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FLASH LIGHT HOLSTER.

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Fig. 1.

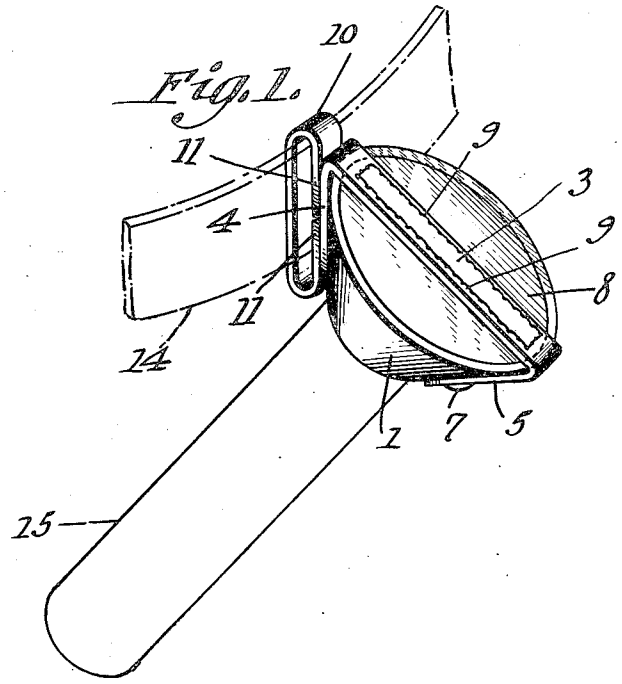


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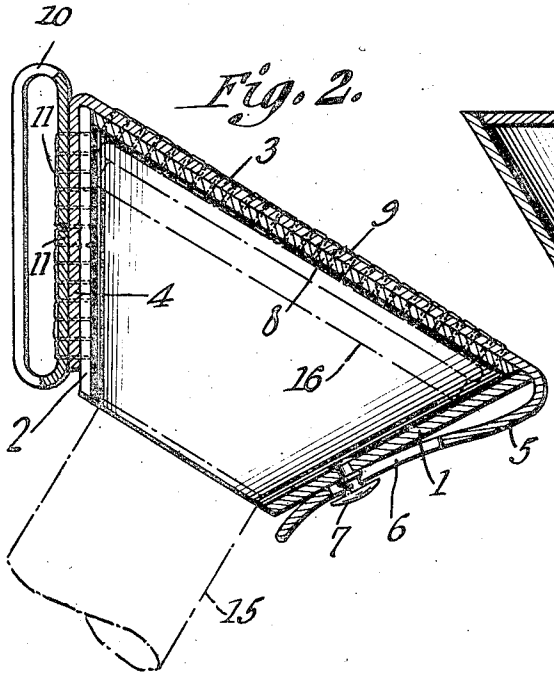
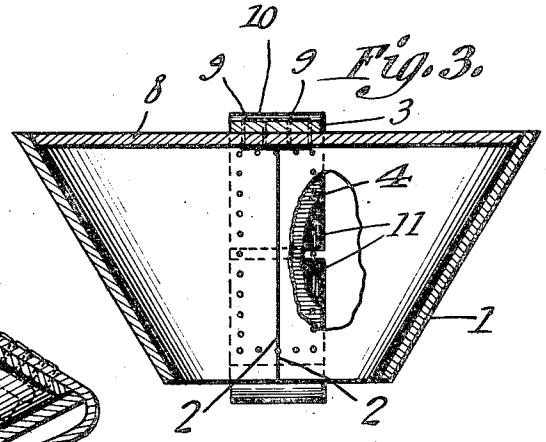


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN E. WRIGHT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pleasant Lake, in the county of Steuben and State of Indiana, have invented a new and useful Flash-Light Holster, of which the following is a specification.

This invention aims to provide a simple but efficient means whereby a flashlight may be suspended from a body belt.

The invention aims, further, to provide novel means whereby the various constituent members of the device are held securely together.

It is within the province of the disclosure to improve generally and to enhance the utility of devices of that type to which the invention appertains.

With the above and other objects in view, which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that, within the scope of what is claimed, changes in the precise embodiment of the invention shown can be made without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the accompanying drawings:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing a device of the sort hereinafter described, in use; Figure 2 is a transverse section; and Figure 3 is a fragmental transverse section, the cutting plane in Figure 3 being at right angles to the cutting plane in Figure 2.

The structure forming the subject matter of this application ordinarily is in the form of a holster, and includes a body 1 of inverted frusto-conical form and open at both ends. The body, like the remaining parts of the device, may be made of leather, if desired, although any preferred material may be used. The body 1 is fashioned out of a strip, having meeting ends 2. The numeral 3 marks a hinge strip, one extremity 4 of which extends downwardly along the outer surface of the body 1, across the meeting ends 2 of the body. The opposite extremity 5 of the hinge strip is provided with a slit 6 adapted to be mounted on a stud 7 carried by the body 1. A lid 8 is stitched or secured otherwise, as indicated at 9 to the intermediate portion of the hinge strip 3, and, obviously, the slit 6 and the stud 7 constitute means for holding the lid 8 in closed position. Any suitable means, however, may be supplied for holding the lid closed. The numeral 10 denotes a suspension device or loop, made out of a strip, the ends 11 of which are overlapped on the extremity 4 of the hinge strip 3. The ends 11 of the suspension loop, the extremity 4 of the hinge strip 3, and the meeting ends 2 of the body 1 are united by stitching or other means, shown at 12. The hinge strip 3 exercises several functions. First, it constitutes a means whereby the lid 8 is movably mounted. Second, it forms an element whereby the meeting ends 2 of the body 1 may be attached. Third, it forms a place whereon the ends 11 of the suspension loop may be secured. The extremity 4 of the hinge strip 3 serves, it will be obvious from the foregoing to reinforce and strengthen the holster.

In practical operation, a body belt 14 is run through the suspension loop 10, and a flashlight 15 may be thrust downwardly through the open lower end of the body 1, the enlarged head 16 of the flash lamp fitting in the body 1. The lid 8 may be swung to a closed position, as shown in Figure 1, the lid fitting within the upper end of the body 1 and covering the lens of the lamp. When the extremity 5 of the hinge strip 3 is connected with the stud 7, the lid will be held closed, and the flash lamp will be retained in the holster.

I claim:—

A flash lamp holster comprising a body having meeting ends; a loop; a hinge strip extended between the loop, on the one hand, and the meeting ends of the body, on the other hand; means for connecting the loop, the hinge strip and the meeting ends of the body; and a lid for the body, the lid being mounted on the hinge strip.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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