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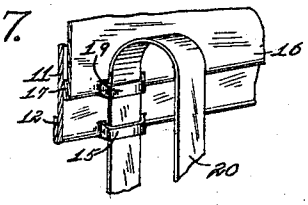


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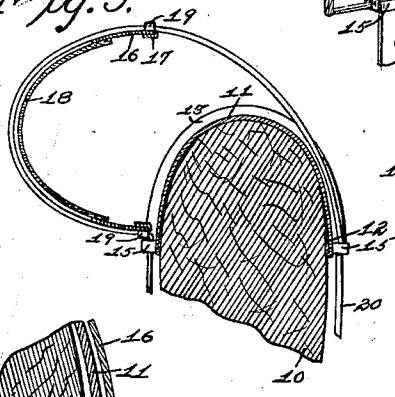
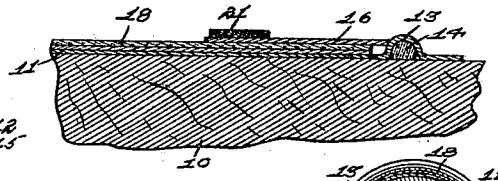


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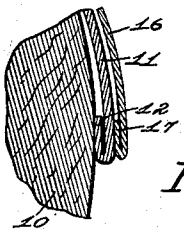


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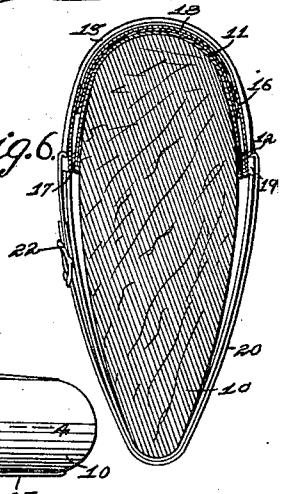
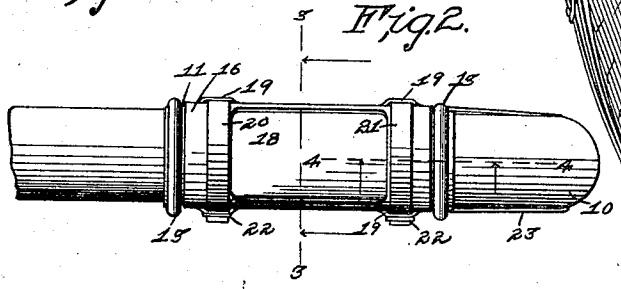


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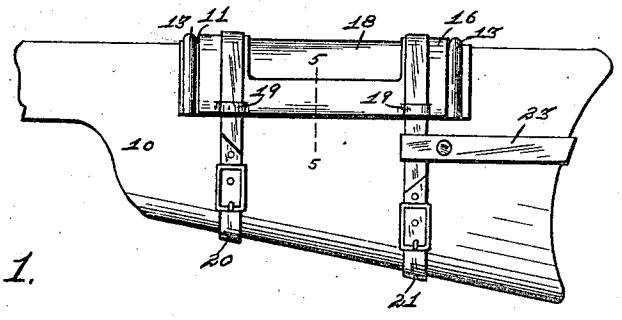


Fig. 1.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, HARRY R. AVERY and GIDEON RIETVELD, citizens of the United States, and residents of Knoxville, in the county of Marion and State of Iowa, have invented a certain new and useful Sportsman's License Holder and Protector, of which the following is a specification.

The object of our invention is to provide a device of simple, durable and inexpensive construction and of ornamental appearance designed to be applied to a hunter's gun stock or fisherman's rod handle for the purpose of receiving, holding and visibly displaying a sportsman's license, in such manner that the device may be readily, quickly and easily attached to or removed from a gun stock or rod handle and when applied will permanently and securely hold the license card or sheet in position where it will be thoroughly protected from rain and not interfere with the use of the gun or rod, and at the same time be readily, quickly and easily accessible so that the license card or sheet may be removed for inspection at any time without removing the entire device from the gun stock or reel; and

Further to provide a device of this character which will not mar the finish of the gun stock or rod handle to which it is applied.

Our invention consists in the construction, arrangement and combination of the various parts of the device, whereby the objects contemplated are attained, as hereinafter more fully set forth, pointed out in our claims, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 shows a side elevation of a portion of a gun stock having our device applied thereto.

Figure 2 shows a top or plan view of same.

Figure 3 shows an enlarged detail sectional view on the line 3—3 of Figure 2, illustrating the cover portion of the device in its open position for the removal or replacement of a license card or sheet.

Figure 4 shows an enlarged detail sectional view on the line 4—4 of Figure 2.

Figure 5 shows an enlarged detail sectional view on the line 5—5 of Figure 1.

Figure 6 shows a transverse sectional view through the central portion of the device applied to a gun stock illustrating a modified form of attachment of the straps to the device; and

Figure 7 shows an enlarged detail perspective view showing a modified form of connecting the straps with the card holding device.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, we have used the reference numeral 10 to indicate that portion of the gun stock shown. Our improved device is formed principally of an inner and an outer flexible sheet metal plate. The inner plate is substantially rectangular in outline and comprises a body portion 11 with its edges folded upwardly at 12 to rest against the sides of the gun stock.

At the ends of this inner plate, we preferably form a raised rounded rib 13. This rib is designed to receive a flexible yielding protecting strip 14, which may be made of felt or rubber and is preferably glued in position so that when the device is applied to a gun stock or rod handle this strip will prevent the sheet metal edges of the plate 11 from rubbing or marring the finish of the gun stock.

At the lower side edges of the plate 11, we preferably form two strap loops 15 at each side and these are formed by pressing the material of which the plate is formed outwardly.

The outer plate is also made of flexible metal and is indicated by the numeral 16. Its side edges are folded upwardy at 17 and its ends are designed to engage the ribs 13, as clearly shown in Figure 4. At the central portion of the plate 16 is an opening which is covered on the inside with a sheet of celluloid 18 or other flexible transparent material. The side edges of the plate 16 are formed with strap loops 19 projected outwardly and designed when in use to receive the loops 15.

For attaching the device to a gun stock or rod, we provide straps 20 and 21, which straps are extended through the loops 15 and 19 at each side of the device, and they pass around the gun stock and are provided with buckles 22 of the ordinary kind. We also preferably provide a strap 23 having loops at its ends for receiving the adjacent strap 21. This strap 23 is designed to pass around the adjacent end of a gun stock and to prevent the device from moving toward the smaller end of the gun stock. The

straps 21 and 20 may, if desired, be extended around the lower edge of the gun stock, then through the loops 15 and 19, and then around the lower edge of the gun stock, as clearly illustrated in Figures 6 and 7. Or the straps may be extended once completely around the gun stock and the device, as shown in Figure 1. When the device is applied to a fishing rod handle, the strap 23 may be dispensed with.

In practical use, we first extend the straps 20 and 21 through the loops 15 and 19 and then extend the straps around the gun stock, and through the loops of the strap 23, and then draw the straps tight. This will have the effect of permanently securing the device to the gun stock and prevent its movement toward the narrow end of the gun stock, and at the same time it will cause the flexible metal plates 11 and 16 to conform accurately to the shape of the gun stock regardless of slight variations in the shapes of various makes and sizes of gun stocks. Furthermore, the protecting strips 14 will prevent the finish of the gun stock from becoming marred by the device.

In various portions of the country these sportsmen's licenses assume various sizes and shapes. Some of them are printed upon cards and others upon sheets of paper. When the license is printed upon a card, then the operator in applying the license to the holder simply loosens the straps at one side of the gun stock and then the straps passing through the loops at the opposite side of the gun stock will form a hinge and the free edge of the upper plate may then be swung on this hinge in the manner shown in Figure 3, so that a card may be readily and easily inserted between the two plates, and then the straps are again fastened up and tightened. When the license is printed upon sheets of paper, then we preferably fold the sheet so that the owner's name and the year for which the license is issued may be viewed through the celluloid sheet at the top, then this folded sheet is inserted in the holder in the same manner.

Ordinarily it is not necessary for the sportsman to show any portion of the license to an official except his name and the year for which the license is issued, and in such an event it is unnecessary to open the holder. However, in the event that an official should desire to inspect the entire license sheet, then the operator may simply unbuckle the two straps and swing the upper plate open on the hinge formed by the straps, and the sheet may be entirely removed for inspection.

By the peculiar arrangement of the straps and their loops relative to the plates, the tension of the straps firmly holds the upper plate against the lower plate, and this is regardless of the thickness of the license card or sheet, and in view of the fact that the upper plate rests against the inclined portion of the rib 13, the upper plate forms a substantially water and dust tight shield relative to the lower plate, thus fully protecting the license card and number.

We claim as our invention:

1. In a device of the class described, the combinationof a lower flexible metal plate, an upper flexible metal plate having an opening therein and a sheet of flexible transparent material covering said opening, both of said plates on each side being provided with outwardly extended loops and flexible straps passing through said loops and designed to be passed around a gun stock for securing both plates to the gun stock and for forming a hinged connection between the upper and lower plates at one side.

2. In a device of the class described, the combination of a lower flexible metal plate, an upper flexible metal plate having an opening therein and a sheet of flexible transparent material covering said opening, both of said plates on each side being provided with outwardly extended loops and flexible straps passing through said loops and designed to be passed around a gun stock for securing both plates to the gun stock and for forming a hinged connection between the upper and lower plates at one side, the lower plate being formed with an upwardly extending rib at its ends and the upper plate being designed to engage the adjacent edges of said ribs to form a water-tight joint when held tightly toward the lower plate by the straps.

3. In a device of the class described, the combination of a lower flexible metal plate, an upper flexible metal plate having an opening therein and a sheet of flexible transparent material covering said opening, both of said plates on each side being provided with outwardly extended loops and flexible straps passing through said loops and designed to be passed around a gun stock for securing both plates to the gun stock and for forming a hinged connection between the upper and lower plates at one side, and a strap formed with loops at its ends, said loops being designed to receive one of the straps for connecting the plates and being designed to pass around the adjacent end of the gun stock.

4. In a device of the class described, the combination of a lower flexible metal plate, an upper flexible metal plate having an opening therein and a sheet of flexible transparent material covering said opening, both of said plates on each side being provided with outwardly extended loops and flexible straps passing through said loops and designed to be passed around a gun stock for securing both plates to the gun stock and for forming a hinged connection between

the upper and lower plates at one side, the lower plate being formed with an upwardly extending rib at its ends and the upper plate being designed to engage the adjacent edges of said ribs to form a water-tight joint when held tightly toward the lower plate by the straps, and a cushioning device mounted in the under surfaces of said ribs and designed to rest against the gun stock.

5. In a device of the class described, the combination of a lower flexible metal plate, an upper flexible metal plate having an opening therein and a sheet of flexible transparent material covering said opening, both of said plates on each side being provided with outwardly extended loops and flexible straps passing through said loops and designed to be passed around a gun stock for securing both plates to the gun stock and for forming a hinged connection between the upper and lower plates at one side, the lower plates being formed with an upwardly extending rib at its ends and the upper plate being designed to engage the adjacent edges of said ribs to form a water-tight joint when held tightly toward the lower plate by the straps, said upper plate being formed at its side edges with an inwardly extended flange designed to rest against and be firmly held in contact with the lower plate when the straps are tight to form a tight joint between the two plates.

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