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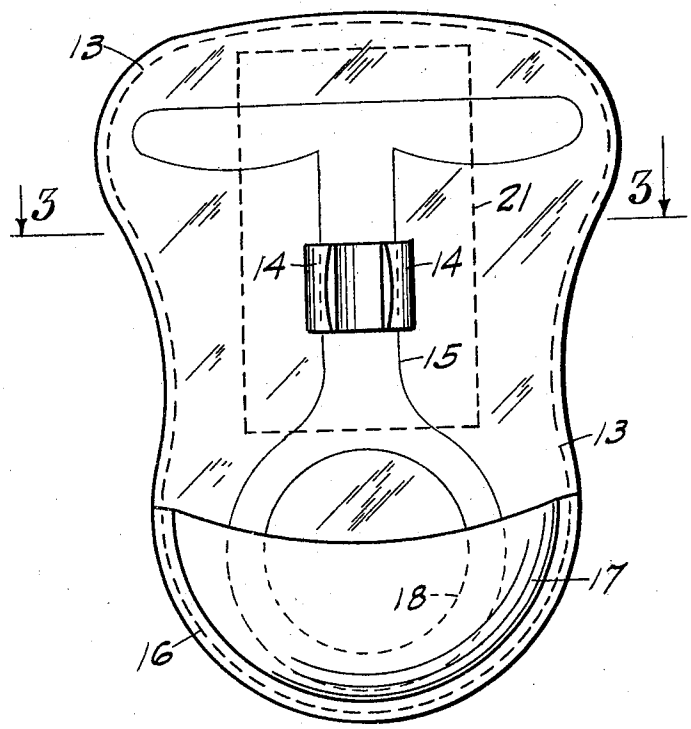


Fig. 1.

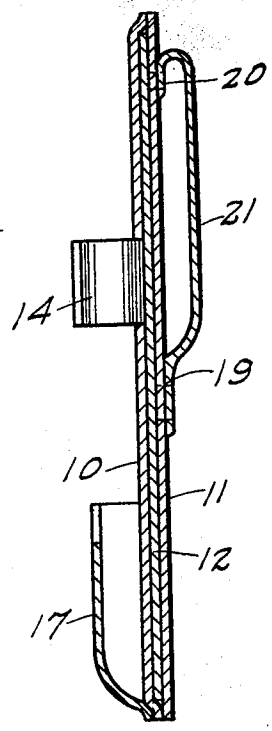


Fig. 2.

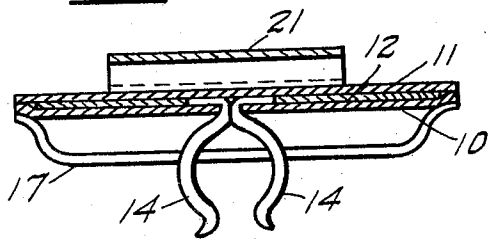


Fig. 3.

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This invention is for a handcuff holster adapted to use with the rigid stock type of handcuffs.

The customary method of carrying handcuffs is by depositing them loosely in the pockets from which they are usually withdrawn with difficulty.

The main object of the invention therefore is to provide means for carrying rigid stock handcuffs from which means the cuffs may be easily, quickly and positively removed and in which the cuffs are quickly and conveniently replaced.

Another object of the invention is to provide the device outlined with a loop through which the belt of the wearer may be passed for supporting the holster in a comfortable and convenient position.

Other objects and advantages will become apparent when the following description is read on the drawing forming a part of this specification.

The invention consists of a shield having a pocket formed at the lower end, a clip centrally disposed above the pocket adapted to grip the stock of a pair of handcuffs, and a loop formed at the rear adjacent the top for cooperation with a belt, the entire device being formed of leather or other suitable material, and reenforced with stiffening material such as sheet metal interposed between layers of leather.

The invention is adequately illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which

Fig. 1 is a front elevation of the invention;

Fig. 2 is a sectional elevation taken transversely through the center of the device; and

Fig. 3 is a section taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Similar reference characters are used to indicate identical parts throughout the several views.

The shield is formed of two plies of leather 10 and 11 and forming respectively, the front and back of the shield. An interposed sheet of semi-rigid material 12, such as sheet metal, provides the necessary stiffening, and a body for attachment of the clips, the interposed sheet being less extensive than the front and back cover members to permit stitching all around, as at 13.

Secured to the interposed stiffening sheet by means of rivets or welding is a pair of opposed arcuate clips 14 which are adapted to grip the stock 15 of the handcuffs indicated in thin lines in Fig. 1.

Secured to the bottom of the shield by stitching 16 is a semi-rigid pocket 17 formed of stiff leather, such as thin sole leather, so as to retain its shape for ready and convenient insertion of the nipper cuff 18.

Secured to the back cover 11, as at 19 and 20, is a belt loop 21 which may be passed over the belt, such as a cartridge or trousers belt, for carrying the holster.

The operation and use of the device is clearly shown on the drawing and it is believed that a description thereof would be superficial.

However, it will be understood that variations in construction and arrangement of parts which are consistent with the appended claims may be resorted to without detracting from the spirit or scope of the invention or sacrificing any of its advantages.

I claim:—

1. A handcuff holster, in combination with a handcuff, a semi-rigid shield, a shallow sheath disposed at the lower end of the shield and adapted to receive the lower portion of the handcuff to permit swinging the upper portion thereof away from the shield, a pair of opposed arcuately formed spring clips adjacent the upper end of the shield for gripping the rigid stock of the handcuff and adapted to permit removal of the handcuff by drawing the handcuff outwardly from the shield and belt attaching means for said shield.

2. A handcuff holster comprising a semi-rigid shield, a shallow sheath disposed at the lower end of said shield adapted to receive only the lower portion of a handcuff, a pair of opposed oppositely formed arcuate spring clips secured to said shield above the sheath, said shield being adapted to permit pivotal movement of the end of the cuff whereby the stock of the same may be swung into and out of engagement with the clips without removal from the sheath.

3. A handcuff holster comprising a shield reinforced with semi-rigid material, a sheath secured to said shield and adapted to receive only the lower portion of a cuff and a pair of opposed spring clips secured to said shield and adapted to receive the stock of said cuff when the stock is moved toward the shield.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature.

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