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Fire Cracker Holder.

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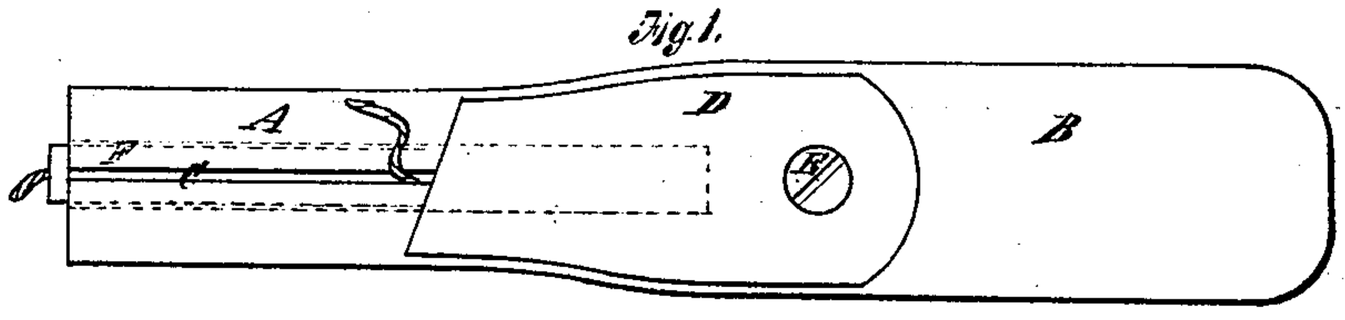

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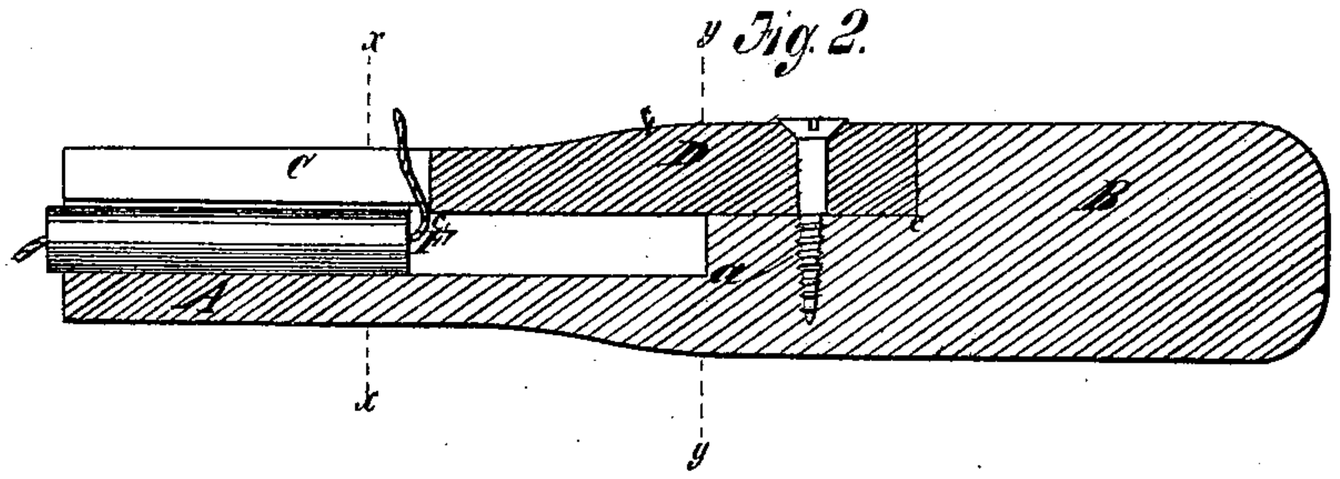

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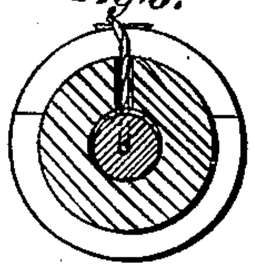

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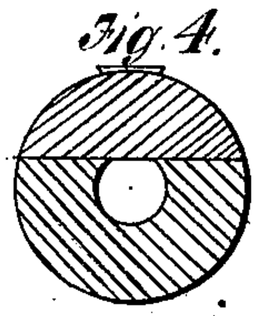

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IMPROVEMENT IN FIRE-CRACKER HOLDERS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES MOST, of Bergen City, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Fire-cracker Pistols, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification.

The object of my invention is to provide for the loading of a toy-pistol with a fire-cracker, either at the muzzle, or at the breech, in such manner that the explosion of the said cracker will expel its shell or case from the barrel of the pistol. To this end

It consists in providing in the barrel of the pistol a longitudinal slot, which extends from the muzzle back to the breech, or to an opening provided for the reception of a movable breech-piece, and which provides for the passage of the fuse in loading the pistol.

In the accompanying drawing, which represents a fire-cracker pistol constructed according to my invention—

Figure 1 is a plan;

Figure 2, a longitudinal section;

Figure 3 is a transverse section taken at the dotted line *x x* in fig. 2; and

Figure 4 is a similar section, taken at the dotted line *y y*.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

A B is the body of the pistol, constructed of wood or other suitable material, of which A is the barrel and B the stock.

F is the bore.

C, the longitudinal slot.

D is the breech-piece, and

E is a pivot upon which it swings.

The bore F, which is of sufficient size to admit of a fire-cracker being easily introduced, extends backward beyond the forward end of the breech-piece D to the point *d*.

The longitudinal slot C runs through the barrel into the bore F, and extends back to the forward end of the breech-piece D.

The breech-piece D, which conforms on its upper side with the periphery of the body of the pistol, and is flat on its under side, is inserted into an opening, *c c*, provided for its reception in the body of the pistol, said opening communicating with the bore, and being of such depth as to allow the breech-piece to enter a little way into the bore, and act as a stop to prevent the fire-cracker from going too far back therein. The slot C terminates in this opening.

The pivot E, on which the breech-piece swings, passes through the breech-piece, and is screwed into the body of the pistol.

In order to load the pistol from the breech, it is only necessary to open the lid or breech-piece D, and insert the cracker in the bore with the fuse or end which is to be lighted toward the breech, to draw the fuse into the slot C, and then close the breech-piece and ignite the fuse, and when the cracker explodes the shell will be blown out by the explosion.

The objection heretofore so common in such pistols, of the crackers jamming up the bore of the pistol, is thus obviated.

If it is desirable to load the pistol from the muzzle, this may be effected by inserting the cracker through the muzzle of the bore, with the fuse or end to be lighted toward the breech, inserting the said fuse into the slot C. The cracker may then be pushed in up to the breech-piece, or may be pulled toward the breech-piece by taking hold of the fuse with the fingers and pulling it in that direction.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A fire-cracker pistol, having a swinging breech-piece, D, and slot C, extending from the muzzle to said breech-piece, substantially as shown and described, as a new article of manufacture.

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