the pieces constituting the back A.

Extending upwardly out of the pocket or chamber 4 is a central locking member 9 that is connected with the side arms 10 of the spring by resilient toggle links 11. The upper end of the member 9 is provided with a bead 12 that serves as a finger-piece, whereby it can be conveniently gripped to move the member back and forth for locking or unlocking the pocket-engaging members 7. The inner end of the member 9 has an extension 13 that is adapted to abut the bottom of the spring 8 when the parts are in locked position. As shown in Fig. 5, when the pocket-engaging members are extended, the toggle links 11 are disposed directly in line with each other and the locking member 9 is pushed home, the bead 12 being in contact with the top edge of the back A.

In practice, the parts are moved to the position shown in Fig. 1 so that the holster can be thrust into the pocket intended to receive the same. The member 9 is pushed inwardly so as to cause the pocket-engaging members to be projected through the openings or notches 6 so as to engage the wall of the pocket and positively lock the holster in place. The pistol or revolver can be placed in the pocket B and will be maintained in upright position so that the handle can be conveniently gripped. To remove the holster, it is merely necessary to pull 9 upwardly, thereby collapsing the toggle joint and drawing the members 7 inwardly. Another way to actuate the member 9 is afforded by providing a finger opening 14 therein which is accessible through slots 15 in the parts 1 and 2 of the back A. By inserting the finger

through the opening and slots, the member 9 can be raised or lowered for unlocking or locking the holster in place.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, the advantages of the construction and of the method of operation will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art to which the invention appertains, and while I have described the principle of operation of the invention, together with the device which I now consider to be the best embodiment thereof, I desire to have it understood that the device shown is merely illustrative and that such changes may be made when desired, as are within the scope of the claims.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is:—

1. A holster comprising a back having an opening, a pistol pocket, pocket-engaging devices housed in the back and projecting from the edges thereof, a locking member contained in the back and movable longitudinally therein, one edge of the member being permanently extended from the back, and links between the member and devices, said member being engaged either through the opening in the back or at the extending end thereof for manually actuating the member.

2. A holster comprising a back, a pistol pocket thereon, a spring having its ends bent into pocket-engaging members, and means for moving the members to locking or unlocking position, said means comprising toggle links connected with the spring, and a device for straightening and collapsing the toggle links.

3. A holster comprising a back composed of front and rear members secured together to form a chamber having side and top openings, a pistol pocket fixed on the back, a U-shaped spring in the chamber of the back having its ends bent laterally through the side openings to form pocket-engaging members, a longitudinally-movable member in the chamber, links between the member and arms of the spring, and means for actuating the longitudinally-movable member.

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

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