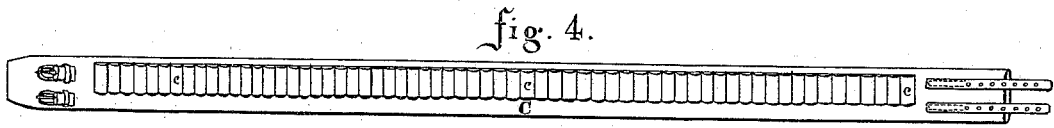
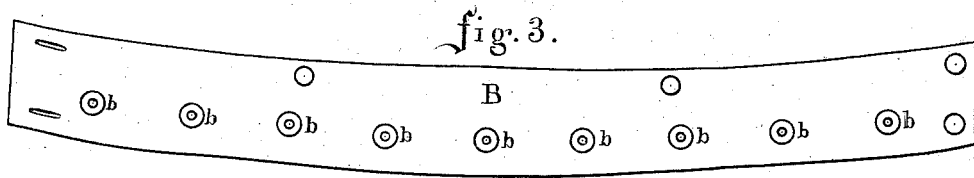
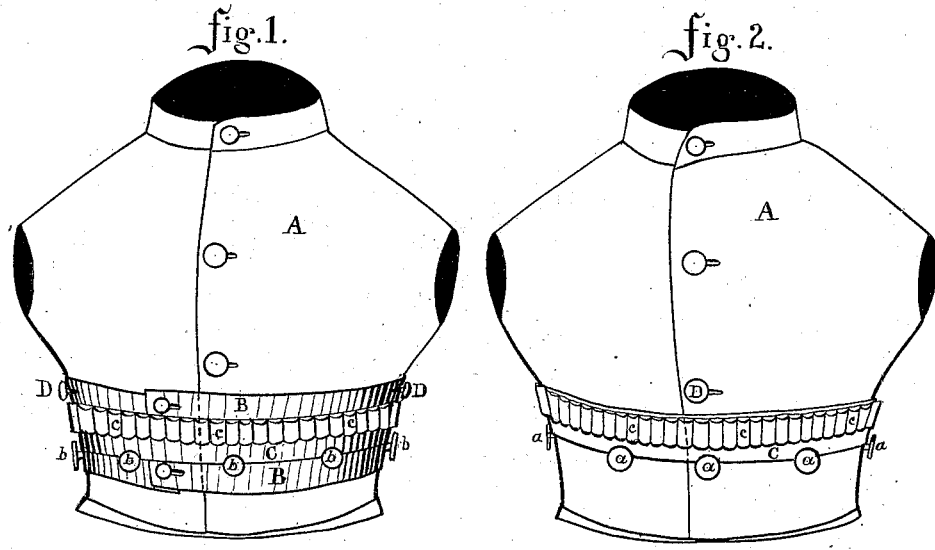


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IMPROVEMENT IN CARTRIDGE-BELTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE C. HENNING, of Washington, in the county of Washington and District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hunting-Garments; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 represents a vest with the band and belt applied to it. Fig. 2 represents the hunting-vest, on which are placed the supporting-buttons and the belt applied to it. Fig. 3 represents the band on which are the supporting-buttons, and Fig. 4 is the belt with cartridge-pockets.

This invention relates to that class of clothing used in hunting, and refers to the use of cartridge-belts worn around the body, so that they may be rotated in order to bring the filled pockets in front as the others are emptied; and consists in the improved method of supporting the belt, as will be more fully hereinafter described.

A is a hunting vest or waistcoat, or other garment, on which is a series of buttons, *a*, arranged regularly around the body. B is a band, of any suitable material, on which is arranged a series of buttons, *b*, similar to those on the vest A. C is the cartridge-belt, having the pockets or pouches *c* for retaining the cartridges. D are the buttons on any ordinary vest or waistcoat, or other garment, which can be used for supporting the band B when the hunting-vest A is not used.

The belt C, in use by sportsmen, around the body, is without support except from the shape of the body. Very many persons whose shape, where the belt is carried, is such that the belt cannot be properly sustained, find a difficulty in wearing such belt. Hence, the pouches for carrying the cartridges are placed permanently on the vest in different parts thereof, and the belt dispensed with. The belt is the most convenient means of holding the cartridges for bringing them ready to the

hand to take out or replace after having been discharged.

Now, it becomes necessary that the belt should be somewhat free to allow it to be rotated around the body; hence, where the heavy part may be will be a sag or unequal bearing upon the hips, even with persons whose shape will support a belt, and this becomes unpleasant, and chafes the body when walking. In this invention these difficulties are obviated, as will now be shown.

Should the sportsman desire a regular hunting vest or waistcoat, he will have a series of long-shanked buttons placed around at the bottom of the garment, as shown in Fig. 2, at *a*. The belt C can then be strapped loosely around the body over the garment, the lower edge of the belt resting upon the shanks, which will support it continuously and evenly, and yet the belt can be rotated at pleasure.

Should a separate vest not be wanted, a band, B, can be made, with the buttons fastened at the bottom edge, similar to the buttons on the vest. The band can have button-holes made to fit the front buttons of any ordinary vest or other garment, and also additional buttons fastened to the vest or garment as will not interfere with the ordinary wear of it—as, for instance, one under each arm-hole and one in the center of the back, or any number which experience may dictate. The belt C can then be placed upon the band B, as it was described for wearing on the vest A.

This last method is for economy, and may be employed by those who sport only occasionally.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

The combination of a rotating cartridge-belt with a series of supporting-buttons secured at intervals around a vest or other suitable support, substantially as and for the purpose described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own invention I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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