

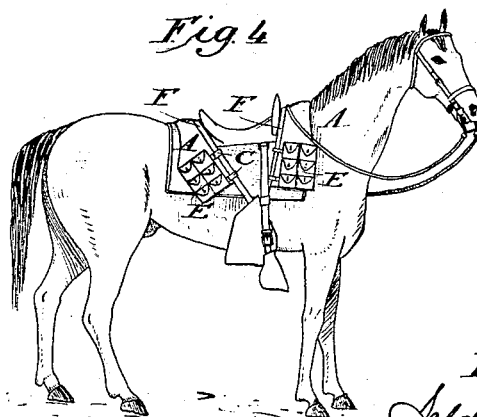
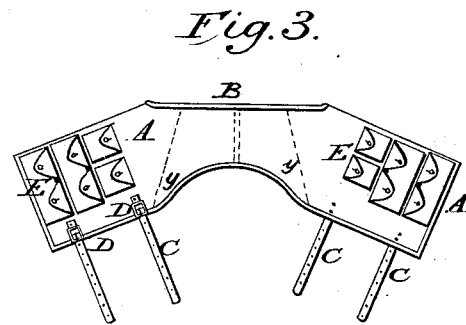
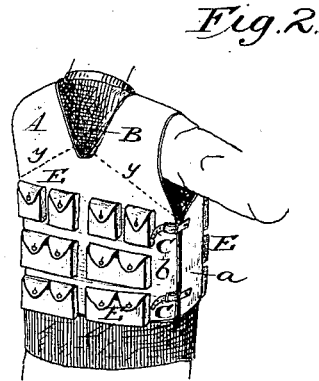
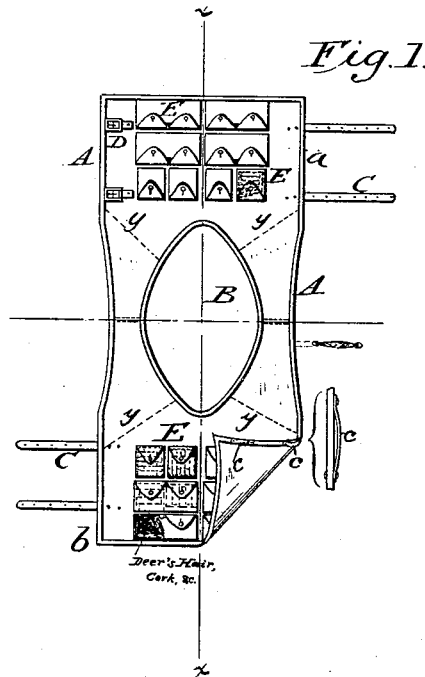
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SELDEN A. DAY, of Bowling Green, in the county of Wood and State of Ohio, have invented certain Improvements in Cartridge-Carriers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists in a reversible cartridge-carrying jacket of peculiar construction adapted to be worn upon the body, or folded and applied after the manner of saddle-bags to a saddle in case of mounted men, and also designed to be used in some cases as a life-preserver.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a face view of my improved jacket unbuckled and laid out flat to show its form and construction; Fig. 2, a view of the same as it appears in ordinary use; Fig. 3, a view showing the jacket folded for hanging upon a saddle; and Fig. 4, a view showing it applied to a saddle.

The object of my invention is to enable soldiers and sportsmen to carry a supply of ammunition sufficient to render available all the advantages due to the rapid firing of modern fire-arms, and to so distribute the weight of the ammunition that it shall not inconvenience or annoy the soldier or the sportsman carrying it. It is also desirable to adapt the jacket to convenient use on horseback and to relieve the user entirely of its weight when mounted.

With these ends in view I construct my improved jacket, as shown in the drawings, in which A represents the body of the jacket, of substantially rectangular form when straightened out, with an oblong central opening, B, to permit it to be passed over the head of the wearer, and provided on its opposite edges, respectively, with straps C and buckles D, by which the front half, *a*, and back half, *b*, may be united at the sides and below the arms of the wearer, as indicated in Fig. 2. A seam at the union of the two halves or sections gives the proper curvature or form to fit the shoulders, the meeting edges being cut in a curved or sloping form for that purpose, as indicated. Both sections *a* and *b* are provided with pockets E, which are grouped on opposite sides of a line, *x*, running longitudinally through the middle of the jacket, as shown in Fig. 1. It will be mounted

with the pockets thus arranged the jacket or vest may be folded either longitudinally or transversely through its middle. When used as a jacket it is folded transversely, as indicated in Fig. 2, hanging upon the shoulders and down the front and back of the wearer. When the pockets of that side which is at the time in front become exhausted the jacket is reversed, and the side which had previously been at the back is brought to the front—a change involving very little trouble or delay and affording a second supply equal to the entire quantity usually carried by other jackets. When it is desired to hang the jacket upon or over a saddle it is folded lengthwise through the middle and hung as shown in Fig. 4, either in front or in rear of the seat, the straps C being buckled around the V-straps F to retain the garment or article in position. When thus arranged, it will be seen, the pockets are within easy reach of the rider. It will also be seen that by reversing it side for side all the pockets may be drawn from successively.

Buttons or clasps may obviously be substituted for the straps and buckles, though the latter are preferred.

In some cases the pockets may be filled with cork, packages of deer's hair, or other light water-repellent material, and the jacket thus made to serve as a life-preserver—a possible use that will be appreciated by sportsmen and others.

In order to render the jacket more buoyant and to protect the shoulders against the gun both in carrying and in firing the same, the portion forming the shoulder of the jacket, or that portion included between the lines *y y*, is padded with deer's hair or analogous water-repellent material.

The jacket may be made of various materials, though water-repellent canvas, light leather, or a combination of the two is preferred.

The pockets are preferably stitched to the front of the garment and made of convenient form and dimensions to contain the cartridges either in a vertical or a horizontal position, in packages or in the detachable magazines now used with certain fire-arms. They will usually be made of leather, and may be either stiff or flexible, as desired.

It will be seen that, if desired, other forms of cartridge pockets or holders may be applied to the jacket.

5 Loops *c* are provided, through which the straps are passed when the garment is folded, as in Fig. 3.

10 I am aware that a reversible vest having cartridge-pockets both on the front and back has before been used, and this I do not broadly claim.

I am aware that a life-preserver made in the form of a jacket has been padded with buoyant material, and this I do not claim. I am not, however, aware that a jacket furnished  
15 with pockets adapted to receive cartridges has also been padded with buoyant material, whereby it is adapted to serve as a life-preserver and to overcome the sinking effect of the cartridges.

20 Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. The herein-described cartridge-jacket, consisting of the front and back sections, *a b*, provided with pockets *E*, united at the shoulders  
25 and separable at the sides below the arms, substantially as described and shown.

2. A reversible cartridge-jacket consisting of the sections *a b*, provided with pockets *E*

and united by shoulder-pieces, but separable at the sides, as explained, whereby it is adapted  
30 to be straightened out to the full length of the two sections and folded longitudinally through the middle, as and for the purpose set forth.

3. A cartridge-jacket separable at the sides below the arm-openings, substantially as shown  
35 and described, and having pockets *E*, grouped on opposite sides of a line passing longitudinally through the middle, whereby the jacket is adapted to be folded to hang upon a saddle,  
40 as explained.

4. The herein-described jacket, provided with pockets *E*, adapted to receive cartridges, and padded with buoyant material, whereby it is adapted to serve both as a cartridge-carrier  
45 and a life-preserver.

5. The jacket *A*, separable beneath the arms at each side, provided with pockets *E*, and furnished with straps and buckles *C D*, applied  
50 at the sides, as shown, whereby they are adapted to hold the garment in place either upon the body or upon the saddle, as explained.

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