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CARTRIDGE CARRIER

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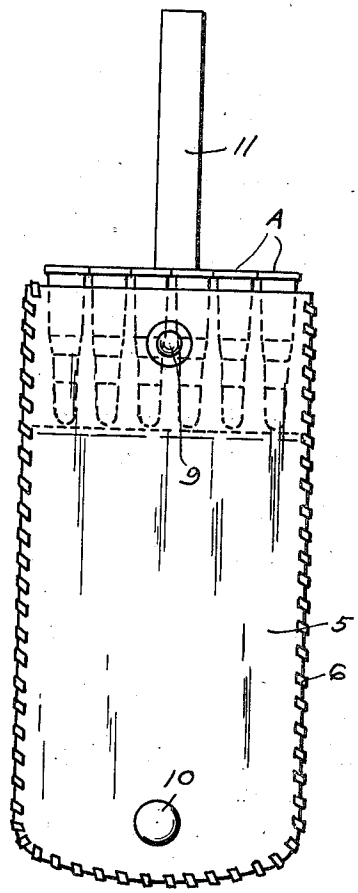


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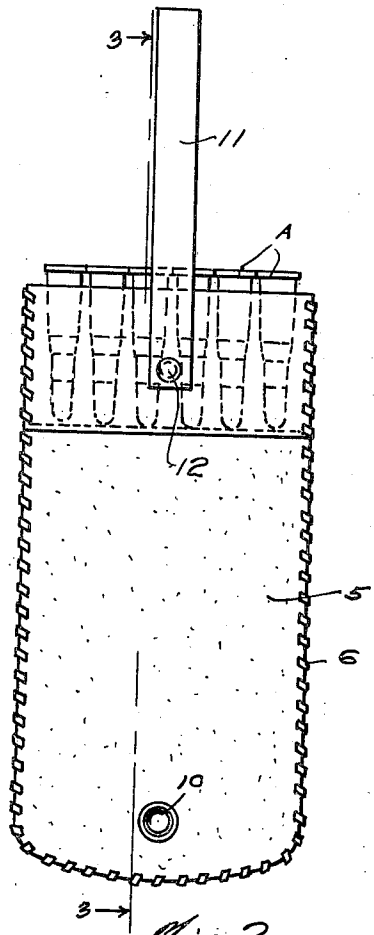


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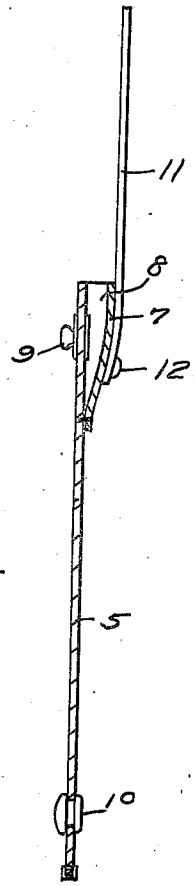


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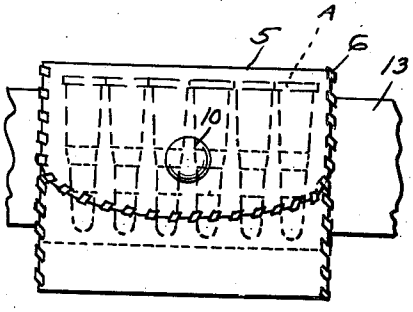


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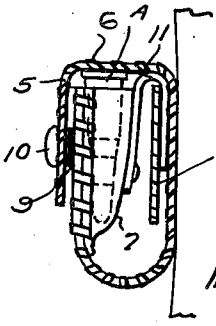


Fig. 5.

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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in carriers for cartridges, the principal object of the invention being to provide a carrier which can be readily attached to a waist belt and serves to maintain the contained cartridges dry and clean.

Another important object of the invention is to provide a cartridge carrier for the purpose of protecting cartridges against inclement weather and foreign matter and which can be either applied to a waist belt or carried in a person's pocket.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent to the reader of the following description.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 represents an elevational view looking at one side of the carrier.

Figure 2 is an elevational view looking at the opposite side of the carrier.

Figure 3 is a section on the line 3—3 of Figure 2.

Figure 4 is a fragmentary elevational view showing the carrier applied to a belt.

Figure 5 is a side elevational view showing the carrier applied to a belt.

Referring to the drawing wherein like numerals designate like parts, it can be seen that the carrier comprises a rectangular-shaped sheet 5 of leather or any suitable material, preferably bound at its edge portion with a lacing 6 of leather or some other suitable material.

Attached to one side of the sheet 5 adjacent one end thereof is a strip 7, which is stitched at several points to define a pocket or cell 8 for the reception of cartridges A.

The same end portion of the sheet 5 has a fastener element 9 which is cooperative with a fastener element 10 at the opposite end of the sheet.

An elongated safety tab 11 has one end secured as at 12 to the cell forming strip 7, as is clearly shown in Figure 3.

It can now be seen that after the cartridges have been inserted in the cells 8, the sheet 5 can be rolled and secured by the fastening elements 9, 10, as substantially shown in Figure 5 and inserted in the pocket of the person carrying the same. On the other hand, it may be desirable to place this carrier on a waist belt, such as a waist belt 13. When the carrier is placed on a waist belt, the end portion of the sheet 5 having the fastening element 10 is inserted under the belt 13 and pulled upwardly between the body and the belt. The safety tab 11 is now tucked down over the belt 13 and between the belt 13 and the portion of the sheet 5 interposed between the same and the body of the person wearing the belt. The carrier will now remain in place on the belt without actually connecting the elements 9, 10.

In the event that after the elements 9, 10 have been connected, the carrier should accidentally open, the cartridges would be precluded from falling or the carrier precluded from becoming disconnected from the belt by reason of the provision of the safety tab 11 which would sustain the cells 8 in an upright position.

While the foregoing specification sets forth the invention in specific terms, it is to be understood that numerous changes in the shape, size and materials may be resorted to without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed hereinafter.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

A waist belt carried cartridge holder comprising a sheet of flexible material, a strip of material stitched on three sides to the back of the sheet to form a cartridge-receiving upwardly opening pocket at one end of the sheet, a safety tab extending from the back of the pocket, said sheet being adapted to extend downwardly in front of the belt with the end of the sheet remote from the pocket end inserted under the belt and upwardly between the belt and the body of the belt wearer and extending over the open pocket, coacting fastening elements at the opposite ends of the sheet, said safety tab being adapted for disposition over the belt and downwardly between the belt and sheet to prevent accidental dumping of the pocket when the ends of the sheet are unfastened.

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