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Fig. 1.

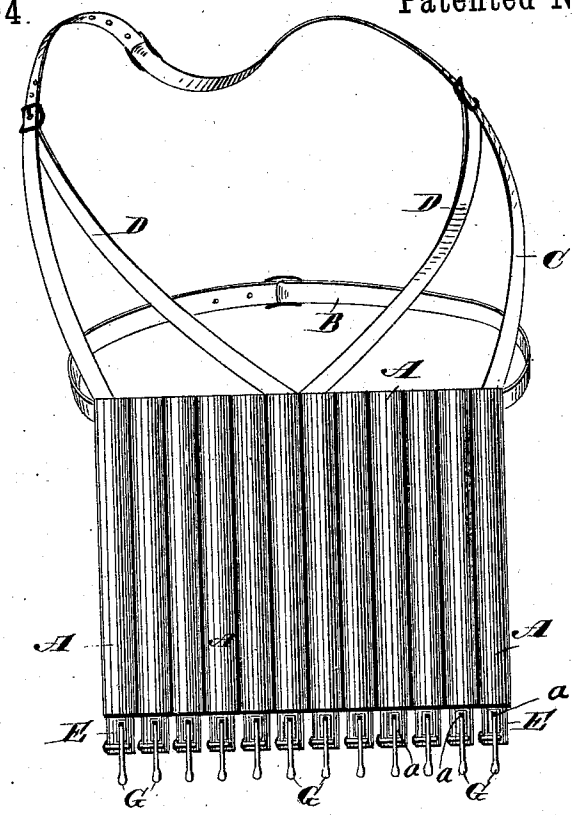


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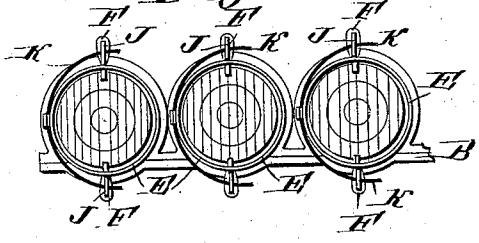
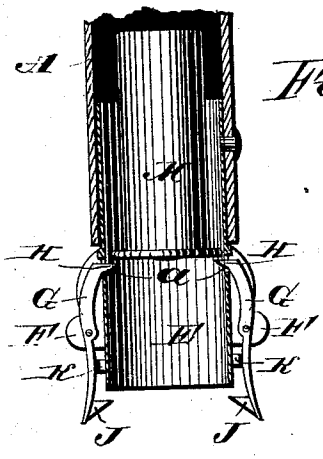


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OLIVER D. COLLINS, of Snow Hill, in the county of Worcester and State of Maryland, have invented a new and Improved Cartridge-Pouch, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of my invention is to provide a new and improved cartridge-pouch, in which a large number of cartridges can be carried very conveniently, and from which pouch the cartridges can be withdrawn very easily and rapidly when required.

The invention consists in a series of tubes united side by side, open at the upper ends, and provided at the lower ends with latches for holding the cartridges in the tube and permitting withdrawing them from the tubes when required.

The invention also consists in parts and combinations of the same, as will be fully described and set forth hereinafter.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a longitudinal view of my improved cartridge-pouch. Fig. 2 is an enlarged detail inverted plan view of the lower ends of the tubes. Fig. 3 is a detail longitudinal sectional view of the lower end of one of the tubes.

A series of tubes, A, made of leather, duck, canvas, or analogous material, are united side by side to form a pouch, as shown in Fig. 1. To the upper edge of the pouch thus formed a belt or waist-strap, B, provided with a buckle, is fastened at the ends, and a shoulder-strap, C, provided with a buckle, is also attached to the ends of the pouch. Brace-straps D, for supporting the middle of the pouch, extend from the middle of the top of the same to the shoulder-strap, as shown, and are held to the same by means of buckles. The tubes A are of sufficient diameter to receive a cartridge, and are open at the upper ends, and in the lower end of each a piece, E, of metallic tubing is secured by means of a rivet or otherwise, which tubing E projects a a short distance from the lower end of the tube A.

The tubing is provided on its outer surface, at diametrically-opposite points, with jaws F, between which latches G, parallel with the longitudinal axis of the tubing, are pivoted, which latches are provided at the inner or upper ends with prongs H, projecting toward the central axis of the tube, which prongs are adapted to pass through apertures or slots *a* in the tube E. Below or beyond the outer edge of the tube E the latches G are provided with jaws J, projecting toward the longitudinal axis of the tube. Springs K, secured to the tube E, press on the latches G below the pivots, whereby the prongs H will be pressed through the apertures *a* in the tube, and the jaws J will be pressed in the direction from the center of the tube.

The cartridges M are placed into the tubes A with the upper ends upward, one cartridge resting on the other, and the bottom of the lowest cartridge resting on the prongs H, and thus prevented from sliding out of the tubes A. If a cartridge is to be withdrawn from a tube, the outer ends of the latches G are pressed toward each other, whereby the prongs H will be moved outward, and will permit the cartridge to slide out of the lower end of the tube until it strikes jaws J. If then the latches G are released, the springs K press the inner ends of the latches inward again and the outer ends outward, and the cartridge can be withdrawn entirely. The following cartridge will strike against the prongs H, and will be prevented from sliding out of the tube.

I have shown twelve united tubes A; but more or less may be united to form the pouch.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A cartridge-pouch consisting of a series of tubes united side by side, and each provided with a spring-pressed latch pivoted between lugs on the outside of the tubes, and provided with inwardly-projecting prongs and jaws on the upper and lower ends, respectively, substantially as herein shown and described.

2. In a cartridge-pouch, the combination, with one or more tubes, A, of pliable material, and the slotted metal tube E, secured in the lower end of the said tube A, and provided with the jaws F, of the latches G, provided with the prongs H and the jaws J, and the spring K, substantially as herein shown and described.

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