

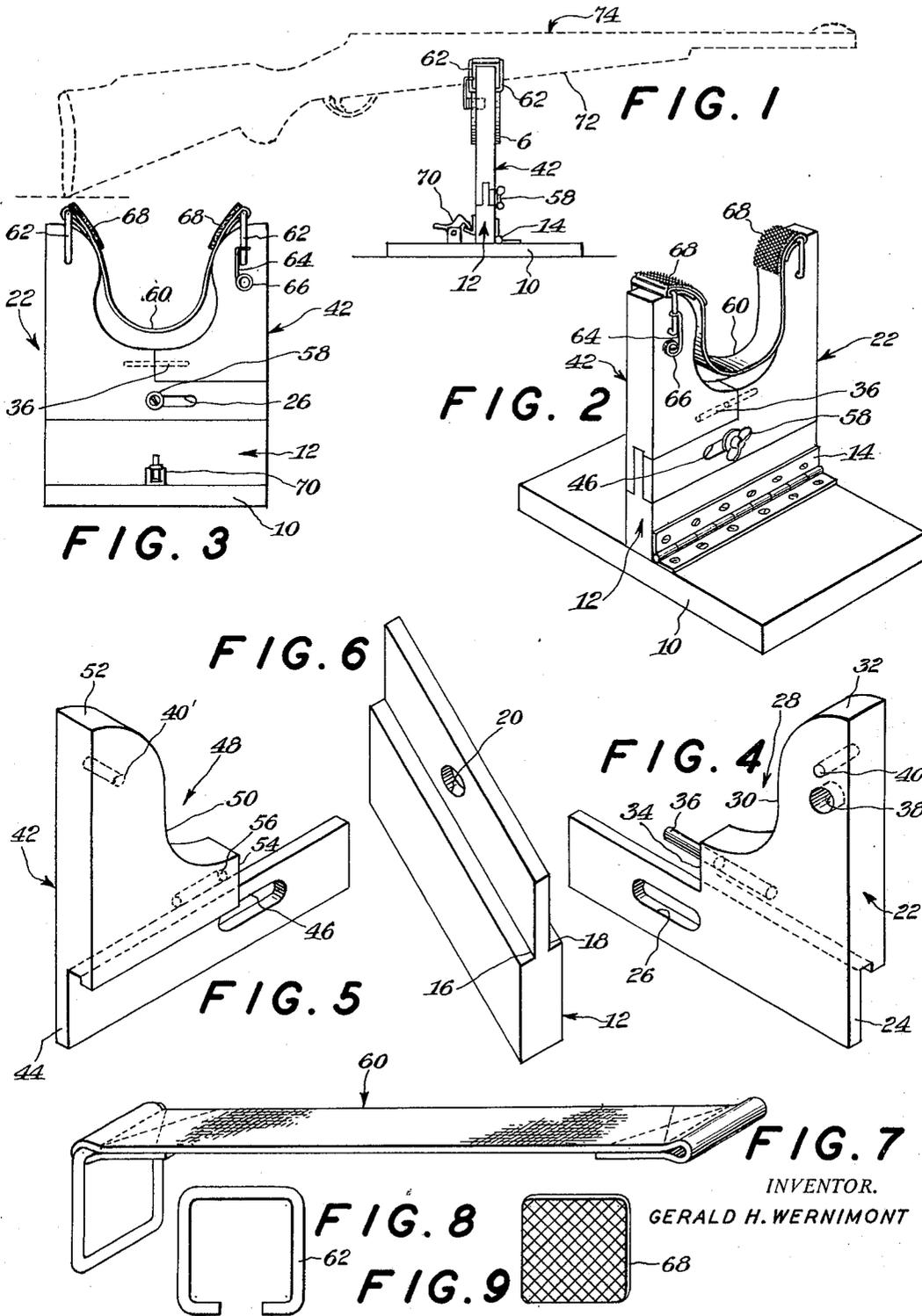
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**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A gun mount including first and second half saddle members adapted to be slid together to define a U-shaped opening for receiving the stock of the gun. A webbing extends between the upper ends of the U-shaped openings and includes cushioning shoes for engaging the sides of the gun stock when the gun is received in the opening. The distance between the arms of the U may be adjusted by varying the relative positions of the half saddle members.

My invention is directed toward devices for the protection and proper display of guns.

Accordingly, it is an object of my invention to provide a new and improved device of the character indicated which can be used by a marksman on the firing line, a gun dealer in a retail store, exhibitors at a gun show, gun collectors and others interested in rifles and shotguns.

Another object is to provide a new and improved device of the character indicated which is adjustable to gunstocks of varying dimensions, is collapsible for easy storage and which can be used as a vise to support a gun for cleaning.

Still another object is to provide a new and improved device of the character indicated which can be manufactured easily and inexpensively.

Briefly, these and other objects of this invention are attained by providing first and second vertical half saddle members detachably joined together to form a vertical U-shaped opening therebetween. A vertical slide rail is provided for supporting the first and second members and a webbing in turn is arranged to overlie the periphery of the upper portions of the half saddle members for cradling the stock of a gun received therein. The end portions of the webbing include first and second rubber grip shoes for engaging opposite sides of the gunstock when in position.

All of the foregoing and still further objects and advantages of my invention will now be explained in detail with reference both to this specification and to the accompanying drawings wherein:

FIG. 1 is a side view of my invention in use;

FIG. 2 is a perspective front view thereof;

FIG. 3 is a rear view thereof;

FIG. 4 is a perspective view of the right half of the saddle;

FIG. 5 is a perspective view of the left half of the saddle;

FIG. 6 is a perspective view of the saddle slide rail;

FIG. 7 is a perspective view of the saddle webbing;

FIG. 8 is a view of the webbing arm; and

FIG. 9 is a view of the rubber grip shoe.

Referring now to the FIGS. 1-9, a base plate 10 supports a vertical slide rail 12 by means of piano hinge 14 secured both to rail 12 and plate 10. Rail 12 has two oppositely disposed horizontal slots 16 and 18 in opposite vertical surfaces thereof which extend in width between the top horizontal edge thereof and a point intermediate the top and bottom horizontal edges. The portion of the

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rail subtended between the slots carries a central transverse hole 20.

A right half saddle member 22 has a bottom vertical offset arm 24 engaging slot 16 and is provided with a horizontally elongated opening 26 alignable with hole 20. Member 22 has a curved portion 28 describing half of a vertical U, with a vertical leg 30 and an outwardly curving top end 32 of the leg. Immediately below portion 28, member 22 has a vertical surface 34 out of which extends a horizontal transverse guide rod 36. The top vertical portion of member 22 has a spring socket hole 38 and right above hole 38 has another hole 40 for the webbing arm.

A left half saddle member 42 has a bottom vertical offset arm 44 engaging slot 18 and is provided with a horizontally elongated opening 46 alignable with hole 20 and opening 26. Member 42 has a curved portion 48 describing the other half of a vertical U, with a vertical leg 50 and an outwardly curving top end 52. Immediately below portion 48, member 42 has a vertical surface 54 carrying a horizontal transverse bore 56 accommodating rod 36. The top vertical portion of member 48 has a webbing arm hole 40'.

In use, these members are held together adjustably by a nut and bolt 58 extending through aligned openings 26 and 46 and hole 20. Saddle webbing 60 is held at opposite ends by webbing arms 62 which detachably engage holes 40 and 40' to permit the webbing to drape itself along the periphery of the U formed by members 22 and 24. A tension arm 64 connects one arm 62 to a tension spring 66 with adjustment screw mounted in hole 38. Cemented to the ends of webbing 60 overlying ends 32 and 52 are separate rubber grip shoes 68. An elbow catch 70 engages plate 10 and the vertical surface of rail 12 opposite hinge 14.

In use, the fore-end of stock 72 of gun 74 can be supported by the webbing as shown in FIG. 1.

When used as a gun stand on the range or on display the wing nut 58 is backed off a few turns allowing half saddle 22 to be moved to right and half saddle 42 to the left thus allowing proper distance to be set for the webbing 60 and rubber grip shoes 68 to receive the gun's width at the fore-end. When adjustment is made the wing nut is secured and the stock is lowered onto the webbing thus bringing grip shoes in contact with stock. Stock's fore-end will suspend between the saddle by the webbing strap with the pressure of the gun weight causing the rubber grip shoes 68 to grip the stock thus holding it in an upright position with toe of stock resting on ground or other surfaces. When upon removing gun from stand the webbing arm tension spring 66 will return webbing arm 62 and webbing 60 to open position. Stand will now receive and release gun without further adjustment.

When stand is used as a vise for cleaning gun, sight installation and sighting-in gun on target for proper setting of sights, secure gun in stand by loosening wing nut and move right saddle and left saddle inward to the point that the rubber grip shoes 68 press firmly against the stock's fore-end thus holding the gun in a rigid position for the work to be performed. When adjustment is made wing nut is secured.

Releasing elbow catch 70 allows saddle slide rail 12 and saddle assembly to fold by use of piano hinge 14. Saddle assembly folds against stand base 10 affording easy storage.

Saddle slide rail 12 is constructed with a tongue which guides the half saddles in a true horizontal movement through a saddle keyway.

The saddle guide in 36 with one end firmly imbedded into saddle 22 with the remaining portion of the pin inserted in the hole in saddle 48 serves as a stiffening sup-

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port to the full assembly when separated for width adjustment. Pin moves in and out of hole as the assembly is adjusted.

While I have described my invention with particular reference to the drawings, my protection is to be limited only by the terms of the claims which follow.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. A device for the protection and display of guns, comprising: first and second vertical half saddle members detachably joined together to form a vertical U-shaped opening therebetween; a vertical slide rail supporting said first and second members; means supporting said rail; webbing overlying the periphery of the upper portions of said half saddle members defining said opening; means detachably securing opposite ends of said webbing to said first and second members respectively; and first and second rubber grip shoes, each shoe overlying and secured to a corresponding one of the ends of said webbing.

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2. A device as set forth in claim 1 wherein said rail has two oppositely disposed parallel horizontal slots and each of said members has a lower vertical offset arm, each arm engaging a corresponding one of said slots.

3. A device as set forth in claim 1 further including means to tension said webbing.

4. A device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said supporting means is a flat horizontal plate and said rail is hinged to said plate.

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