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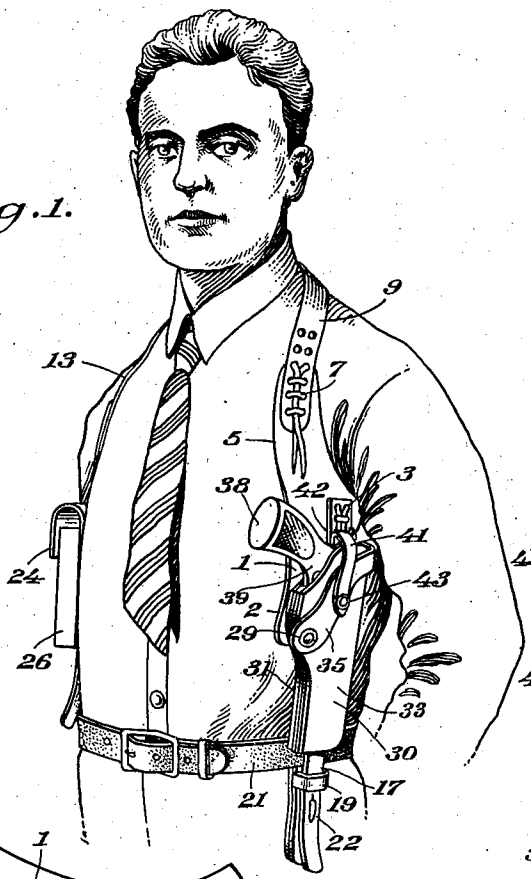


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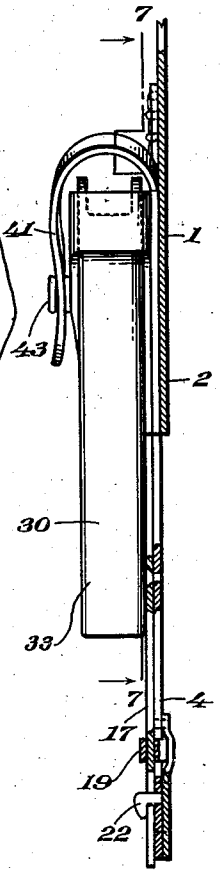
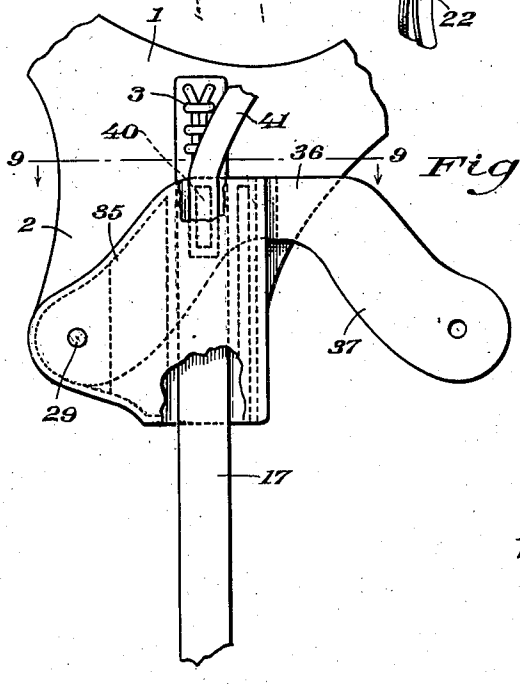


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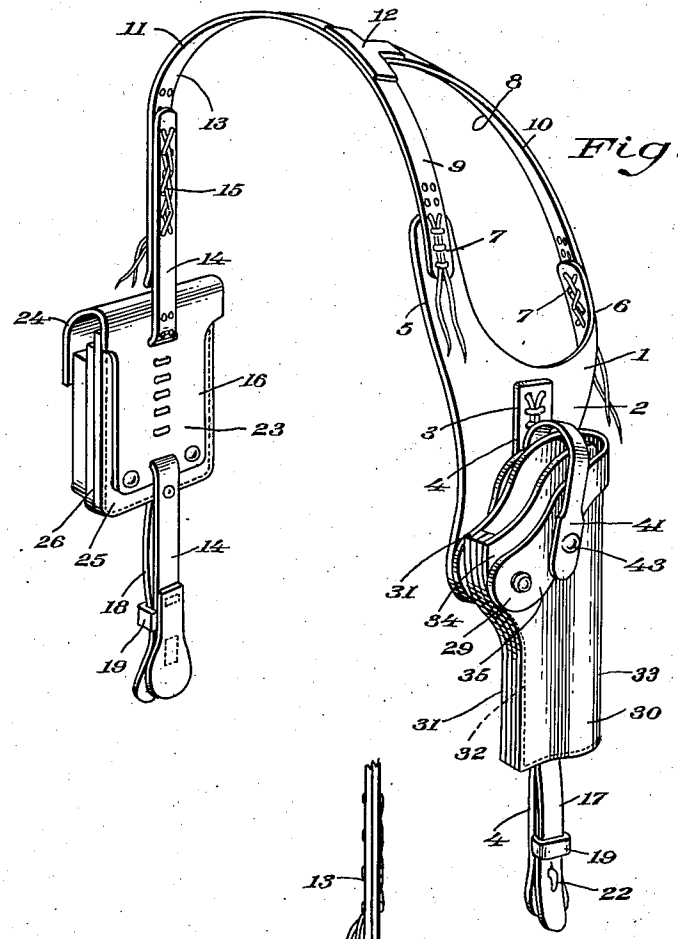


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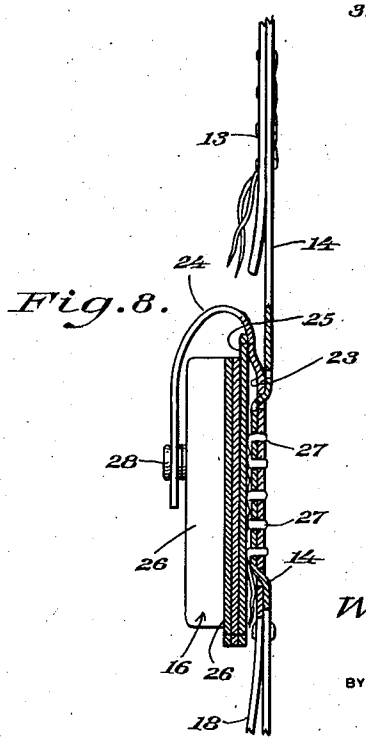


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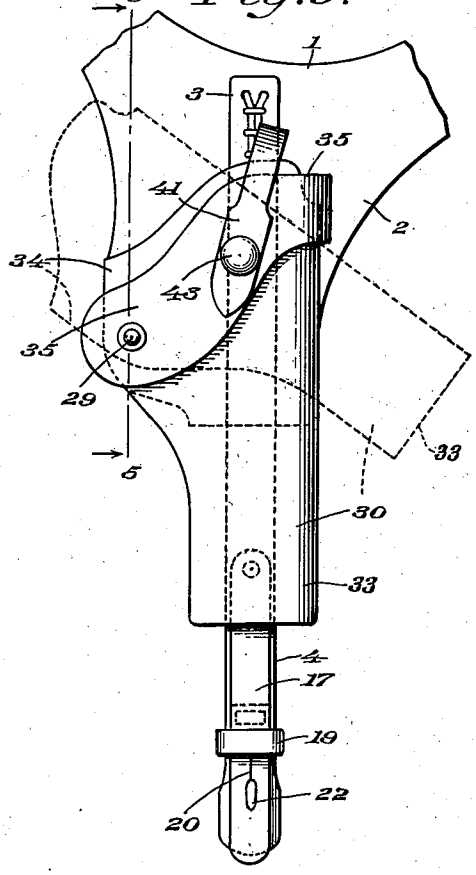


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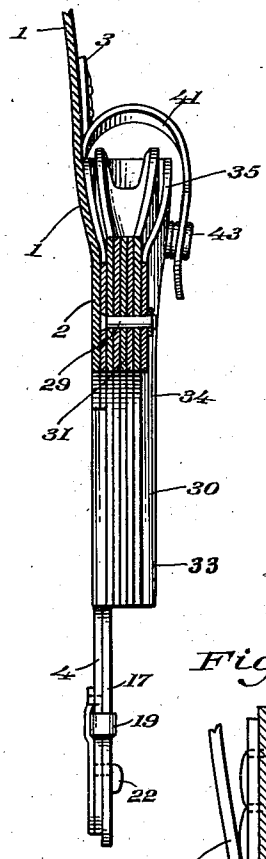


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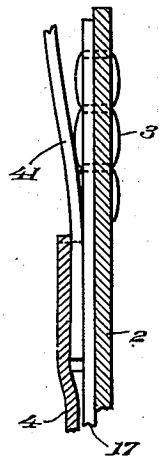


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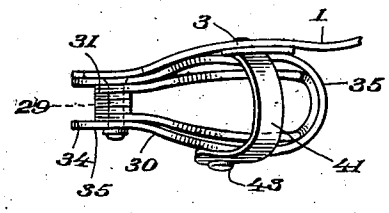
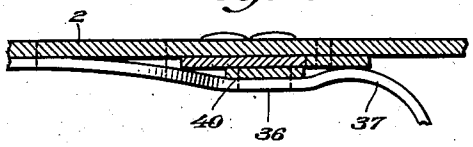


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My present invention, in its broad aspect, has to do with improvements in pistol or revolver holsters formed of leather or other suitable material of the type designed to be worn over the shoulder to support the firearm under the right or left arm in a convenient position to be drawn by either right or left handed users; the general type of my invention is commonly known as a "shoulder holster." More particularly, it is my purpose to provide a holster with the pistol supporting part thereof pivotally mounted so that in the passive position, the pistol is supported to dispose the barrel substantially pointing straight down, and in its active position to tilt to dispose the butt, grip or stock forwardly and the barrel pointing angularly and downwardly toward the rear therey to facilitate the withdrawal of the pistol. Furthermore, I provide a safety strap which engages the pistol over and in back of the hammer to prevent accidental drawing or displacement, or removal of the pistol, and in addition, there is provided a strap for limiting the pivotal or tilting motion of the holster and pistol. In addition to the above, I provide improved supporting straps and an improved base piece for the holster, and means for carrying cartridges and the like in a convenient position. My device has no parts which are conspicuous, and all parts are designed to be normally covered by the coat of the wearer, and all parts are designed to be adjusted to comfortably fit the size and conformation of the wearer.

Other and equally important objects and advantages of my invention will be apparent from the following detailed description and drawings, but I wish it to be understood that changes in size, shape, construction and arrangement of parts may be made without departing from my broad inventive concept or the scope of the appended claims.

In the drawings wherein I have illustrated a preferred form of my invention:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the same applied to a person;

Figure 2 is a perspective view of my invention showing its various parts and manner of assembly;

Figure 3 is a front elevation of the holster per se, showing the passive position in full lines, and the active position in dotted lines;

Figure 4 is a top plan view of the holster per se;

Figure 5 is a front edge view of the holster per se;

Figure 6 is a back edge view;

Figure 7 is a detail showing the strap designed to form a stop for pivotal movement of the holster;

Figure 8 is a vertical section through the cartridge carrier;

Figure 9 is a section taken on the line 9—9 of Figure 7, and

Figure 10 is a section showing the lacing and the manner of attaching the shoulder strap to the holster supporting plate.

In the drawings wherein like characters of reference are used to designate like or similar parts throughout the several views:

The numeral 1 designates the supporting plate or base, which has a body part 2 to which is laced as at 3 the depending side anchor strap 4. The base has spaced upward front and back extensions 5 and 6 respectively, to which are laced as at 7 the shoulder yoke 8 including front and back straps 9 and 10 respectively. The strap 9 is extended across the shoulders as at 11 and strap 10 is joined to it as at 12. The strap including parts 9 and 11 extends down in front of the right shoulder as at 13 and is laced to an anchor strap 14 as at 15. The anchor strap 14 carries the cartridge container 16 which will be hereinafter described. Straps 4 and 14, both of which are anchor straps carry superposed auxiliary straps 17 and 18 respectively, and keepers 19 and have openings 20 for attachment to the trousers or belt 21 or the like of the person wearing the holster to hold the same thereon as shown in Figure 1. A hook fitting 22 may be provided, if desired.

The cartridge container 16 includes a body 23 which is extended as at 24 to form the cover, and which is riveted to a base plate 25 to which is stitched the carrier 26. The body is laced as at 27 to the anchor strap 14 and the cover extension 24 carries a snap fastener 28, the companion element of which is mounted on the carrier 26. The cartridge container is substantially rectangular in configuration as shown in Figures 1, 2 and 8.

Pivotally mounted as at 29 on the body 2 of base plate 1 is my holster 30; the same being formed of material, such as leather, bent upon itself and stitched to a filler 31 as at 32. The holster has a reduced barrel receiving part 33 and a trigger guard receiving part 34.

The pivoting means 29 is here shown as a rivet and extends through the meeting edges and filler 31, at the guard receiving part 34. Also attached on the pivoting means 29 but fixed against pivoting movement is a strap 35 which is formed to extend upwardly, then horizontally as at 36 and then downwardly as at 37 to the pivot means 29 to form a loop which forms a stop limiting the

pivotal movement of the holster, as shown in dotted lines in Figure 3, which is the active position of the holster with the butt 38 of the revolver or pistol 39 extending forward for ready and convenient withdrawal. The passive position is shown in full lines in Figure 3. Stitched as at 40 to the body 2 is a strap 41 which extends upwardly and downwardly over and back of the hammer 42 of the pistol 39 to retain the pistol in place. This strap carries one element of a snap fastener 43, the other element being mounted on the strap 35.

In operation, the passive position of the pistol is shown in Figure 1 and in the full line position of Figure 3. In this position, the strap 41 retains the pistol against dislodgement and movement. When it is desired to draw the pistol, the strap 41 is released and the holster takes the dotted line position of Figure 3, presenting the butt 38 forwardly for convenient withdrawal. Pivotal movement is limited by the loop strap 35.

It is believed that the operation and advantages of my invention will be apparent from the foregoing, but interpretation of its scope should only be conclusive when made in the light of the subjoined claims.

I claim:

1. A pistol holster, comprising a base, a pivoted supporting member for the pistol carried by the base and movable from one position when at rest to another position when active to present the pistol for withdrawal, said supporting member including a restricted part for the barrel and an extended part for the trigger and guard, and formed of material turned upon itself and attached at its edges to a filler, a strap on the base releasably engaged to hold the pistol in the supporting means and to maintain the supporting means in passive position, a looped strap to limit the pivotal movement of the pistol supporting member, and pivoting means passing through the edges and filler at the extended part.

2. A pistol holster, comprising a base, a pivoted supporting member for the pistol carried by the base and movable from one position when at rest to another position when active to present the pistol for withdrawal, a strap on the base releasably engaged to hold the pistol in the supporting means and to maintain the supporting means in passive position and a looped strap to limit the pivotal movement of the pistol supporting member, said looped strap being fixed and extending upwardly and backwardly about the support to form a stop, and said maintaining strap engaging the pistol back of the hammer to prevent withdrawal and pivoting movement.

3. A shoulder holster, comprising supporting straps fitting about the shoulders to support a pistol holster in a position under the arm, a base, a pistol holster pivotally attached to the base, means for holding the pistol holster and the pistol therein against pivotal movement, and means for limiting the pivotal movement of the pistol holster, said first mentioned means including a releasable strap, and said latter means including a fixed loop.

4. The invention as defined in claim 3 wherein the releasable strap has one end attached by a snap fastener to the fixed loop, and the other end fixed to the base.

5. A shoulder holster, comprising supporting straps, a base member having a body part and spaced extensions connected with the supporting straps, an anchoring strap connected to the base, a holster member pivotally supported adjacent one edge and its top to the base, a fixed looped strap extending about the top of the holster and engaging the same to limit its pivotal movement, and a strap at substantially right angles to the looped strap for engaging the pistol to retain the same and stop pivotal movement of the holster.

6. The invention as defined in claim 5 wherein the holster has an open top, and wherein said retaining strap is looped over the top to engage the pistol therein back of the hammer, and wherein the looped strap engages loosely about the holster in a horizontal direction and beneath the first strap.

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