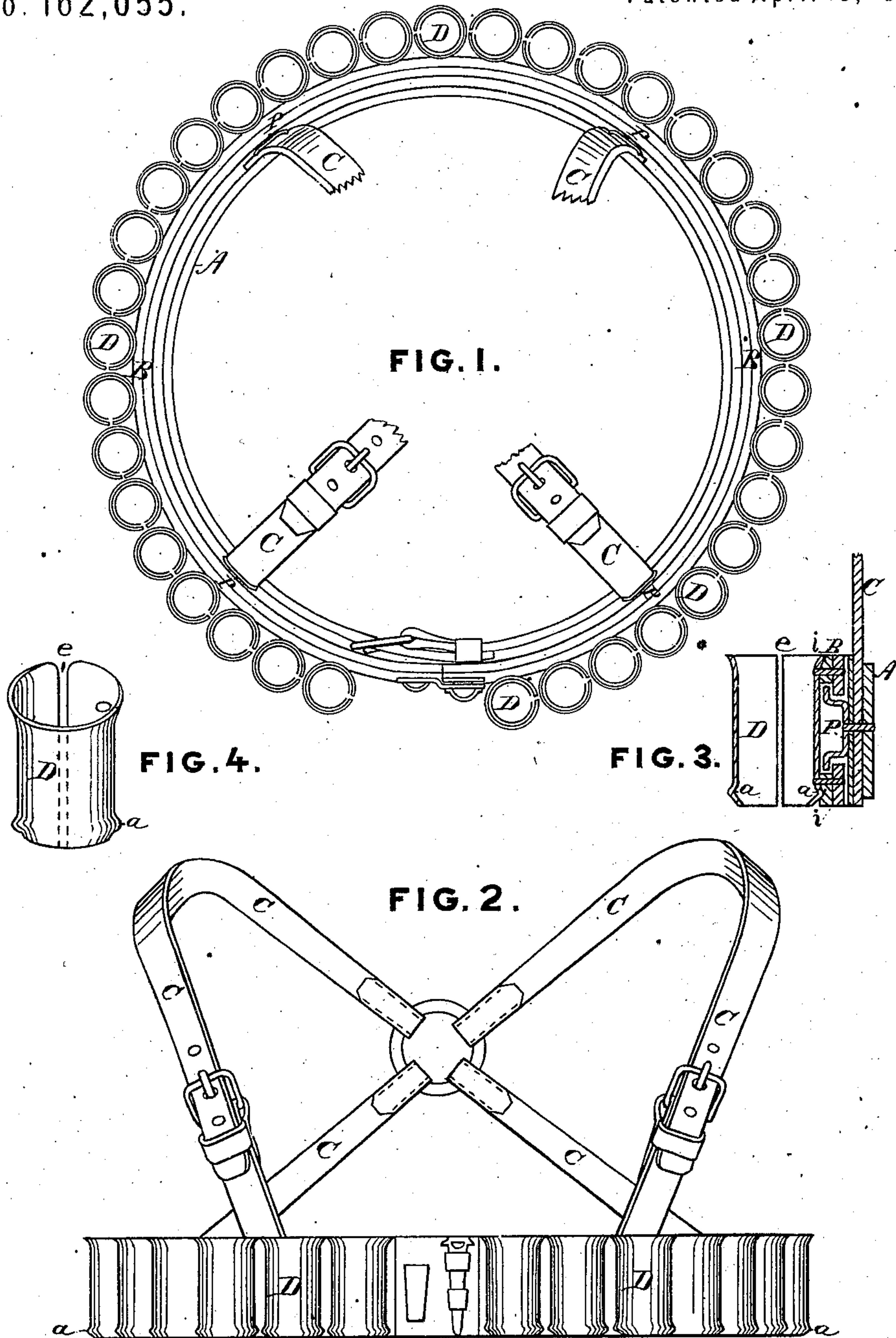


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IMPROVEMENT IN CARTRIDGE BELTS AND HOLDERS.

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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 Carrying Shells for Breech-Loading Shot-Guns and Rifles; 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 consists in an improved device or belt for holding and carrying cartridges for breech-loading fire-arms, so arranged that it may be revolved around the body to bring the cartridge always to the front, or to a position most convenient to the hand. It also consists in an improved socket or holder for the cartridge, whereby it may be firmly and securely held in an upright or vertical position, with the opening or mouth up, thereby obviating the liability of displacement or loosening of the charge usually attendant upon it being carried in a reverse position. In those devices heretofore used for this purpose, the cartridge socket or holder usually consists in loops or clasps attached to the carrying-belt, through which the cartridge is inserted with the opening down, or, if carried in an upright position, as by the device heretofore invented by me, there is always danger that the clothes of the wearer may be caught by the exposed corners and edges and torn. This danger also exists in all revolving belts wherein the clasps or slides are outside or exposed.

To enable those skilled in the art to fully understand and construct my invention, I will proceed to describe the same.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a plain top view of my belt. Fig. 2 is a side elevation. Fig. 3 is a transverse vertical section, showing the belt-slide and cartridge-holder. Fig. 4 is a view of the cartridge-holder detached.

Similar letters of reference indicate the same parts.

A represents the inner or supporting belt, provided with clasps or slides P. B is the revolving or cartridge belt, having the metallic sockets or holders D. C represents the straps or braces by which the belt is supported by the shoulders of the wearer. The supporting-belt A is an ordinary belt, having slides or clasps arranged at convenient distances, which serve to hold the outer or revolving belt. The belt B is constructed by riveting each end of the sockets or cartridge-holders to double narrow strips of leather *i i*, the outer of which is wider than the inner, so as to extend over and inclose the ends of the slides P, by which this belt is held in place, and allowed to revolve freely around the body of the wearer. By this construction much less leather is required, and the belt is rendered lighter than those now in use. The sockets or holders may be constructed of sheet-steel, brass, gutta-percha, or any other suitable elastic substance; they are open at both ends, and an opening or slot, *e*, is also made in one side, to admit of the proper expansion required by the cartridge. At the bottom a groove or countersink, *a*, is provided, into which the head or rim of the cartridge fits, and is securely held. The top or mouth is made flaring or tunnel-shaped, so that the cartridge may be easily inserted.

I am aware that revolving cartridge-belts have been heretofore used, and I do not claim them; broadly; but

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

1. The combination of the strips *i i* with the metallic sockets D, arranged to form a groove for the reception of slides attached to an inner belt, upon which the outer rotates, whereby an economy in the amount of leather required is secured, substantially as described, and for the purpose specified.

2. In a revolving cartridge-belt, the slides P, attached to an inner belt and extending outwardly, so that they shall fit into a groove

on the under side of the outer or rotating belt, and be inclosed or covered, whereby the danger of injury to the clothes of the wearer is obviated, substantially as described, and for the purpose specified.

3. The metallic cartridge-holder D, having the slot *e* and groove *a*, substantially as described, and for the purpose specified.

4. In a revolving cartridge-belt, the combination of the belt B, having the strips *i i*,

forming a groove, and the belt A, having the clasps P, arranged substantially as described, and for the purpose specified.

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

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