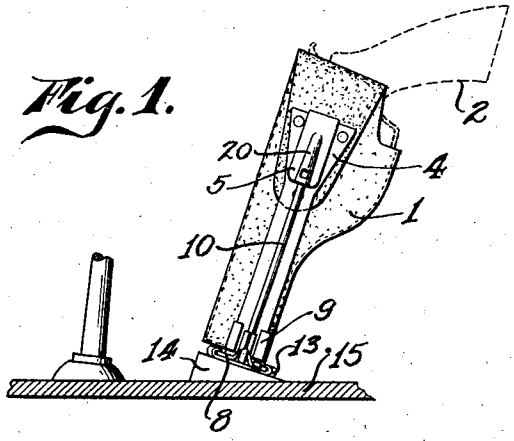
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Fig. 1.



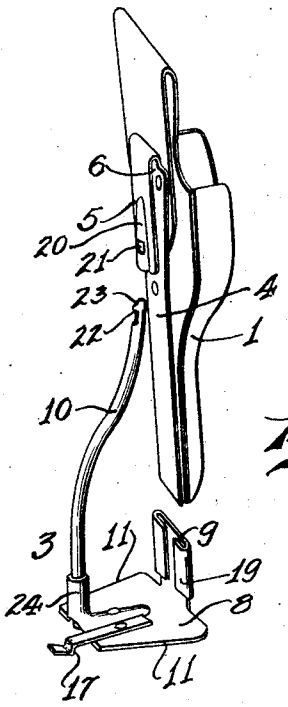


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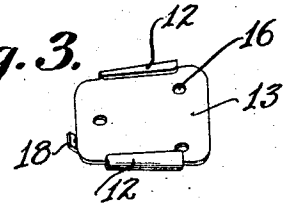
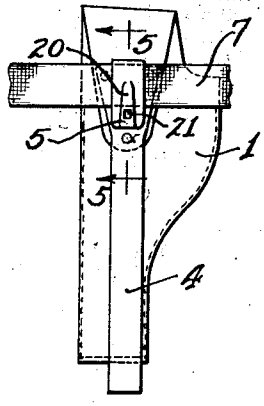


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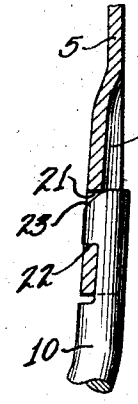


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARGERY N. LUDLOW, a citizen of the United States, residing at Altadena, in the county of Los Angeles, State of California, have invented a new and useful Pistol Holder, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a holder for holding a pistol. The general object of the invention is to provide a device of this kind which can be carried at a point in an automobile so that the pistol held by it is within convenient reach, to the end that the pistol may be quickly drawn when necessity arises; also to provide a construction for the device which will enable the pistol to be carried in a holster. One of the objects of the invention is to construct a part of the holder in such a way that the holster when removed may be worn, if desired, on an ordinary belt. A further object of the invention is to provide a construction enabling the holder to be quickly set in place when desired and removed when it is not wanted.

Further objects of the invention will appear hereinafter.

The invention consists in the novel parts and combination of parts to be described hereinafter, all of which contribute to produce an efficient pistol holder.

A preferred embodiment of the invention is described in the following specification, while the broad scope of the invention is pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a side elevation illustrating a holder mounted ready for use and carrying a pistol; this view also illustrates a portion of the foot-board or floor of an automobile, and a portion of the gear shifting lever broken away.

Fig. 2 is a perspective showing the holster and a portion of the supporting bracket, and illustrates the same in the relation which these parts have when the holster is about to be attached to the bracket.

Fig. 3 is a perspective illustrating in detail the means which may be employed for securing the bracket in position.

Fig. 4 is an elevation showing the holster attached and showing a short portion of the belt on which the holster may be worn.

Fig. 5 is a vertical section taken on the line 5—5 of Fig. 4, and illustrating details of the detachable connection which I prefer to use for securing the upper portion of the holster to the bracket.

In practicing the invention, I employ an ordinary holster, but I provide a bracket with means for fastening the same to a support; in addition to this I provide a detachable connection between the holster and the bracket operating to hold the holster in a substantially upright or fixed position. Furthermore, I provide means on the holster for engaging the bracket which is constructed in such a way that it will operate when desired to enable the holster to be carried in the regular way on a belt worn about the body.

In the drawing, 1 represents a holster of any common construction, constructed of leather or similar material and open at its upper end so as to provide a pocket to receive a pistol 2 thrust downwardly into it in the usual way. When the pistol is in place, the handle of the pistol is exposed in the usual manner to enable the pistol to be drawn or pulled up out of the holster. On the inner side of the holster, that is to say, on the side which is worn toward the body when the holster is on a belt, I provide means for engaging with a bracket 3, said means preferably consisting of an elongated bar 4 which may be of flat form. This bar is constructed to operate as a belt hook, and is constructed so that it can engage the bracket 3 at two separated points, preferably at one point near the upper portion of the holster and at another point near the lower end of the holster, that is to say, at the muzzle end of the holster. In order to accomplish this, the upper end of the plate 4 is bent over so as to form a downwardly extending tongue 5 which is disposed away from the plane of the body of the bar in order to form a narrow throat 6 which may receive an ordinary belt 7 when the holster is worn on the body (see Fig. 4).

The bracket 3 is provided with means for securing the same to a support. This means may be of any suitable construction, but I prefer to construct it as a sliding connection so that the bracket 3 can be detached at will from the support by a sliding movement. In the present instance, I prefer to construct the bracket with a foot plate 8 having means such as a socket 9 for engaging the lower end of the bar or plate 4, and this foot plate is provided with upwardly extending means

such as a stem 10 to engage the bar 4 near the upper end of the holster.

In the present instance I provide the tongue 5 and the upper end of the stem 10 with a detachable connection. The foot plate 8 is of keystone shape and is secured in place by sliding it longitudinally so that its converging side edges 11 slide under the side flanges 12 formed on a base plate 13 which may be secured to a block 14 on the floor 15 of the car. This plate is provided with openings 16 to receive screws to fasten to the block. I prefer also to provide the foot plate 8 with a spring tongue 17 which engages yieldingly over a catch 18 which may project up from the edge of the base plate (see Figs. 2 and 3). This tongue and catch cooperate to hold the bracket securely in position, but may be released by pressing upwardly on the end of the tongue.

The socket 9 may be made integral with the plate 8, the socket being formed by forming an upward extension on the plate 8 at this point and bending the sides of this extension around to form vertical flanges 19. When the holster is put in place, these flanges engage the side edges of the lower end of the bar or plate 4 and hold the same securely in position.

In order to form a detachable connection between the end of the stem 10 and the tongue 5, I prefer to form the tongue at its lower end with an outwardly extending bulge or rudimentary socket 20, and the metal at this socket is removed at a point so as to form a keeper opening 21. The upper end of the stem 10 is formed with a shoulder 22.

In applying the holster to the bracket it is put substantially in the position shown in Fig. 2 and then shoved down. When this occurs, the lower end of the bar 4 should be shoved into the socket 9 and the upper end of the stem 10 should be guided into the rudimentary socket 20. When this occurs the lower edge of the tongue strikes an inclined guiding face 23 on the upper end of the stem which will deflect the stem inwardly toward the body of the holster sufficiently to enable it to pass up into the socket, and when the end of the stem has penetrated far enough into the socket it will snap out into the opening 21 and the shoulder 22 will thus prevent the holster from being accidentally pulled up with the pistol when it is withdrawn from the holster. Of course, when it is desired to disconnect the holster, the stem 10 is simply pressed inwardly toward the body of the holster to disengage the shoulder 22 from the catch opening.

The stem 10 is preferably of round iron held rigidly at its lower end in a foot 24 secured to the plate 8.

While I have described this holder as operating to hold this holster in a substantially upright position, by the term "upright", I mean any position in which the pistol will not fall out of the holster.

It is understood that the embodiment of the invention described herein is only one of the many embodiments this invention may take, and I do not wish to be limited in the practice of the invention, nor in the claims, to the particular embodiment set forth.

What I claim is:—

1. In a pistol holder, the combination of a holster, a bracket with a rigid foot for fastening the same to a support, and a connection detachable at will between the holster and the bracket operating to hold the holster in a substantially upright position and projecting upwardly from the foot.

2. In a pistol holder, the combination of a holster, a plate with means for fastening the same to a support, a bracket detachably connected to the plate, and means for detachably connecting the holster and the bracket operating to hold the holster in a substantially fixed position.

3. In a pistol holder, the combination of a holster, a plate with means for fastening the same to a support, a bracket, means on the holster for engaging the bracket at two separated points, and operating to detachably connect the holster and the bracket with the holster in a substantially fixed position.

4. In a pistol holder, the combination of a holster, a bracket with means for fastening the same to a support, a member attached to the holster and extending longitudinally therewith having means for engaging the bracket at its lower end and having means for engaging the bracket toward its upper end and operating to hold the holster in a substantially fixed position.

5. In a pistol holder, the combination of a holster, an upwardly extending bracket with means for fastening the same to a support, a bar attached to the holster and extending longitudinally therewith having means for engaging the bracket at its lower end and having means for engaging the bracket toward its upper end and operating to hold the holster in a substantially fixed position.

6. In a pistol holder, the combination of a holster having a bar attached thereto and extending longitudinally therewith, a bracket with means for securing the same to a support, having a socket for engaging one end of the bar and having an upwardly extending stem, the upper portion of said stem and said bar having an interlocking connection for holding the holster in a substantially upright position.

7. In a pistol holder, the combination of a holster, a bar attached to the holster and extending longitudinally therewith, a bracket with means for fastening the same to a support and having a socket to receive the

end of the bar, said bracket having an upwardly extending stem and said bar having a downwardly extending tongue, said tongue and stem having an interlocking connection therebetween operating to hold the holster in a substantially upright position.

8. In a pistol holder, the combination of a holster, a bar attached to the holster and extending longitudinally therewith, a bracket with means for fastening the same to a support and having a socket to receive the end of the bar, said bracket having an upwardly extending stem and said bar having a downwardly extending tongue, said tongue and stem having an interlocking connection therebetween operating to hold the holster in a substantially upright position, said tongue being integral with said bar and disposed out of the plane of the body of said bar to enable the tongue to support the holster when detached from the bracket and worn on a belt.

9. In a pistol holder, the combination of a holster having a belt hook attached thereto with a downwardly extending tongue for engaging over a belt, and a bracket with means for attaching the same to a support with means for engaging the belt hook at the tongue and at another point to hold the holster in a substantially upright position.

10. In a pistol holder, the combination of a holster, a substantially flat bar attached to the holster and extending longitudinally therewith, said bar operating at its upper end as a belt hook and having a downwardly extending tongue to engage over a belt worn on the body, a bracket having means for attaching the same to a support and having a socket to receive the end of the bar remote from the tongue, said bracket having an upwardly extending member for engaging the tongue and cooperating with the tongue to hold the holster in a substantially upright position.

Signed at Altadena this 16th day of February 1925.

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