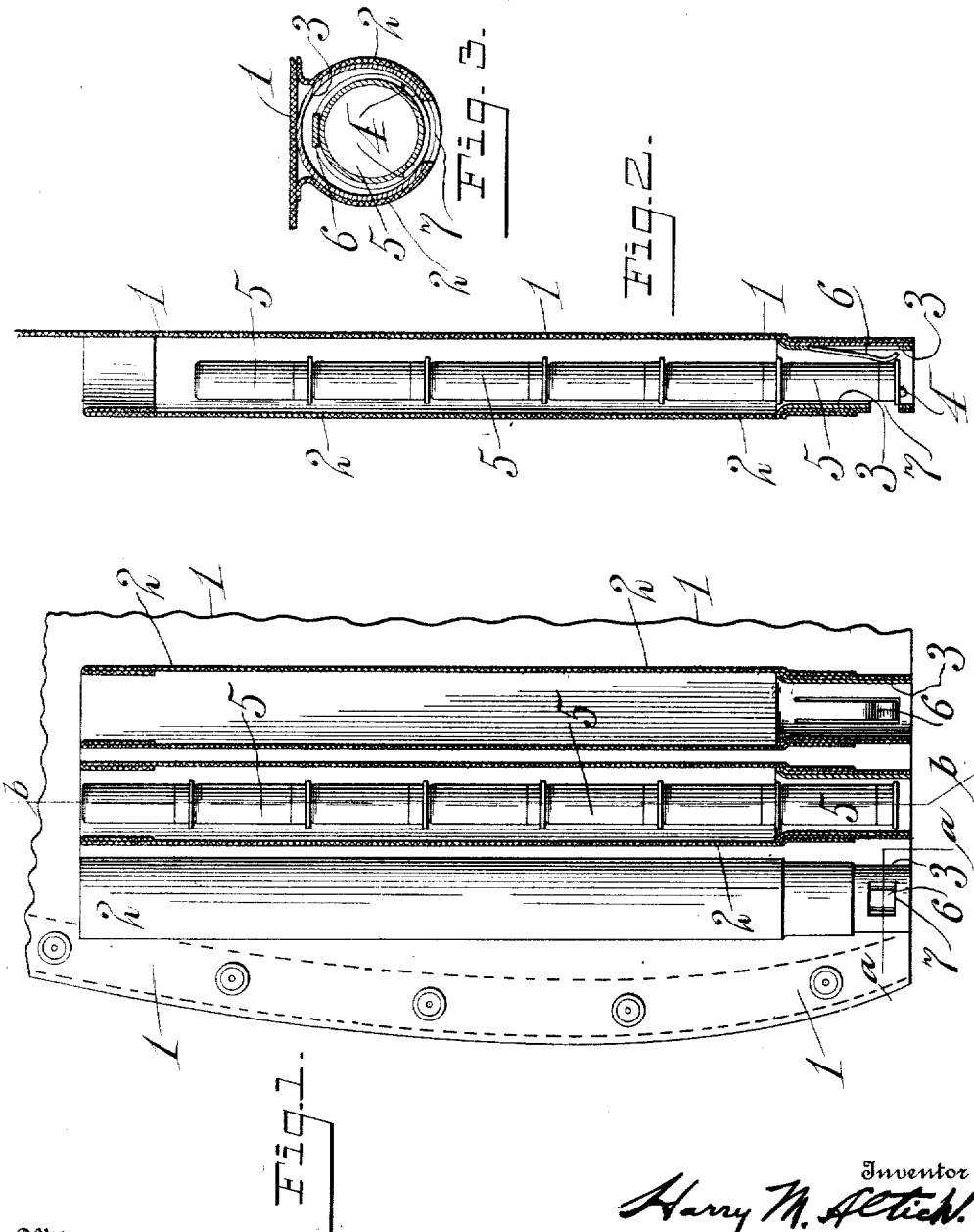


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRY M. ALTICK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Dayton, in the county of Montgomery and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cartridge-Pockets for Hunting Coats, Jackets, &c.; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in hunting or shooting coats, jackets, etc., and more particularly to an improved cartridge pocket.

The object of the invention is to provide a pocket which holds the cartridges or shells securely and from which they may be easily removed without friction, as the demands require.

A further object is to provide a pocket in which the cartridges or shells are wholly inclosed and whereby they are protected from the weather when carried by the wearer of the garment.

To these ends the improvements comprise a metal casing at the lower end of the pocket having suitable stops to arrest and support the cartridges in a wholly incased condition, and means for conveniently releasing each bottom cartridge, as will hereinafter more fully appear from the following description and the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a portion of a hunting garment with my improved cartridge or shell pocket applied, some of the pockets being shown in section. Fig. 2 is a section on the line *b-b* of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a cross-section on the line *a-a* of Fig. 1. In the description and drawings, similar reference characters indicate the same parts.

Referring more particularly to said drawings, the coat, vest or jacket 1 may be any of the usual forms of outer hunting or shooting garments. Attached to the outer side of the same is any desirable number of cartridge or shell pockets 2 made of suitable fabric or material, and which may include water proofing. Within the bottom of each pocket 2 is a metallic cylinder 3

which is open at both ends. The bottom of the cylinder may be even with, or may project below the bottom of the pocket as is shown in the drawings. The upper or inclosed end of said cylinder is flaring, so as to avoid obstructing the bottom cartridge or shell 5 as it passes downward through the pocket. The shells may be inserted in said pockets from the top, and the bottom shell rests upon two or more projections 4 which extend from the inner side of the cylinder a suitable distance above the extreme lower end thereof to insure the complete inclosure of the bottom shells. The projections 4 lie in the forward part of the cylinder 3, and each cartridge resting thereon is held out by a resilient bar or spring 6, which may be secured at the back of the cylinder or may be stamped out of the body of said cylinder, leaving its upper end united thereto. The lower portion of the cylinder 3, in the front, is provided with a finger opening 7 to allow pressure to be exerted against the bottom cartridge. When each bottom cartridge is thus pressed in by the finger and against the retainer or spring 6, the latter yields or moves back, and allows the cartridge to clear the projections 4 and drop through the bottom of the cylinder into the hand. As each bottom cartridge is thus released, the spring 6 instantly moves out and forms a guide to direct the next cartridge into the supports 4. The pressure necessary to release each bottom cartridge is conveniently applied by the thumb, the other fingers being conveniently below the cylinder to catch the released shell or cartridge.

A shell pocket thus constructed affords a ready delivery of each shell through the use of one hand only. This is a convenience that is appreciated by huntsmen and trapshooters, who are not required under any conditions to release the hold of the other hand on the fowling piece or gun. The shell is also delivered with the head thereof downward and in the palm of the hand, and is therefore in a position to be conveniently placed in the gun without handling the same.

Having described my invention, I claim:

1. In a shooting garment, the combination with an elongated pocket secured to the garment and adapted to receive a load of shells or cartridges, of a metal cylinder secured to the lower end of said pocket and

forming the bottom portion of said pocket, devices in said cylinder for supporting the lowermost cartridges within said cylinder, and an aperture in the wall of said cylinder 5 whereby pressure may be applied to the cartridge within said cylinder to release it from the said supporting devices, substantially as specified.

2. In a shooting garment, a cartridge 10 pocket constructed of suitable fabric, a metal cylinder secured at the lower end of said pocket and forming a continuation of said pocket, said cylinder having a spring in the wall thereof and acting as a guide

and retainer for the shells, and stops in the 15 wall thereof, said spring and stops being adapted to support the lowermost cartridge within said cylinder, and an opening in the lower front portion of said cylinder, whereby pressure may be exerted on said lower- 20 most cartridge to release it, substantially as specified.

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

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