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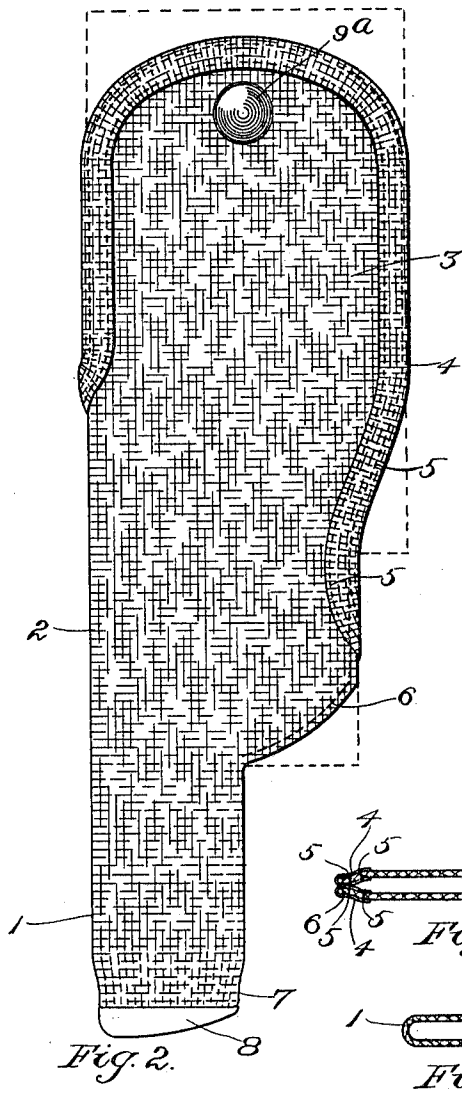



Fig. 2.




Fig. 4.




Fig. 3.

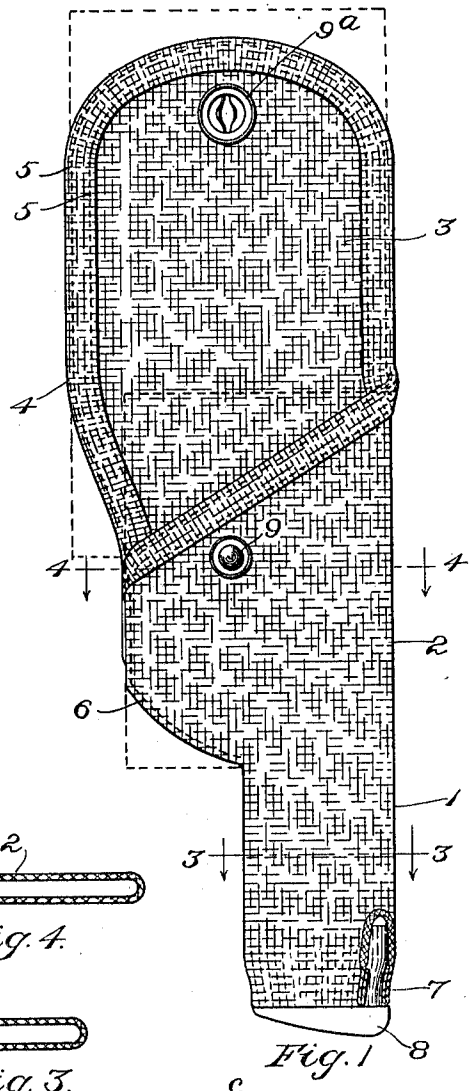



Fig. 1.

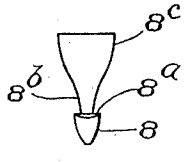



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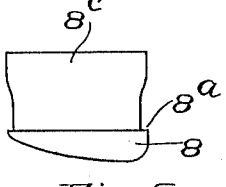



Fig. 5.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, VICTOR H. JENNINGS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Worcester, in the county of Worcester, State of Massachusetts, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Woven Revolver-Holsters, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

The invention relates to holsters for revolvers.

Certain objects thereof are to facilitate the work of applying a binding tape to the edges of the flap or cover and of the upper portions of the front and back of the body of a woven holster, and enable such tape to be applied by means of a sewing machine of ordinary type; and in addition to produce a woven holster finished off or bound in novel and improved manner.

Another is to eliminate piecings, joints, and lappings of the said tape, and to obviate all bunches, thickenings, and other projections at the inner surface of the holster likely to constitute obstructions to interfere with withdrawal of a revolver from the holster, thus doing away with obstructions of every nature upon which the revolver might catch in being withdrawn.

In the drawings,—Figure 1 shows in front elevation a woven holster embodying the features of the invention. Fig. 2 is a back view thereof. Figs. 3 and 4 are sections on lines 3—3 and 4—4 respectively of Fig. 1. Figs. 5 and 6 are side and end views of a tip-piece.

1 is the barrel-portion of the woven holster shown in Figs. 1 to 4, the body-portion being marked 2, and the cover or flap being shown at 3.

9, $9^a$ are fastenings for securing the cover or flap in place when it is closed down over the top and front of the body.

The blank which preferably is used in making the said holster is shown in Figs. 1 to 4, with the aid of dotted lines in Figs. 1 and 2. Its seamless tubular barrel-portion is represented in cross-section in Fig. 3, and its body-portion is represented in cross-section in Fig. 4. Figs. 1 and 2 show the lateral widening of said body-portion at one side of the holster to give the capacity needful for containing the cylinder, etc., of a revolver. They also show the upper portion of its back again widened at the same side of the holster, and a cover or flap of the full increased width, to provide for a lateral extension of the said portion of the back and the cover or flap to afford protection for the grip-portion of the butt of a revolver contained in the holster. The said blank is trimmed to shape by cutting away the projecting lower corner of the body which is shown in dotted lines in Figs. 1 and 2, and also cutting off obliquely the top of the front of the body so as to remove the portion indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 1, cutting away the outwardly projecting corner of the upper widening of the back shown by dotted lines in Figs. 1 and 2, and rounding off the free end of the cover or flap as indicated at the top of Figs. 1 and 2.

At 4 is a tape extending up the edge of the back, around the edge of the flap or cover, along the top edge of the front of the body, and partly down the edge of the front. This tape incloses and binds the edge-portions of the back, flap or cover, and front so as to finish and protect the same. It is an unpieced strip extending without break of continuity, or joint, or abrupt change of direction, from its starting point back to the latter. It is fastened in place by lines of stitches 5, 5.

In accordance with one portion of the invention, the front and back of the body-portion of the holster-blank are formed with separate and distinct edges along the outer margin of the lateral widening of the body, as indicated in Fig. 4; that is to say, are initially disunited along the said margin. This enables the front and back to be spread apart from each other at such margin so as to permit the binding tape 4 to be applied in the manner shown most clearly in Figs. 1, 2 and 4 to the said edges thereof, and secured to the respective edges by stitches 5, 5, in the manner indicated in Fig. 4. It also enables the extremities of the tape to be carried to the inner faces of the respective edge-portions, so that when the latter are stitched together the said extremities will be effectually concealed and protected between them. The ability to spread the front and back of the blank apart from each other at the time of applying the binding tape renders it possible to apply such tape by means of a sewing machine of ordinary type equipped with a suitable guide for the tape, and renders it possible, also, to extend the tape continu-

ously from the starting point on one edge-portion of the body up along the outer edge of the back, around the edge of the flap or cover, then along the top edge of the front, and down the outer edge-portion of the latter, or vice versa, without any occasion for abrupt change of the direction of the tape, or for overlapping or jointing the latter, and by a single continuous operation. The front and back of the body are fastened together along the margin of the lateral widening by a line of stitches 6 which pass through their edge-portions and also through the lower terminal portions of the binding tape, as indicated.

The barrel-portion is shown woven with a tubular tip-portion 7 somewhat less in diameter than the barrel-portion, to produce the contraction at the tip which is shown in Figs. 1 and 2, for better fitting the tip-piece and better finishing-off; and the back and front of the body-portion are represented as having unconnected selvage edges along the widening, as shown in Fig. 4, produced by weaving the body-portion U-shaped in cross-section, closed at one margin of the blank and open at the opposite margin.

The tip-piece 8 shown in Figs. 1, 2, 5 and 6, consists of a block of suitable material, which may be leather or metal, for instance aluminum. It is formed with a shoulder $8^a$ and with a contracted neck $8^b$ above said shoulder, its upper portion $8^c$ being of considerably increased width but tapering downwardly to form the said neck. The said upper portion and contracted neck are entered into the lower end of the barrel-portion of the holster. The extremity of the said barrel-portion fits against the shoulder $8^a$ of the tip-piece, and is shielded thereby, giving a smooth finish. The contracted tip-portion 7 of the said barrel-portion fits snugly the tapering portion of the tip-piece above the shoulder, its cut or raw edge preferably being turned in as shown to conceal and protect the same, so that a turned or folded edge is presented against the shoulder. The wide top of the tip-piece constitutes a rest for the end of the barrel of a revolver occupying the holster.

I claim as my invention,—

1. A woven holster comprising barrel-portion, laterally-widened body-portion, and cover or flap, with the front and back thereof initially disunited along the lateral widening of the body-portion and thereby capable of being spread apart, an edge-binding tape extending continuously and without break from the widening, around the edge of the flap or cover, and along the top edge of the said front to the starting point, and the edges of the front and back permanently fastened together.

2. A woven holster comprising barrel-portion, laterally-widened body-portion, and cover or flap, with the front and back thereof initially disunited along the lateral widening of its body-portion and thereby capable of being spread apart, an edge-binding tape extending continuously and without break from the widening, around the edge of the flap or cover, and along the top edge of the said front back to the starting point, with both extremities of the tape entered between the said edges and the latter permanently fastened together upon the said extremities.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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