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Fig. 1.

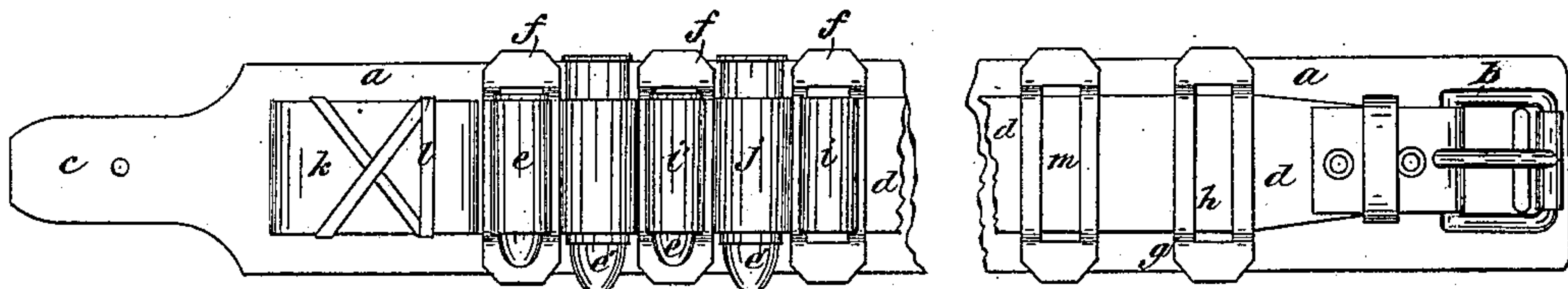


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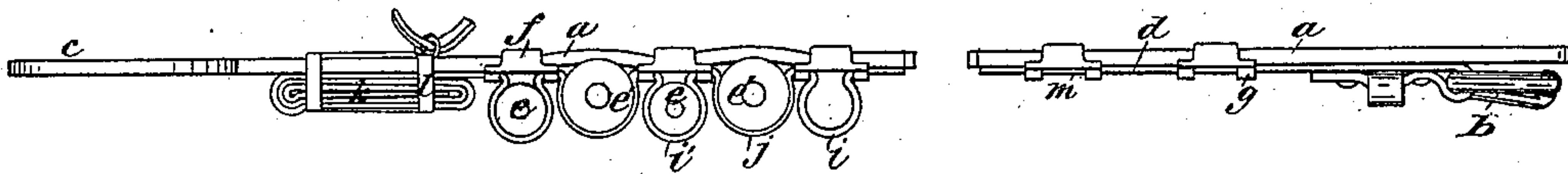


Fig. 3.

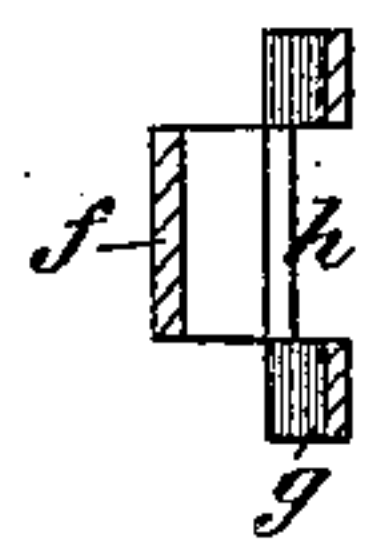
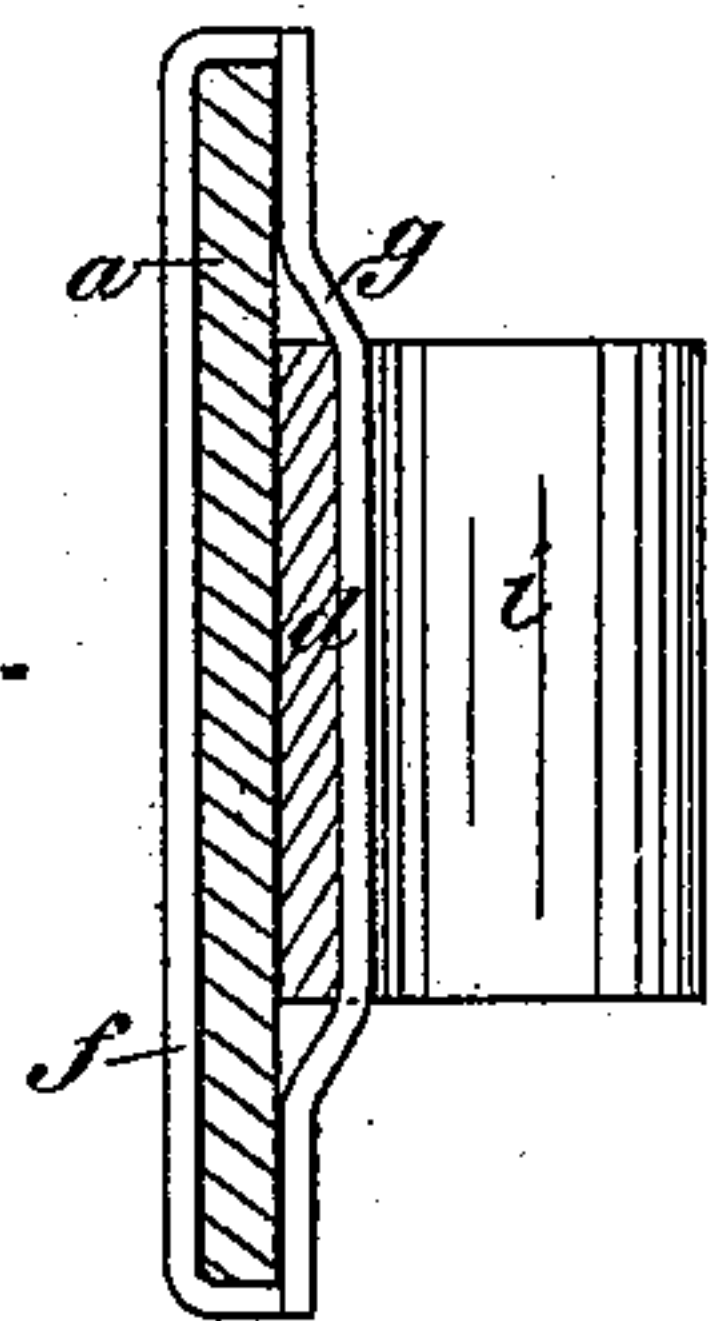


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES NOSWORTHY, a subject of Her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain, residing at Belleville, in the county of Hastings, in the Province of Ontario and Dominion of Canada, have invented new and useful Improvements in Cartridge-Belts, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to the combination, with a cartridge-belt, of a sliding thimble, whereby loops may be formed with a strap to receive the cartridges, and may be varied in size to hold different-sized cartridges. I attain these objects by the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a general view of the belt, showing the outer portion. Fig. 2 shows the edge or top portion of the same. Fig. 3 is a cross-section of the belt. Fig. 4 is a cross-section of the sliding thimble.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

a is a strap, which forms the main portion of the belt, having at one end a buckle, *b*, to receive the other end, *c*, so that it may be worn around the waist or over the shoulder.

d is a second strap, which is considerably narrower than *a*, and passes along the former to form the loops, which receive the cartridges *e e*.

f are sliding thimbles, which slip over the straps *a* and *d*, and to receive the latter an offset, *g*, is made in the face of the thimble, so that both will pass through it. The two straps should be of sufficient thickness to fill the opening and fit tight in the thimble, in order to prevent the strap *d* from drawing too easily. An opening, *h*, is made in the face of the thimble, and through this the strap *d* is pulled to form a loop for the cartridge, as shown at *i*. When this is done, a cartridge is put in, as

shown at *i'*, and the strap, by being pulled on, will squeeze tightly around it. Then another loop is formed in the same manner between the thimbles, as shown at *j*, and another cartridge put in and held in the same way. This is repeated until the belt is filled. Then the surplus end of the strap *d* is coiled, as shown at *k*, and is there fastened by the string *l*, or other suitable means. This coil is left in reserve for large cartridges, which require the greatest length of strap. If the belt be only partly filled with cartridges, the strap *d* can be drawn straight under the thimbles, as shown at *m*. By these means I overcome the difficulty of always having a belt to fit but one size cartridge, as is experienced in the old make; but with mine any size cartridge can be worn, or two or more sizes at the same time, if necessary.

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

1. The combination, with a cartridge-belt, of an adjustable or sliding thimble to receive the strap constituting the belt, the said thimble formed with an offset in its face to also receive a narrower strap, and having an opening in the said face so that the narrower strap may be drawn through to form a loop to receive the cartridge, as and for the purpose specified.

2. The combination, with the cartridge-belt, of two or more adjustable or sliding thimbles to receive the strap constituting the belt, the said thimbles formed with an offset in their faces to also receive a narrower strap, that a loop may be formed by the said strap between two of the said thimbles to receive the cartridge, as and for the purpose specified.

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