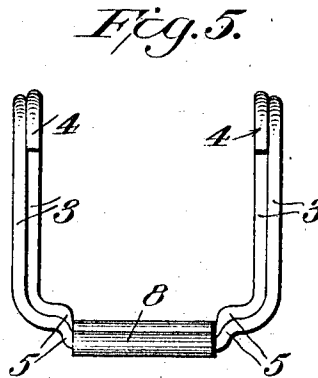
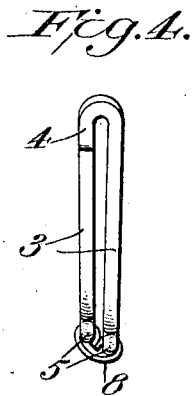
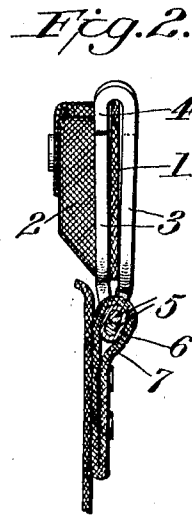
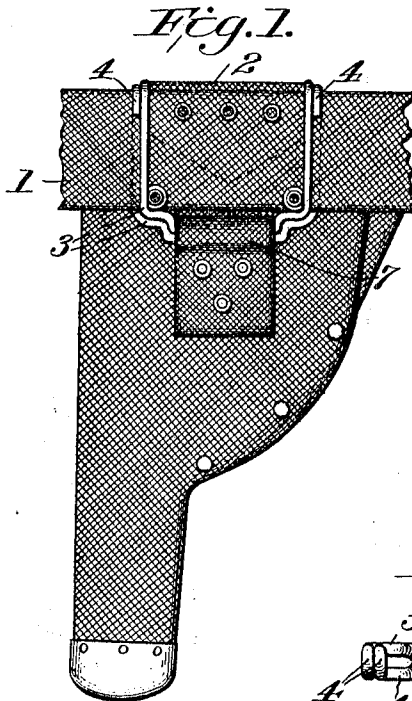


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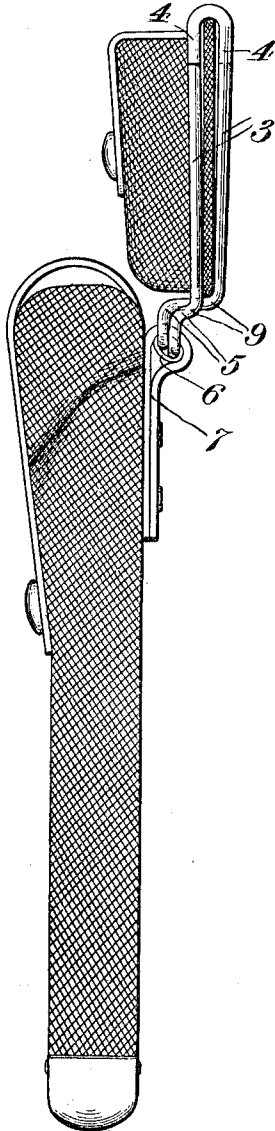


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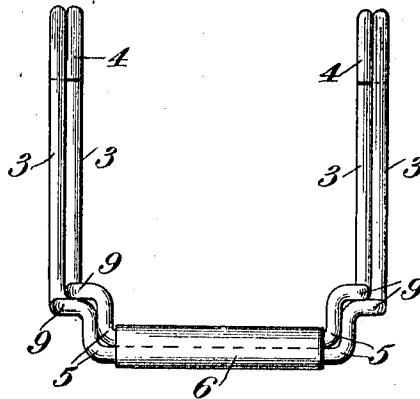
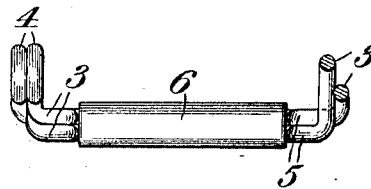


Fig. 9.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK R. BATCHELDER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Worcester, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements in Suspending Devices, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in suspending devices, and the object is to provide improved means for suspending a pistol holster or other article from a belt, so constructed that it may be readily attached to or detached from the belt without unfastening the latter, and will securely retain the holster or other article in its suspended position.

With the above object in view, the invention consists in the novel features of construction hereinafter fully described, particularly pointed out in the claims, and clearly illustrated by the accompanying drawings in which—

Figure 1, is a view of a holster and portion of a belt showing one form of my improved suspending-device, a rear view of the holster and belt being shown; Fig. 2, a sectional view through the belt showing the suspending-device in end elevation; Fig. 3, a top plan view of the suspending-device removed from the holster; Fig. 4 an end elevation of a slightly modified form of suspending-device; Fig. 5, a side elevation of the same; Fig. 6, a top-plan view of this modified form; Fig. 7, an end-elevation of another modified form showing the holster suspended from a belt; Fig. 8, a side elevation thereof, and Fig. 9, a top-plan view of the same, partly in section.

Referring now more particularly to the drawings, the numeral 1 designates a belt, shown as a cartridge-belt having one or more pockets 2, one only being illustrated.

My improved suspending device consists of two substantially U-shaped members 3 having the extremities of the legs thereof bent to form hooks 4. The base portions of the U-shaped members connecting the legs are contracted to form pivotal-portions 5 which are confined by a sleeve 6 so as to swivel therein and the hooks of one member 3 are arranged facing those of the other member, and the members are of such relative size that one will swing inside of the other, as clearly illustrated. When at-

tached to the belt, the members 3 extend upon the respective sides thereof with the pairs of opposing hooks engaging over the upper selvage of the belt, said hooks fitting with reasonable snugness thereover. To attach the holster, the hooks of the rear member 3 are first engaged over the selvage, and then those of the front or outer member 3 are swung up and engaged. To accomplish this, the belt is distorted or compressed slightly, and when the hooks have been engaged and the belt released, said belt whether of leather or fabric, will resume its ordinary form, and it will be impossible to detach the holster or other article therefrom, except by a repetition of the distortion or compression, so that there will be no accidental attachment of said holster. The sleeve 6 is attached to the holster by a loop 7 or in any other preferred manner. The two members 3 might be pivotally attached to the holster or other article by the loop 7 alone, dispensing with the sleeve 6, although I prefer to use the latter or some similar device.

In the form shown in Figs. 4, 5 and 6, the base portions of the U-shaped members 3 are confined by a double sleeve 8, that is, one having a separate loop or socket for each member, which better holds the two members in proper relative position.

In the suspending device shown in Figs. 7, 8 and 9, each member 3 is provided at a point where the legs join the base with a lateral offset 9, by means of which the holster is made to hang farther away from the body of the wearer, which is an advantage, in that where the holster hangs flat to the body, the barrel tends to point inward. It is desirable to provide means for positioning the holster upon the belt so that it will not shift thereon when in use, and I accomplish this by so spacing the legs of the members 3 and the hooks carried thereby that they will lie on each side of a cartridge-pocket, in the spaces between the pockets so as to be prevented by the pockets from moving in either direction. This could also be accomplished on belts provided with loops, the legs of the members 3 in this case lying in the spaces between such loops.

I do not limit my invention to use in connection with holsters, as it may be used to suspend other articles from a belt, and where I use the term "belt" it will be un-

derstood to mean any support from which it is desired to suspend the holster or other article.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is:

1. Means for suspending an article from a belt or other support comprising two members pivotally carried by the article adapted to extend on the respective sides of the belt and having pairs of spaced hooks to engage over the upper edge of the belt.

2. Means for suspending an article from a belt or other support comprising two substantially U-shaped members pivotally attached to the article and having their legs formed with hooks, the hooks of said members being opposed and adapted to engage over the upper edge of the belt from opposite sides thereof.

3. Means for suspending an article from a belt or other support comprising two substantially U-shaped frames having opposed hooks to engage over the upper edge of the belt, a sleeve for pivotally confining said frames, and means for attaching the sleeve to the article.

4. Means for suspending an article from a belt or other support comprising two sub-

stantially U-shaped frames having hooks to engage over the upper edge of the belt, a sleeve for pivotally confining said frames having a separate socket for each frame, and means for attaching the sleeve to the article.

5. The combination with a belt or other support having cartridge-receptacles, of an article to be suspended therefrom, two suspending members pivotally mounted on the article having upwardly-extending arms formed with hooks to engage over the upper edge of the belt, the hooks of one member being opposed to those of the other members, and the arms being spaced to occupy the spaces between contiguous cartridge-receptacles.

6. Means for suspending an article from a belt or other support comprising two members pivoted to the article to be capable of independent pivotal movement, said members carrying opposed hooks to engage over the belt from opposite sides thereof.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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