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CARTRIDGE-BOX.

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Fig. 1

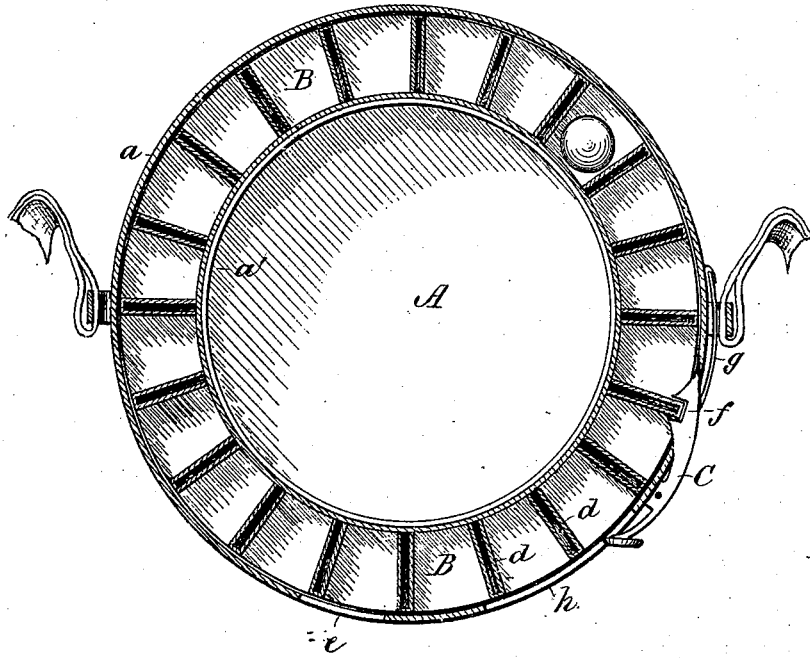
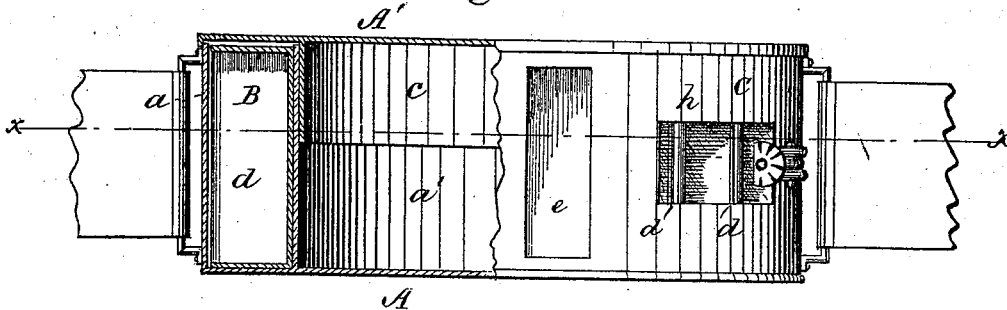


Fig. 2



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## IMPROVEMENT IN CARTRIDGE-BOXES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SOLOMON T. SATTERWHITE, of Nashville, in the county of Davidson and State of Tennessee, have invented a new and Improved Cartridge-Box; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a section through line *xx* of Fig. 2. Fig. 2 is a side view, partly in section.

My invention relates to a novel construction of cartridge-box, adapted for either sporting or military purposes. It consists of a circular case composed of two detachable parts, forming a central and an annular compartment. In the annular compartment fits and revolves a frame divided into transverse chambers, in each of which is contained a cartridge, while the central compartment is intended for extra ammunition. The outer case is provided with an opening upon its periphery, through which the cartridges drop, and it is also provided with a spring-detent, to determine the registration of the cartridge-chambers with the opening in the outer case, and is slotted, so as to permit the introduction of the finger to turn the annular frame.

In the drawing, *A A'* represent the two detachable parts which form the case, of which parts *A'* constitutes the removable cover, that is taken off for the replenishing of the case. Said parts are made of sheet metal; and are constructed, *A* of a circular cap, with an inner wall, *a'*, and an outer wall, *a*, and *A'* with a circular cap and a flange, *c*, that fits inside of wall *a'*, and forms a flat circular box, with a central and an annular compartment. In the annular compartment is arranged a circular frame, *B*, which is divided by partitions *d* into transverse chambers, each of which is intended to receive a cartridge. The outer case is provided upon its periphery with an opening, *e*, which is of the same size as the cartridge-chambers, and, when the latter register therewith, allows the cartridge to fall out. *O* is a lever, pivoted to the periphery of the outside

case, so as to oscillate in a plane parallel with the side of the box, and having at one end a thumb-piece, and at the other a notch, *f*, with oppositely-inclined faces, which notched end is pressed inwardly by a spring, *g*, and passes through the case to engage with the partitions of the annular frame, so that whenever a cartridge-chamber registers with the opening *e* in the outer case a partition, *d*, enters the notch and holds the annular frame stationary. The lever *O* is made with opposite inclinations upon each side of the notch, so as to permit the revolution of the annular chamber in either direction, thereby adapting it to be used upon either side of the person. The outer case is also slotted at *h*, so as to admit the finger to the cartridge-chambers, for the purpose of turning the frame and preventing the falling out of the cartridge.

The cartridge-case, as thus described, is provided with a strap or band, suitably attached thereto by means of loops, and the case swung to the person by means of the strap, which is passed over the shoulders. Now, whenever a cartridge is wanted, the thumb-piece of the lever *O* is pressed so as to remove the notch from the partition, and the annular frame is turned by inserting the finger through slot *h* in the case. As soon as a cartridge-chamber passes over the opening *e* in the outer case, the cartridge falls out into the hand.

The cases may be made of varying sizes, and any number of cartridge-chambers may be formed in the annular frame, while the central compartment may be used for containing extra ammunition, lunch, or for any other purpose.

I am aware of the fact that it is not new to construct a cartridge-case with revolving chambers, and do not claim such, broadly.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is—

1. The circular case *A A'*, having a central and annular compartment, and an opening upon its periphery, in combination with the annular revolving frame *B*, having transverse partitions, forming cartridge-chambers, substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. The lever C, pivoted upon the periphery of the case, and adapted to move in a plane parallel with the side of the same, and having a notch, *f*, with oppositely-inclined faces, in combination with the spring *g* and the annular frame B, having partitions *d*, substantially as and for the purpose described.

3. The detachable case A A', slotted at *h*,

and having an opening, *e*, in combination with the annular chambered frame B, the spring *g*, and the lever C, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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