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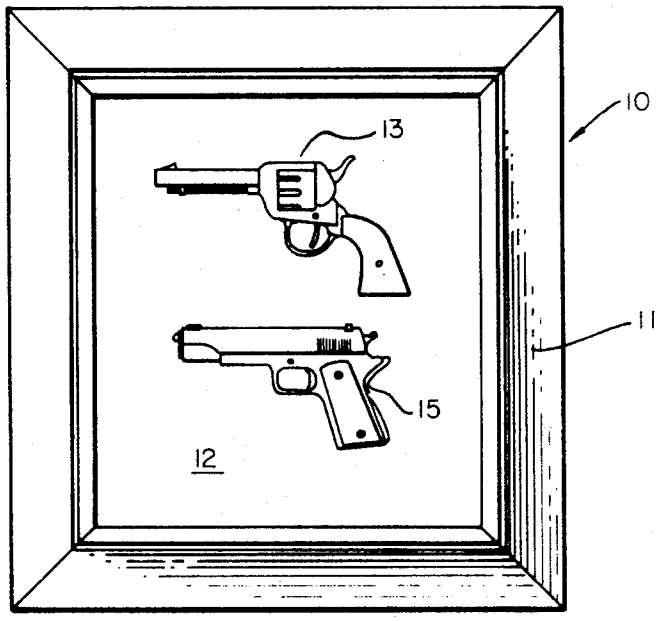


FIG. 1

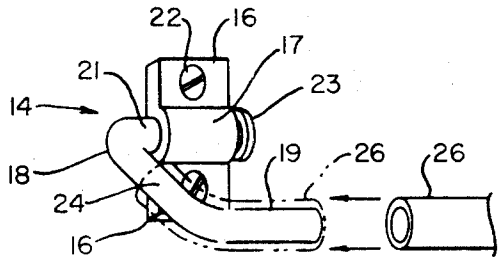


FIG. 2

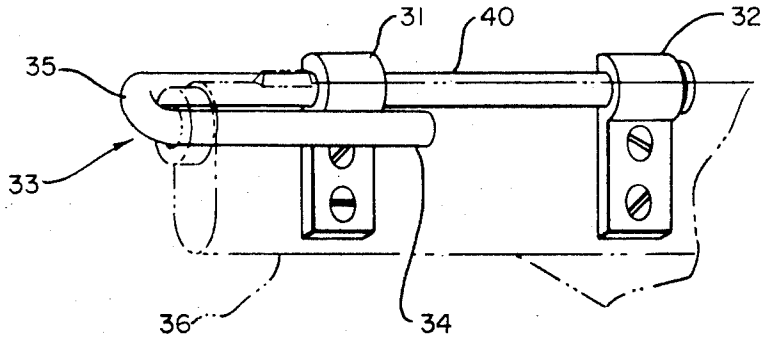


FIG. 3

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A pistol display wherein a U-shaped, swiveled, element is supported by a bracket to the back panel of a shadow box. One leg of the U-shaped element is disposed in counter-bored relation into a chamber of a revolver magazine, or into its bore so as to support the pistol without exposure of any apparent supporting elements. A flexible sleeve, slidably positioned over the supporting arm of the U-shaped element accommodates a different caliber pistol.

This invention pertains to a pistol display and mounting device therefor. More particularly, the display serves to present a pistol in the display with no apparent supports.

Gun fanciers, for many years, have displayed pistols within frames of a type resembling picture frames or shadow boxes. To support the pistols, such displays have, in the past, included pegs projecting from the back panel of the picture frame at positions to underlie the muzzle, trigger guard or stock of the pistol. Other means for supporting pistols in displays of the above kind have included pins formed with hooks which extend upwardly on the viewer's side of the weapon so as to keep the weapon in place. Yet another typical scheme for supporting pistols in displays of the above kind included the use of fine wires which encircle various portions of the pistol.

In general, it is considered that the foregoing styles of display have, by virtue of the visible projections, detracted from the appearance of the weapon displayed.

It is a general object of the present invention to provide an improved pistol display. It is another object of the invention to provide a device for mounting a pistol in a display or otherwise in a manner which presents the pistol for viewing, free of distracting visible supports.

These and other objects of the invention will become more readily apparent from the following detailed description of preferred embodiments of the invention when considered in conjunction with the drawings, in which:

FIGURE 1 shows a pistol display, according to the invention;

FIGURE 2 is an enlarged, perspective view showing a mounting device employed in the display of FIGURE 1; and

FIGURE 3 shows another embodiment of a mounting device, according to the invention, suitable for mounting an automatic pistol, of the type not employing a rotating magazine.

A pistol display **10** comprises a decorative picture frame in the form of a shadow box **11** including an upright supporting surface, as in the form of the back panel **12**. Means for supporting a revolver **13** within the framework of picture frame **11** has been attached to back panel **12**.

A mounting bracket **14**, adapted to be secured to back panel **12**, is formed with a pair of flat portions **16** adapted to be secured flat against panel **12** and a cylindrical portion **17** formed to join the two flat portions **16**.

A U-shaped member **18** for carrying pistol **13** includes a leg portion **19** adapted to be inserted into a longitudinal opening of pistol **13**, such as one of the chambers of the magazine of revolver **13**.

The other leg **21** of member **18** is disposed for journaled movements within cylindrical portion **17** of bracket

14 and U-member **18** is free to swivel about the axis of leg **21**. Member **18** is retained within cylindrical portion **17** when bracket **14** has been attached to back panel **12** as by screws **22**. Thus, by means of a retaining boss **23** formed on the end of leg **21**, U-member **14** will be held in place. The diameter of boss **23** is of lesser extent than the spacing between the outer remote surface portions of cylindrical portion **17** and the surface of back panel **12**. In this manner, boss **23** will not interfere with support of the weapon.

A revolver **13** is supported by device **14** by inserting leg **19** into one of the open chambers of the magazine of the revolver. The length of the intermediate portion **24** of member **18** is of sufficiently limited extent so as to cause the entire assembly **14** to remain hidden behind the pistol when it is carried for display. Flat portions **16** are likewise of limited extent so that they also may remain hidden behind the pistol.

It is preferred to form leg **19** of a sufficiently small diameter substantially corresponding to a small caliber weapon whereby it can support a revolver in the manner above described, free of undue tipping. Subsequently, if a larger caliber weapon is to be supported, a suitable diameter flexible sleeve **26**, for example, of a plastic material or the like, is slidably positioned onto leg **19** so as to build up the diameter of that leg whereby it snugly fits into the open chamber of the weapon.

When carried in this manner, a pistol will cause member **18** to swivel downwardly until the pistol cooperatively engages the back panel **12** and rests thereagainst.

Another embodiment, as shown in FIGURE 3, is preferably utilized to support pistols of a type such as an automatic which does not employ a rotatable magazine. In this instance, support for the pistol is achieved in a similar manner by means of the pair of brackets **31**, **32**. A U-shaped member **33** necessarily requires a relatively long leg **34** which is adapted to be inserted into the bore of the automatic **36** (shown in phantom lines).

In view of the fact that automatic **36** is being supported from its end rather than from substantially near its center of gravity (as in the case of revolver **13**), considerable twisting moments will be applied by the weight of the automatic **36** to the U-shaped member **33** and particularly to portion **35**.

Accordingly, brackets **31**, **32** are relatively widely spaced apart to journal the ends of leg portion **40**, but yet are dimensioned to be of sufficiently limited extent so as to remain hidden behind automatic **36** when member **33** is swiveled to its lowermost position when carrying the automatic **36**.

From the foregoing, it will be readily apparent that there is provided herein an improved pistol display wherein the pistol appears to be mounted by invisible supports. Furthermore, the pistol can be readily removed from the display merely by sliding it off its mounting member.

The U-member **40**, in an embodiment not shown, may be clamped firmly against the surface of panel **12** and thereby precluding journaled movements of member **40**. For example, in such an embodiment, the brackets **31**, **32** may be open at the rear thereof and of an insufficient diameter to permit journaled movement whereby as they are screwed tightly to panel **12** by holding member **40**, arm **34** can be rigidly supported. Such an embodiment would, therefore, serve to support a weapon free of contact with back panel **12** and at a higher relative position with respect to brackets **31**, **32**.

What is claimed is:

1. A pistol display comprising a decorative frame and a background panel therefor, a mounting bracket secured to the background panel, said mounting bracket including a first lower bracket portion secured to the back panel and a cylindrical portion carried by the upper end of the

first portion, a U-shaped member for carrying a pistol in said frame, one leg of the U-shaped member being adapted to be inserted into an opening of the pistol longitudinally thereof so as to carry the pistol therefrom, the other leg of the U-shaped member being disposed for journaled movements in said cylindrical portion and free to swivel to a degree carrying the pistol into cooperative engagement with the background panel, the intermediate portion of the U-shaped member and said first portion of the bracket both being of sufficiently limited extent to remain substantially entirely hidden behind the pistol when said pistol is so carried whereby the U-shaped member and the bracket remain hidden behind the pistol when viewed from in front of the panel.

2. For displaying a pistol free of apparent supports therefor from an upright supporting background surface against which the pistol is to be displayed, a mounting bracket adapted to be secured to the surface, said mounting bracket including a lower bracket flat portion to be secured flat against said surface and a cylindrical portion carried by the upper end of the flat portion, a U-shaped member for carrying the pistol, one leg of the U-shaped member being adapted to be inserted into an opening of the pistol longitudinally thereof so as to carry said pistol therefrom, the other leg of the U-shaped member being

disposed for journaled movements in said cylindrical portion and free to swivel to a degree carrying the pistol into cooperative engagement with the surface, and the intermediate portion of the U-member being of sufficiently limited extent to hold the pistol in front of the U-member and bracket at a level serving to obscure both said U-member and bracket from the view of a person positioned in front of the display so that the U-shaped member and the bracket remain hidden behind the pistol when said pistol engages said surface, said flat portion also being of sufficiently limited extent to remain hidden behind said pistol.

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