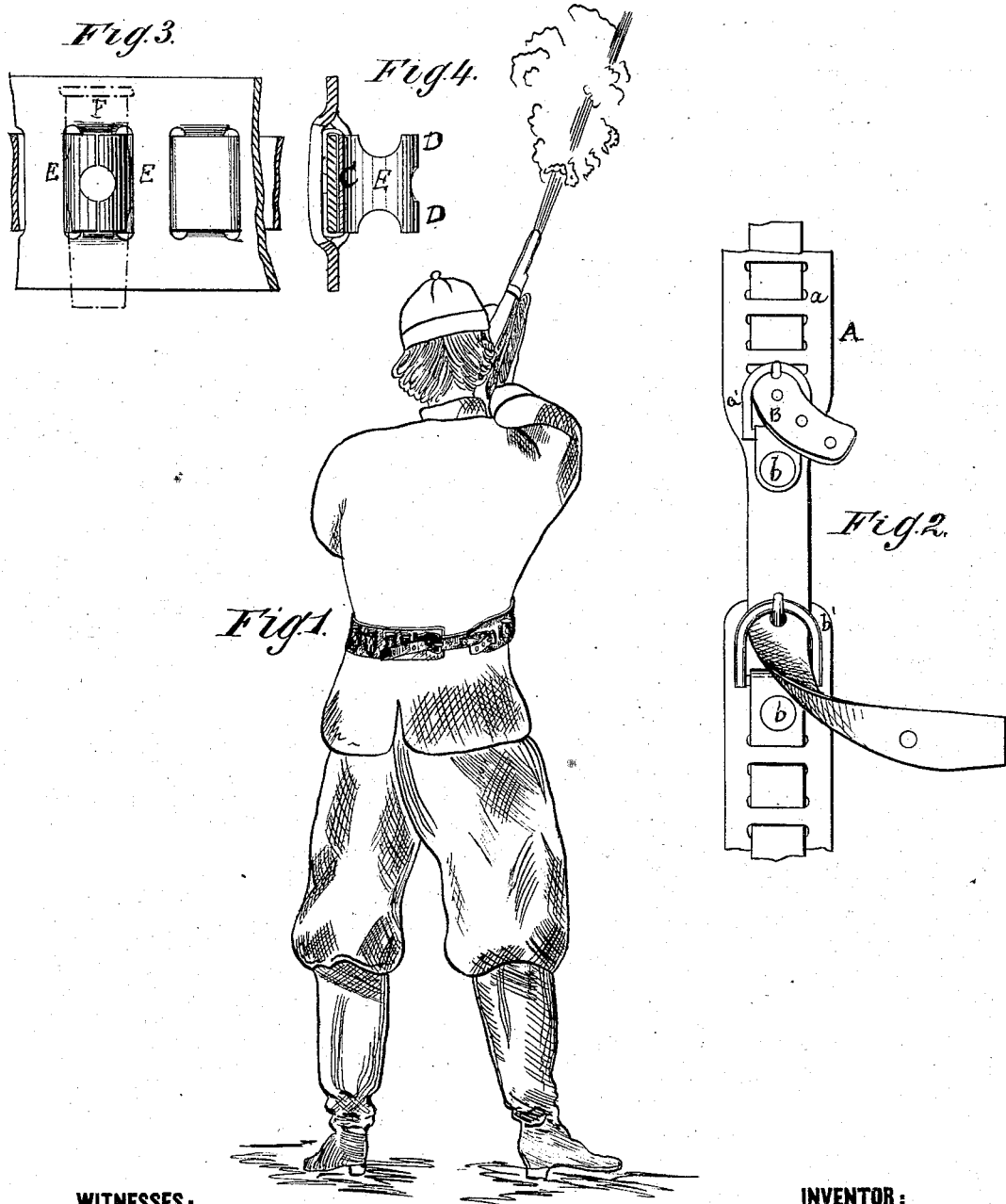


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Cartridge-Belt.

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IMPROVEMENT IN CARTRIDGE-BELTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID TAYLOR, United States Army, of the city and county of Leavenworth and State of Kansas, have invented a new and Improved Cartridge-Belt; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference had to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view. Figs. 2, 3, 4 are detail views.

The invention relates to cartridge-belts; and consists in the features of improvement hereinafter described and claimed.

A represents the belt, having cross-slots *a*, preferably eighty in number, so as to receive forty cartridge-holders or clips, distributed equally around the person. It also has a buckle, *a'*, in which is fastened one end of a strap, B. The latter passes alternately from the outside to the inside of belt through the slots *a*, has its other end made fast by a rivet, *b*, to the outside of the belt, and is provided with the buckle *b'*, which holds the belt around the body.

My peculiar form of cartridge-holder is made from steel or other elastic metal, having the body C, upper and lower extensions D D, and lateral wings E E. The extensions D D are bent backward so as to attach them firmly to the strap, while the wings are bent forward and toward each other, until the opposite edges nearly or quite meet. A cartridge, F, may thus be clasped with sufficient tenacity

by the wings E E, to hold it fast under any ordinary contingency, while it will yet readily admit of being removed by the application of manual force. This belt is well adapted to any troops, but particularly to infantry, while holders for pistol and saber may be readily attached.

By this invention the cartridges are equally distributed around the person, lightness and durability are attained, facility in applying and withdrawing the cartridges secured, the clips or holders prevented from dropping the cartridges under any circumstances, lost or broken clips quickly replaced, and the cartridge-box dispensed with entirely.

The advantage possessed by the extensions D over a rivet, for attaching the clip or cartridge-holder to the strap, is that if any one of the clips gets out of order it may be quickly removed and another supplied, while as a fastening it is perfectly secure.

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

1. The combination of cross-slotted belt A, the interlacing-strap B, and clamps C D E, arranged as and for the purpose described.

2. A cartridge-belt clamp, having lower extensions D bent backward to attach them firmly to the strap, as shown and described.

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