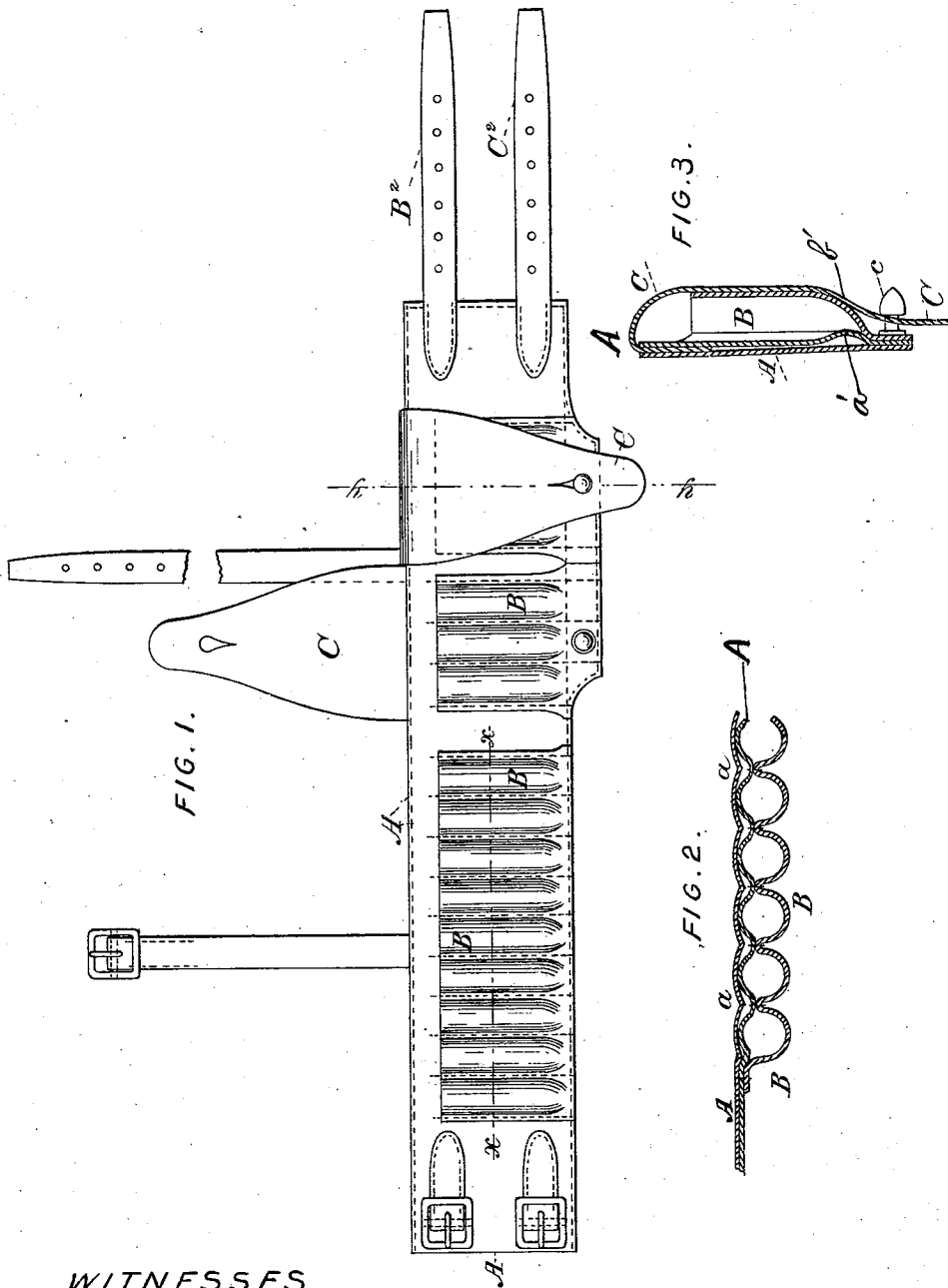


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE CROUCH, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented, made, and applied to use Improvements in the Construction of Cartridge-Belts, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of my improved cartridge-belt. Fig. 2 is a section of the same through the line *x x* of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a section of the same through the line *y y* of Fig. 1.

In the drawings, like parts of the invention are indicated by the same letters of reference.

This invention relates to leather cartridge-holders; and it consists in the combination of a belt with two sheets which have an undulating shape, and are fastened together face to face, so as to form a series of pockets, as hereinafter set forth.

To enable those skilled in the arts to make and use my invention, I will describe the same.

A designates a belt, of leather or other flexible material, which is provided at one end with buckles and at the other end with straps B² C², for fastening it around the wearer's waist in the usual manner. To this belt is fastened a sheet or strip, A', of leather or other suitable material, which is stamped or otherwise shaped into a series of undulations, as shown in Fig. 2, each concavity therein forming the rear part of a cartridge-pocket, and B designates a front sheet of similar material stamped so as to leave a series of larger undulations

corresponding in position to those above mentioned, and forming the front parts of the cartridge-pockets. The several parts of the cartridge-holding belt are secured together by sewing through them at or near the edges of sheet B, and preferably, also, on the lines *a a*. As shown in Fig. 3, the lower part of the material of sheet A' is bent outward at *a'* into the lower end of each pocket, and the corresponding part of sheet B is rounded in at *b'*. The said belt is provided with the usual eyeleted covering-flaps, C, which extend over the cartridge-pockets, and are fastened to studs *c* in the ordinary manner. These, of course, I do not claim.

It will be seen that the cartridge-pockets are composed of two reversely-curved sheets, which are brought face to face. They are more easily manufactured than a series of pockets bent or formed by bending a single sheet at short intervals till it meets. Furthermore, in case the outer sheet becomes injured, the inner will still remain intact and be serviceable with a new outer sheet.

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

In a cartridge-holder, the combination of belt A with sheets A' and B, said sheets being stamped into an undulating shape and fastened together face to face, so as to form a series of pockets, substantially as set forth.

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