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Cartridge-Holder.

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Fig. 1.

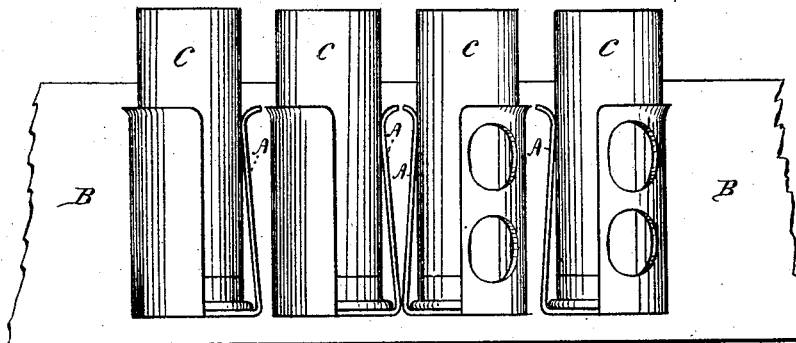


Fig. 2.

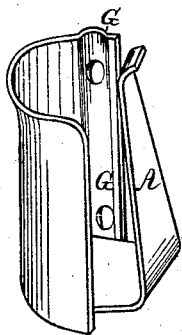
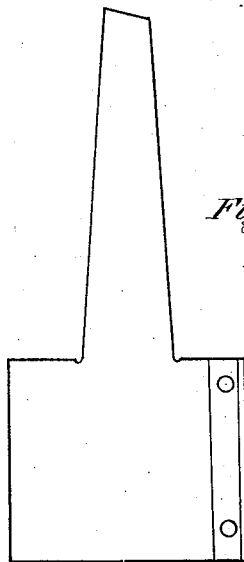


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CARTRIDGE-HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NATHANIEL S. GOSS, of Neosho Falls, in the county of Woodson and State of Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cartridge Spring-Sockets; 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.

My invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in sockets for holding and carrying cartridges for breech-loading firearms; and its object is to firmly and securely hold and support the cartridge in a perpendicular or upright position, with the opening or mouth up, whereby the liability of displacement of the charge contained therein, which would occur if carried in a reverse position, is prevented, and the cartridge is prevented from dropping out or being pulled out by bushes, vines, or long grass.

This socket is designed to be secured or attached to a belt, but may be attached to a coat, vest, or any other known device for carrying cartridges.

Those devices that have heretofore been used for this purpose usually consist of loops or clasps attached to a carrying-belt, and so arranged that the cartridges are inserted with the opening down, whereby the charges are rendered liable to start or become displaced by their own weight, or, if carried in an upright position, they are sustained and rest upon a ridge or ledge attached to the belt.

To enable those skilled in the art to understand and use my invention, I will proceed to describe the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

Similar letters of reference indicate the same parts.

Figure 1 is a front view, showing a portion of a belt, with sockets attached. Fig. 2 is a view showing the socket detached. Fig. 3 represents the pattern or shape into which the metal is cut preparatory to forming the socket.

A is the tongue or spring, G the groove or counter-sink, B the belt, and C the cartridge.

The socket is formed by cutting a piece of sheet-steel, brass, or any other metal possessing sufficient elasticity to yield to pressure and return to place when the pressure is removed into the shape shown by Fig. 3. It is then bent or shaped into the proper form, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, so that the tongue A forms a bottom or support for the cartridge to rest upon, and the remaining portion forms one side of the socket, and also operates as a spring to press against and hold the cartridge securely in position.

The top or opening of the socket is made flaring or tunnel-shaped to admit of the easy introduction of the cartridge, and the counter-sink G prevents the cartridge from coming in contact with the rivets which hold the socket to its attachment.

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

A cartridge spring-socket, having a flaring or tunnel-shaped top, and the tongue A and groove G, constructed and arranged substantially as described, for the purpose specified.

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

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