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ONE-SIXTH UNDIVIDED INTEREST.

IMPROVEMENT IN CARTRIDGE-BOXES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, CHARLES BERGMAN and JOSEPH W. PILKINGTON, of Bridgeport, in the county of Fairfield and in the State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cartridge-Boxes; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction of a cartridge-box, which is intended for use by soldiers and others having breech-loading fire-arms, as will be more fully hereinafter set forth.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe it, reference being had to accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of the cartridge-box with the flaps open, and Fig. 2 represents a section, taken crosswise through the same.

In the drawings, A represents the usual form of leather cartridge-boxes, having the usual flap B, connected, when closed, to the button *g* at the bottom of the same. To the inner wall or back of the case are attached the cartridge-receivers C C. These receivers are preferably arranged in sections on a line, and in tiers, one above the other, as shown in the drawing.

Each receiver is composed of a box, made of leather or other suitable material, having partitions *a a* for holding the cartridges, and is hinged at or near the bottom by a hinge, *b*, and connected at the top to the back of the

box or case A by a flexible strip of leather or other suitable material, D. D' represents an interior flap, and E represents a pocket on the outside of the same, which may be used, if desired.

The operation is as follows: The cartridges are placed in the cases, which are so arranged that the ends or tops of the cartridges will stand out a little distance. I then button down the flap, and in doing so the flexible stay allows the tops to be forced in so that the bottom and top are in range.

In using the case I unbutton the flap, and the top of each case drops by its own weight into position.

We do not, broadly, claim a cartridge-box provided with pockets, attached by pliable fabric to the body of the cartridge-box to allow the cartridges to be turned with their heads outward, as we are aware that such is not new.

Having thus fully described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of the case A, having flap B, the boxes C, hinged at *b* to the back of the same, the flexible strips D D, connecting the boxes at the top to the case, and the additional flap D', all substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing, we have hereunto set our hands this 19th day of August, 1875.

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