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Fig. 1.

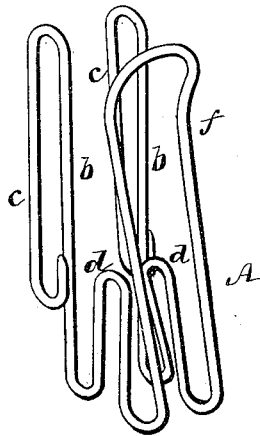
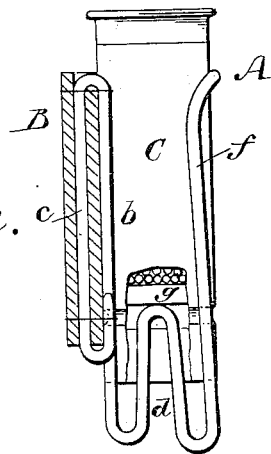


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MILAN S. BARKER, of Wellington, in the county of Sumner and State of Kansas, have invented a new and improved Cartridge-Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description:

This invention relates to holders for both paper and metal shell cartridges to be carried about the person—as, for instance, in or on hunting vests or coats and in a belt around the body; and the invention consists in a wire cartridge holder or clasp of novel construction, substantially as hereinafter described, and whereby a cartridge-holder having many and special advantages is produced.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the figures.

Figure 1 represents a view in perspective of my improved cartridge-holder; and Fig. 2, a side view of the same carrying a cartridge and as applied to a waist-belt, which is shown in section.

A is the holder or clasp, composed of a single piece of round or rounded spring-wire bent to form approximately parallel back cartridge guides or supports, *b b*, turned over in a downward direction at their upper ends to form legs *c c*, for attaching, as by lower hook formations or otherwise, the holder to the garment or to the body-belt B, as shown in Fig. 2, and which back guides, *b b*, are bent at their lower ends to form opposite and upward side doubles, *d d*, preferably set slightly inclining toward each other at their upper ends, and terminating below in an upward spring guiding and holding loop, *f*, set slightly inclining backward toward its top or closed end, which part is turned outward to form a mouth or easy entry for the cartridge.

Any number of these cartridge-holders, ar-

ranged one by the side of the other, may be used for holding a series of cartridges having shells either of paper or metal and loaded with shot. One of such cartridges, C, is shown in Fig. 2. It is entered, front end foremost, down within the holder between the back guides, *b b*, and the front loop, *f*, and so that the lower side doubles, *d d*, project up within the mouth end of the cartridge and bear against the wad *g*, which holds the shot in place. The holder thus constructed secures the wad in position against the shot, and, by the spring loop *f*, holds the shell down on the wad, as it were, so that the wad cannot get loose by shaking, and the cartridge cannot be removed otherwise than by drawing it up out of the holder.

In the case of cartridges having paper shells being used, there is no danger in such a holder of the shells being scratched or cut, as the holder, being made of rounded wire, presents no sharp angles or edges to scratch or cut. Neither will the shell stick in the holder, but it can be drawn out easily and may be entered just as easily. Said holder, too, is simple, cheap, and may readily be attached as required.

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

The within-described spring-wire cartridge-holder, constructed with back guides, *b b*, having terminal attaching-extensions, lower side doubles, *d d*, adapted to enter within the mouth of the cartridge, and a spring guiding and holding loop, *f*, in front, the whole being made of or from a single piece of wire, substantially as specified.

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