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HOLSTER BRACKET

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Fig. 1

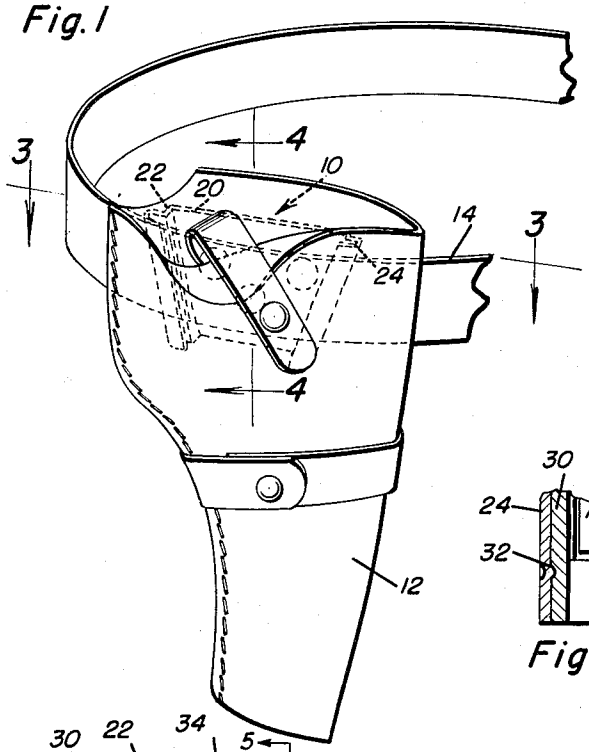
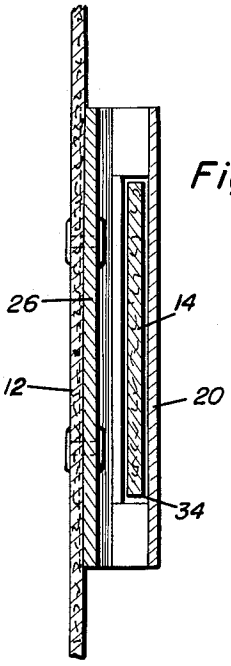


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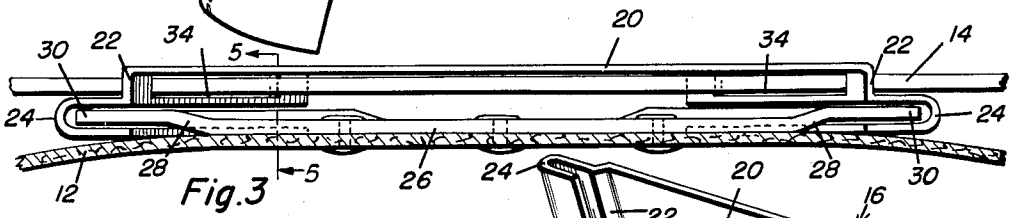


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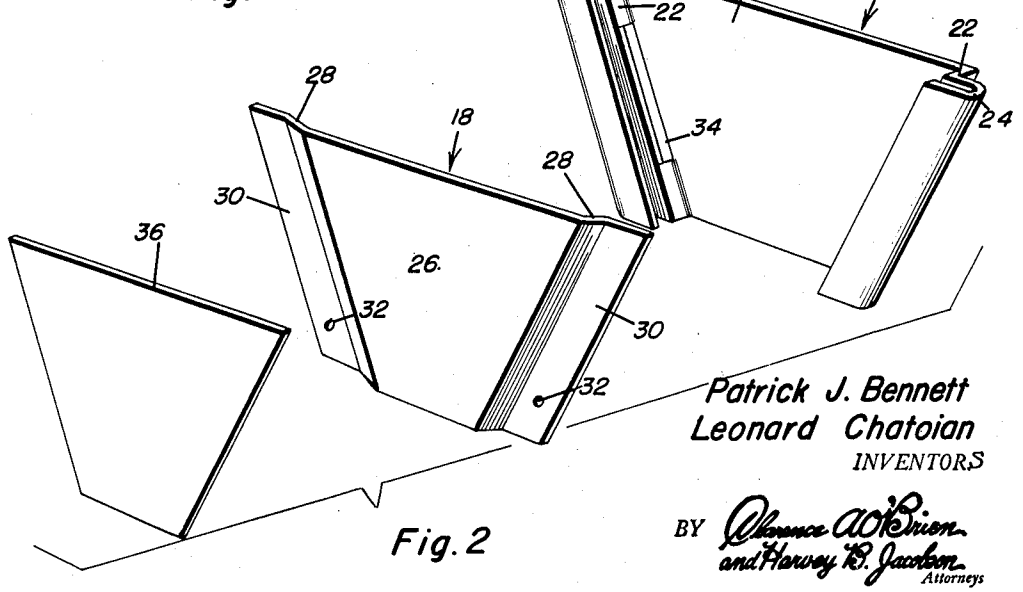


Fig. 2

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This invention relates to a holster bracket and more particularly to a holster bracket wherein one member is fixedly secured to the belt of a wearer and a second member is fixedly secured to a gun holster, or the like, and which second member is slidably received in the first member.

An object of this invention is to provide a holster bracket whereby a gun holster, or the like, can be easily and quickly removed from or attached to the belt of the wearer.

Another object of this invention is to provide a holster bracket comprised of two parts and having an improved means for retaining the parts in assembled position.

These together with other objects and advantages which will become subsequently apparent reside in the details of construction and operation as more fully hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming a part hereof, wherein like numerals refer to like parts throughout, and in which:

Figure 1 is an elevational view showing the holster bracket forming the subject of this invention, mounted on a holster and a belt;

Figure 2 is an exploded perspective view of the improved form of a holster bracket forming the subject of this invention;

Figure 3 is a sectional view taken substantially along the section line 3—3 of Figure 1;

Figure 4 is a sectional view taken substantially along the section line 4—4 of Figure 1; and

Figure 5 is a fragmentary sectional view of the holster bracket showing the means for retaining the two parts of the holster bracket in assembled relationship and taken substantially on line 5—5 of Figure 3.

Referring now more particularly to the accompanying drawings, it will be seen that the improved holster bracket forming the subject of this invention includes, as shown in Figure 1, a bracket assembly **10** securing a holster **12** to a belt **14**.

The bracket assembly **10** comprises a pair of members **16** and **18**. Member **16** is composed of a V-shaped plate **20** having a pair of forwardly extending walls **22** at each side thereof. A U-shaped channel member **24** is secured to the forward edge of each of the walls **22**. The U-shaped channel members **24** have their openings facing each other.

The member **18** is comprised of a V-shaped plate **26** having a forwardly extending wall **28** along each side thereof. Each of the forwardly extending walls **28** is provided with an outwardly extending flange **30** at the forward edge thereof. The outwardly extending flanges **30** are adapted to be received in the U-shaped channel members **24** when the members **16** and **18** are in assembled position.

Means are provided on the members **16** and **18** for retaining the members in assembled position. This means comprises a recess **32** in each of the outwardly extending flanges **30** and a projection extending inwardly from the forward leg of of the U-shaped channel members **24** which is adapted to engage in the recess **32** in the flanges **30**. Thus, the member **18** will be resiliently held in position on the member **16**.

The walls **22** are provided with longitudinal slots **34** which are adapted to receive a belt for supporting member **16**.

When member **12** is to be made of a thin pliable material, an additional backing plate **36** may be used in conjunction therewith to give added strength to the member **12**. The member **36** will be secured to the plate **26** of member **18**.

In practical use the member **18** is secured by means of plate **26** to a holster **12** by means of rivets or the like. The member **16** is mounted on the belt of a wearer by inserting the belt through the slots **34** in the walls **22**. When it is desired to carry the holster, member **18** is mounted on the member **16** and is resiliently held in position by means of the retaining means. When it is not desired to carry the holster, member **18** is merely moved upwardly with respect to member **16** thereby disengaging members **18** and **16** and member **16** is left in position on the belt of the wearer.

From the foregoing, the construction and operation of the device will be readily understood and further explanation is believed to be unnecessary. However, since numerous modifications and changes will readily occur to those skilled in the art, it is not desired to limit the invention to the exact construction shown and described, and accordingly all suitable modifications and equivalents may be resorted to, falling within the scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed as new is as follows:

1. A holster bracket comprising a first member adapted to be secured to the belt of the user, a second member adapted to be secured to a holster, said first member comprising a V-shaped back plate, a forwardly extending wall on each side of the back plate, a U-shaped channel member secured to the forward edge of each wall and spaced forwardly of said first named member thereby, said U-shaped channel members opening toward each other, said second member comprising a V-shaped plate having rearwardly extending walls at the sides thereof and an outwardly extending flange at the rear edge of said walls, said flanges being slidably received in the U-shaped channel members, and coacting snap action means in said channel members and on said flanges releasably securing said flanges in said channel members.

2. The combination of claim 1 wherein said coacting snap action means comprises a recess in each of the outwardly extending flanges receiving a projection on each of the U-shaped channel members.

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