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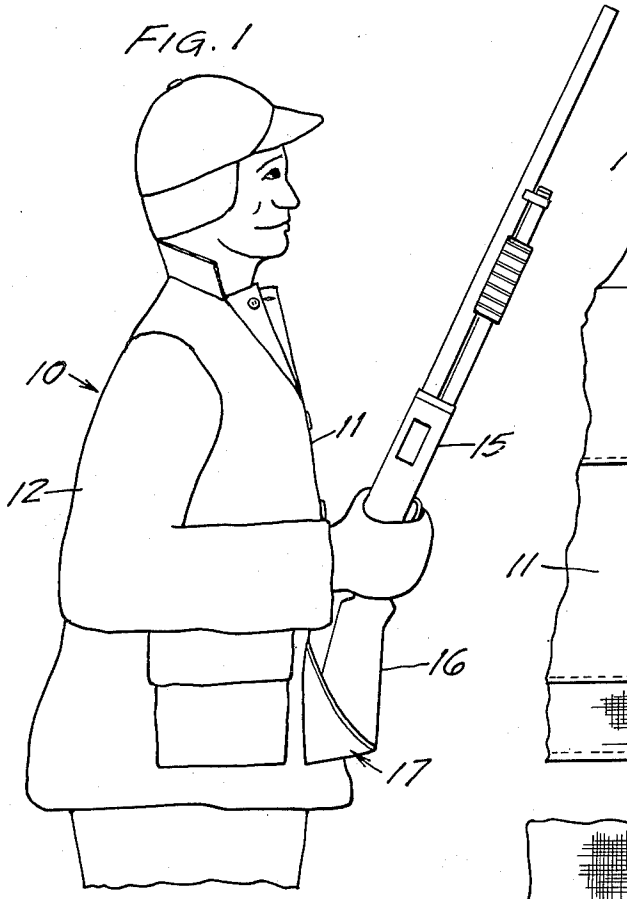


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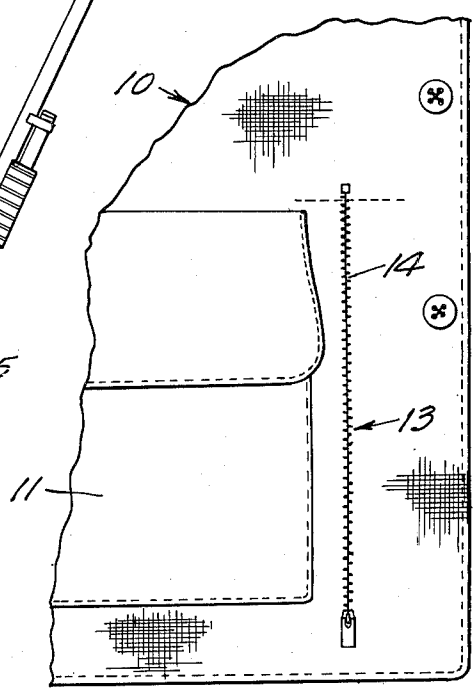


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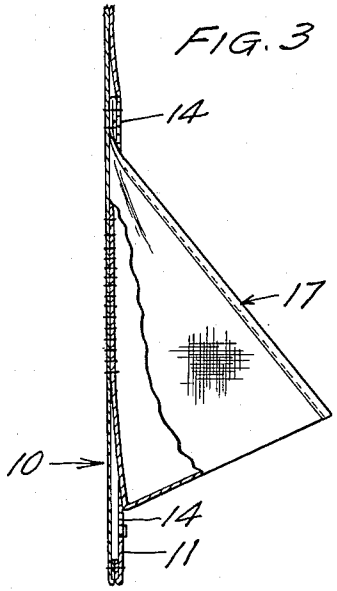
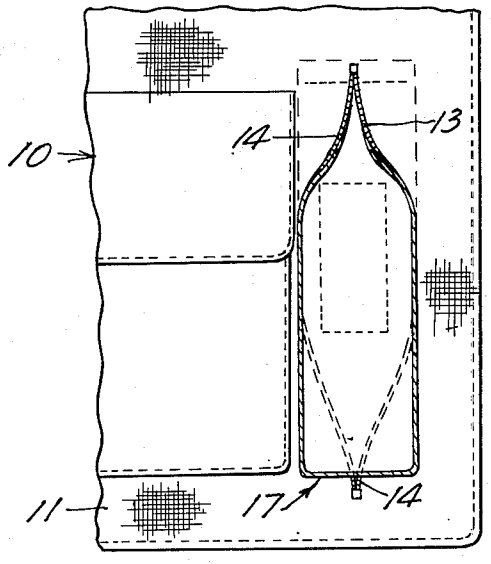


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FIG. 5

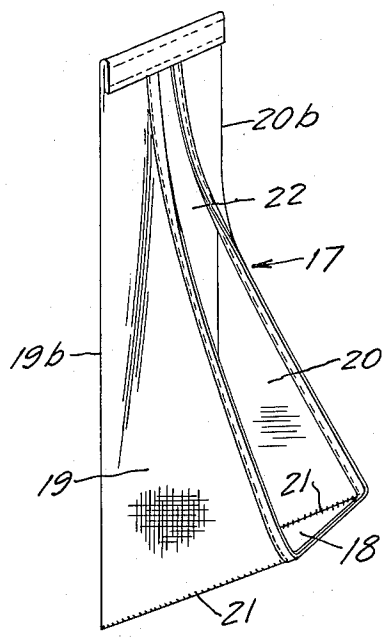


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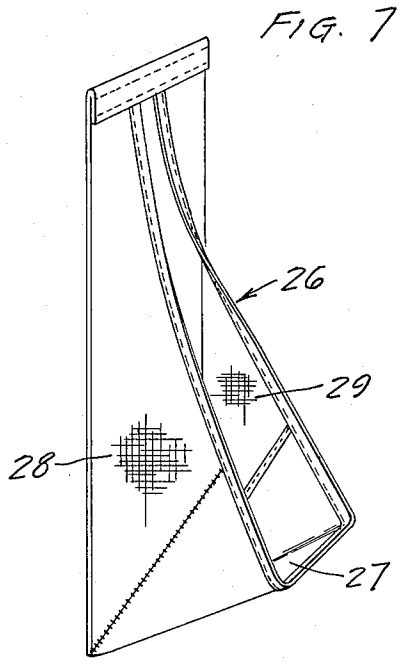


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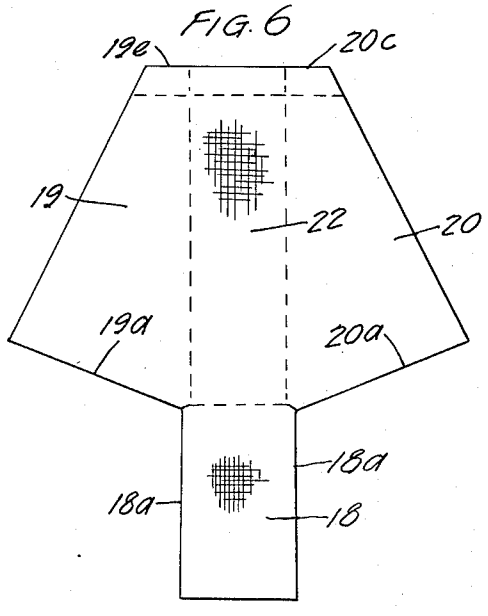
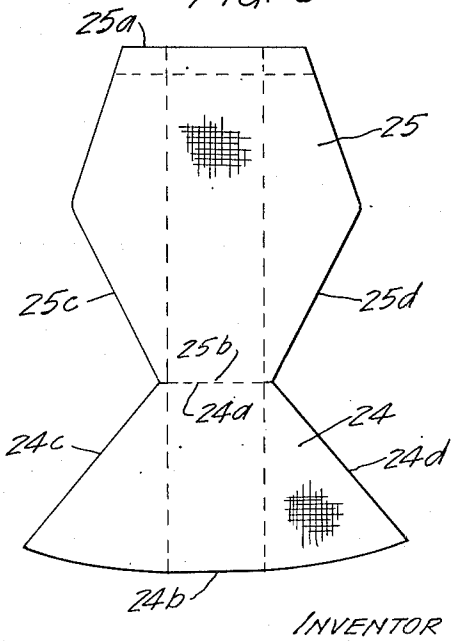


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This invention relates to gun rests. More particularly, it relates to a gun rest adapted to be mounted on a hunting jacket or the like for use by the hunter in supporting his gun while walking through a field or brush.

This invention constitutes an improvement upon my former invention as disclosed in Patent Number 2,520,285, issued August 29, 1950, and entitled Gun Support.

It is a general object of my invention to provide a novel and improved gun rest of cheap and simple construction which can be attached to a hunting jacket within a pocket and which can be collapsed against the jacket and within the pocket when it is desired not to use the same and which can be extended from the jacket pocket to receive and support the butt of a gun as the hunter walks through the hunting grounds and permits the holding of the gun in such position that the gun can be readily swung down for quick shooting when game appears.

A more specific object is to provide a collapsible gun rest which will positively assist in maintaining a gun supported thereby in relatively vertical position while being carried through a field or other hunting areas.

A still more specific object is to provide a novel and improved gun rest constructed in such a manner that the weight of the supported gun will cause the gun rest to assume a shape which will cause the same to provide positive assistance to the hunter in maintaining his gun in erect position.

Another object is to provide an improved gun rest constructed to permit the same to be collapsed and carried within the confines of a pocket from which it extends to prevent the same from engaging brush and the like when not in use.

These and other objects and advantages of my invention will more fully appear from the following description made in connection with the accompanying drawings wherein like reference characters refer to similar parts throughout the several views and in which:

Fig. 1 is a view showing a hunter wearing a hunting jacket, incorporating therein a gun rest of the present invention, the gun rest being shown in an inextended position to receive the butt end of a gun therein and to support the same.

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary view of the portion of the hunting jacket which carries the gun rest, the gun rest being in collapsed position and within the confines of the pocket and the zipper on the pocket being shown in closed position.

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Fig. 3 is a fragmentary vertical sectional view taken through the front area of the hunting jacket which supports the gun rest with the gun rest being shown principally in side elevation.

Fig. 4 is a front elevational view of the portion of the hunting jacket which supports the gun rest with portions of the pocket broken away to show the method of securing the gun rest to the jacket.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of one embodiment of my invention detached from the hunting jacket.

Fig. 6 is a plan view of the blank form from which the gun rest shown in Fig. 5 may be formed.

Fig. 7 is a perspective view of a second embodiment of my invention detached from the hunting jacket.

Fig. 8 is a plan view of the blank form from which the gun rest shown in Fig. 7 may be formed.

Shown in Fig. 1 is a hunting jacket indicated generally as 10 being worn by a hunter and having a front area 11, a rear area 12, and a pocket indicated generally as 13. As best shown in Fig. 2, this pocket 13 is equipped with a zipper 14 which, when closed, makes the area immediately surrounding the pocket flush with the front area of the jacket. In other words, there is nothing protruding outwardly from the jacket in connection with this pocket 13 which will permit brush or the like to engage the same and interfere with the movements of the hunter. The hunter is shown carrying a gun 15 which has a gun butt 16 of conventional width.

One embodiment of my invention may include as shown in Fig. 5 a socket-like member indicated generally as 17. This socket-like member may be formed from the blank form shown in Fig. 6 or from the blank form shown in Fig. 8. The blank form shown in Fig. 6 is cut from a piece of flexible material, preferably a relatively heavy fabric, to provide a generally rectangularly shaped base portion 18. This base portion is slightly greater in width than the width of a conventional gun butt. The broken lines of Fig. 6 show the lines along which the material will be creased in forming the socket-like member 17. The blank form has a pair of side portions 19 and 20 which become side webs when the member is properly assembled. Each of these side portions 19 and 20 are of generally right triangular shape. The base legs 19a and 20a of these side webs are secured as by stitching or some other suitable means to the corresponding side

edges 18a of the base portion 18. Fig. 5 shows these edges being attached to each other by stitching as at 21.

The vertical legs 19b and 20b of the side webs 19 and 20 are connected to the front area of the jacket within the confines of the pocket 13. This connection may be established by direct sewing or stitching of the side legs to the front area of the jacket and within the pocket or, as shown, by stitching the central portion 22 to the jacket. The top edges 19c and 20c of the side portions 19 and 20 may be folded over and stitched in the manner shown in Figs. 3 and 5. These top portions may also be stitched to the jacket wall within the confines of the pocket 13.

Fig. 8 shows another blank form cut from flexible material such as a heavy fabric in such a manner as to provide a lower portion 24 and an upper portion 25. As shown the lower portion has the general shape of an isosceles trapezoid. The upper portion 25 is generally polygonal in shape and has an upper side 25a slightly greater in width than its lower side 25b. Since the sheet shown is cut from a single piece of fabric, the lower side 25b of the upper portion 25 also constitutes the upper side 24a of the lower portion 24. As shown, the lower portion has a bottom side 24b and two equal sides 24c and 24d The upper portion also has two equal sides 25c and 25d which extend upwardly and outwardly from the bottom 25b at an angle to each other. The width of the bottom side 25b is substantially equal to the width of a conventional gun butt. The broken lines show the lines along which the material is creased when the socket-like member 26 of Fig. 7 is formed.

To form the socket-like member 26, the material of the blank form shown in Fig. 8 is folded along the crease lines indicated and the equal legs 24c and 24d are attached to the equal sides 25c and 25d of the upper portion. This attachment provides a base portion 27 for the socket-like member and a pair of spaced side webs 28 and 29, these side webs being generally right triangular in shape. The upper part of the vertical legs of these right triangular side webs may be secured to the jacket in the same manner as described for the structure shown in Figs. 5 and 6. Likewise, the side portions of the top edge of the upper portion 25 may be folded in and stitched in the manner described with respect to the structure shown in Fig. 5.

When the gun rest is not in use, the base portions 18, 27 are swung upwardly within the confines of the pocket 13 to lie in vertical position along the inner wall of the pocket and the front area of the jacket 10. The side webs 19, 20 or 28, 29 collapse and fold therewith so that the entire gun rest will lie flat along the front area of the hunting jacket so that the zipper 14 may be drawn to closed position to completely encase the gun rest. This is best shown in Fig. 2. Thus, it can be seen that while the gun rest is not being utilized, there is absolutely no danger of it catching on brush, etc. The entire unit is disposed in an out-of-way position and is protected from engagement with brush and the like by the pocket. The flexible material from which the gun rest is made permits such swinging on the part of the base portion and such collapsing on the part of the side webs without any difficulty.

When the hunter desires to utilize the gun rest, he merely opens the zipper 14 and draws the socket-like member 17, 26 to extended position. In so doing, the base portion 18, 27 swings outwardly to substantially horizontal position and the side webs 19, 20 or 28, 29 become extended and assume their right triangular shape once again. It is apparent that the side webs limit the outward swinging movement of the base portions and form therewith a socket-like member adapted to receive therein the butt of the hunter's gun.

While walking through a field or brush, the hunter will insert the gun butt 16 into the socket-like member 17, 26 so that the weight thereof will rest upon the base portion 18, 27. Because of the flexible nature of these base portions 18, 27, the weight of the gun, in addition to causing the side webs to become taut, will also cause the base portion to assume more or less the shape of the end of the gun butt. The base portion will support the weight of the gun so that the hunter may walk through the field relatively relaxed and without tiring. The gun 15, in addition to being supported by the gun rest, is maintained in an out-of-way and relatively safe position. Nevertheless, the gun is readily available for quick shooting action for when game appears the hunter may instantly commence raising his gun whereupon the weight thereof will be lifted from the base portion 18, 27 and it will tend to resume its original rectangular shape. In other words, as soon as the weight of the gun is lifted off the base portion, the entire socket expands laterally so that the socket permits the gun butt to be freely withdrawn therefrom. Thus, there is no danger of the gun butt becoming engaged by the socket while the hunter is attempting to level his gun in an instant to cause the same to bear upon the game. I have found that by constructing my gun rest in the manner disclosed, I have attained the advantages of having a relatively close-fitting gun rest for the gun butt and at the same time have precluded the possibility of the hunter being hindered during the raising movement of the gun. Any gun rest which will cause such hinderance is an aggravation to the hunter, will cause him to miss game which he otherwise might kill, and may even result in injury due to accidental discharge of the gun caused by the gun butt becoming engaged during such upward movement.

It should be noted that the side webs 19, 20 and 28, 29, in becoming taut due to the weight of the gun butt upon the base portion, are drawn so as to extend in close-lying relation to the sides of the gun butt. In fact, with most gun butts the side edges of the hypotenuse of the right triangle will positively engage the sides of the gun butt. Through this close-lying relationship, the side webs 19, 20 and 28, 29 positively assist the hunter in maintaining the gun in erect position and in preventing the gun from tipping sideways. In other words, the gun rest provides positive assistance in maintaining the gun in its optimum position and at the same time readily assumes a shape when the weight of the gun is lifted therefrom which will permit the gun butt to be withdrawn quickly with no danger of its engagement by the socket member.

Thus, it can be seen that I have provided a new and improved gun rest capable of cheap and simple construction and adapted to be disposed in a completely out-of-way position. Moreover, I have eliminated the need for relatively expensive metal parts and have provided a much more compact and considerably lighter unit

which will support the gun butt with greater efficiency and effectiveness.

It will, of course, be understood that various changes may be made in the form, details, arrangement and proportions of the parts without departing from the scope of my invention.

What I claim is:

1. In a hunting jacket having a front area and a back area, a gun rest carried by said front area, said gun rest comprising a socket member having a flexible base portion of generally rectangular shape and having a pair of opposite generally right triangularly shaped side portions, the base legs of said side portions being attached to the sides of said base portion throughout its length, said side portions being connected by the upper parts of their vertical legs to the lower part of the front area of the jacket, said side portions also being flexible to permit said base portion to swing upwardly and lie against the front area of the jacket and being collapsible therewith, the vertical legs of said side portions being attached to said front area adjacent said base portions a distance apart substantially equal to the width of a conventional gun butt and a substantially less distance apart adjacent the upper parts of their vertical legs whereby when a gun butt is rested upon said base portion said side portions will extend closely along the sides of such gun butt and cooperate with said base portion to form a loose-fitting three-wall support for the gun butt which will simultaneously bear the weight of the gun and positively assist in preventing the gun from tilting sidewise.

2. In a hunting jacket having a front area with a vertically extending zipper in the outer lining thereof and a back area, a gun rest carried by said front area and extending outwardly through such zipper when the latter is open, said gun rest comprising a flexible normally horizontal support member, and a pair of generally right triangularly shaped side webs attached along their base legs to said support member along its side edges and throughout its length and extending upwardly from the side edges thereof, said side webs being also connected along the upper portions of their vertical legs to the lower portion of the front area of the jacket and extending outwardly therefrom, said side webs also being flexible to permit said support member to swing upwardly from substantially horizontal position to lie flat relative to the front area of the jacket and being readily collapsible therewithin, said side webs being attached to said front area a distance apart substantially equal to the width of a conventional gun butt whereby when a gun butt is rested upon said support member said side webs will extend closely along the sides of such gun butt and cooperate with said support member to form a three-wall support for the gun butt which will simultaneously bear the weight of the gun and positively assist in preventing the gun from tilting sidewise, said gun rest being collapsible to pass inwardly to a position inward of such zipper to permit the latter to be closed and completely conceal said gun rest.

3. In a hunting jacket having a front area and a back area, a gun rest carried by said front area, said gun rest comprising a socket-like member having a flexible base of generally rectangular shape, said socket-like member being formed of a piece of flexible material having an upper portion and a lower portion, said lower portion of said piece being generally of the shape of an isosceles trapezoid the upper side of which is substantially equal in length to the width of a conventional gun butt and the upper portion being polygonal in shape and having a pair of side edges equal in length and which, when said piece is in blank form, extend upwardly and laterally from the upper part of said lower portion, said side edges being attached to the equal sides of said lower portion to form said socket-like member, said upper portion being attached to the lower front area of the hunting jacket.

4. In a hunting jacket having at the front thereof a pocket with an inner and an outer wall, a collapsible gun rest carried by said pocket within its confines when in collapsed position and extending outwardly therefrom when in extended position, said gun rest comprising a socket-like member having a flexible base portion of generally rectangular shape and having a pair of opposite generally right triangularly shaped side portions, the base legs of said side portions being attached to the sides of said base portion throughout its length, said side portions having the upper parts of their vertical legs connected to the inner wall of the pocket, said side portions also being flexible to permit said base portion to swing upwardly and lie against the inner wall of the pocket and being collapsible therewith to a position within the confines of the pocket as said base portion is moved from an outwardly extending position to upright position and cooperating with said base portion when the latter is in extended position to form a loose fitting three wall support for a gun butt which will simultaneously bear the weight of the gun and positively assist in maintaining the gun from tilting sidewise.

5. In a hunting jacket having a front area and a back area, a gun rest carried by said front area, said gun rest comprising a socket-like member having a flexible base of generally rectangular shape, said socket-like member being formed of a piece of flexible material having in blank form an upper and a lower portion, said lower portion of said piece being generally of the shape of an isosceles trapezoid the upper side of which is substantially equal in length to the width of a conventional gun butt, said upper portion being polygonal in shape and secured to the lower front area of the jacket and having a pair of side edges equal in length and when in blank form extending upwardly and laterally from the upper part of said lower portion, said upper portion having a top side slightly greater in length than its bottom side and the upper side of said lower portion, said side edges of said upper portion being attached to the equal sides of said lower portion to draw the same upwardly and thereby form said rectangularly shaped base, the extreme lateral sections of said upper portion adjacent its top edge being folded over outwardly and then toward each other and secured along said top edge to complete said socket-like member and form a loose fitting three-wall support for a gun butt which will simultaneously bear the weight of the gun and positively assist in maintaining the gun from tilting sidewise.

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