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Fig. 1

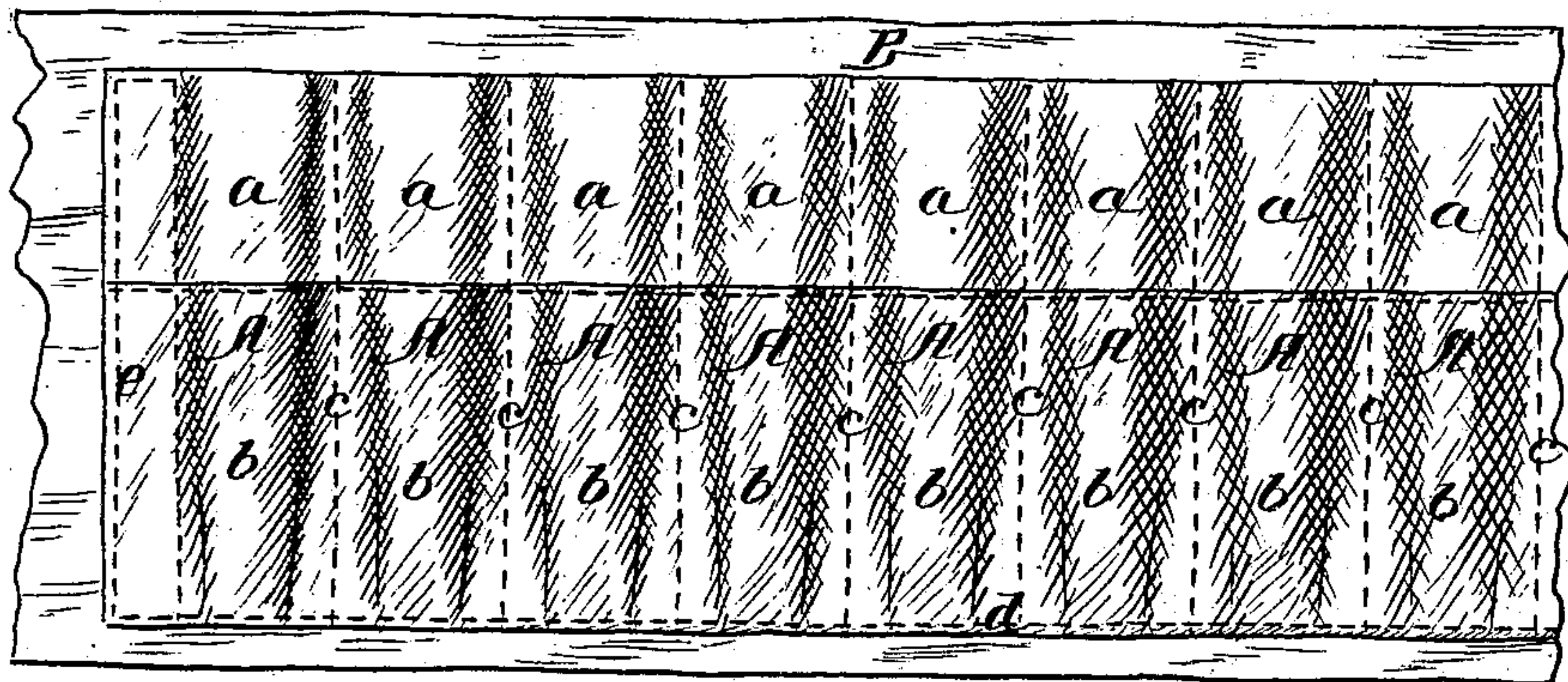
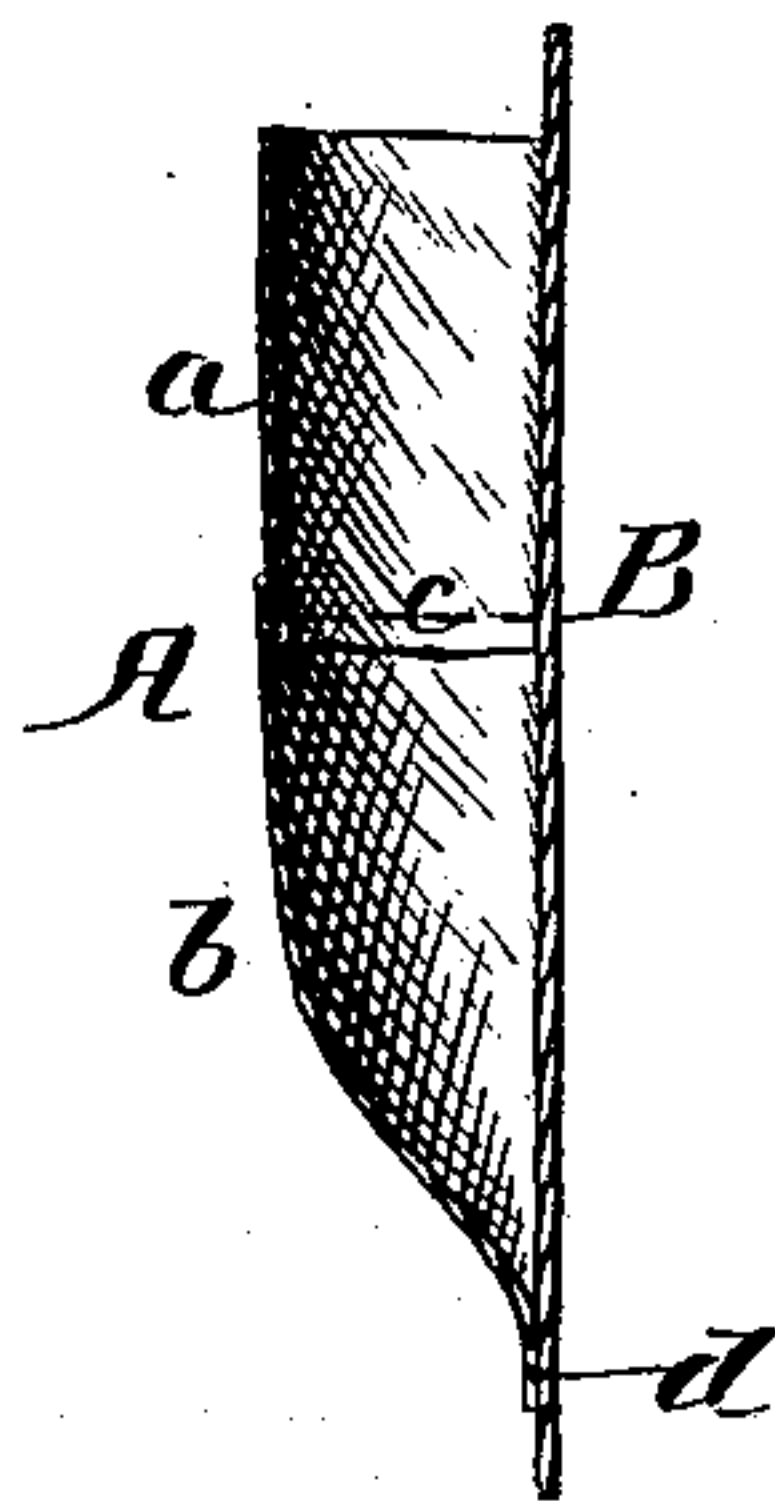


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE BARNARD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pockets for Cartridges; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, 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, forming a part hereof, in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation showing a number of pockets on a strip for attachment to a garment or belt; Fig. 2, a sectional elevation through a pocket and its attaching-strip.

This invention relates to pockets for carrying cartridges, and is designed for use either with a sportsman's coat or a vest or a belt; and the object of the invention is to construct a pocket adapted to receive cartridges of different sizes without any change in the pocket, thereby enabling the same pocket to be used for carrying different cartridges, so as to dispense with making a pocket to suit the special number of cartridge, as is now required; and the nature of the invention consists in providing a pocket having an upper portion formed of an elastic material and a lower portion formed of a non-elastic material and closed at its bottom, as hereinafter more specifically described, and pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, A represents the pocket, as many pockets being provided as desired for the number of cartridges to be carried. Each pocket consists of an upper portion, *a*, of elastic material and a lower portion, *b*, of non-elastic material, the two portions being joined one to the other by stitching or otherwise. A number or series of pockets is formed by taking a strip of non-elastic material of the length required for the number of pockets and sewing thereto a strip of elastic material of a length for a corresponding number of pockets, and then sewing or otherwise securing the strip thus formed onto a backing-strip, so as to form the number of pockets required, and when sewed onto the backing-strip the upper or elastic portion of each pocket will have a dimension for the smallest-sized cartridge and the lower or non-elastic portion will have a

size for the largest-sized cartridge which it is desired the pockets shall receive.

B is a backing-strip of non-elastic material, to which the pocket-strip of combined elastic and non-elastic material is to be sewed or attached. As shown, the pocket-strip is attached at the ends by stitching *e*, and at the bottom by stitching *d*, and between the pockets by stitching *c*, and in attaching one end of the pocket-strip is sewed onto the backing-strip and the pocket-strip fluted or rolled to form the first pocket, when such pocket is held in place by the stitching *c*, and the next pocket is then fluted or rolled and held in place by stitching *c*, and so on, until the pocket-strip is worked into pockets for its full length. The lower end of each non-elastic portion of the pockets is folded in on each side to contract the lower end of the pocket to receive the pointed end of the cartridge and such contracted ends are attached to the backing-strip by the stitching *d*, so that each pocket will have an open upper end and a closed lower end, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

The number of pockets for each backing-strip can be varied to suit the requirements of the place where the pockets are to be used, and the backing-strip, with the pockets thereon, can be sewed to the outside of a sportsman's vest or the inside of a sportsman's coat, or to a belt, as may be desired, without any particular care or attention as to the size of the pockets, as the flexible portion of each pocket will give or yield sufficiently to receive cartridges of at least three different sizes, and this giving or yielding of the pockets will in no wise injure the feature of retaining the cartridge in place, and, in fact, will add greatly to the holding of the cartridge in place, and at the same time will not interfere with the withdrawal of the cartridge for use.

Heretofore cartridge-pockets have been made of unyielding material, either open at both ends or closed at the lower end; but with such pockets cartridges of the exact size to fit the pocket can only be used as a large-sized cartridge cannot be inserted in a pocket for a smaller size, nor can a small cartridge be retained with any degree of certainty in a pocket for a large-sized cartridge. These defects are wholly obviated by the present invention, as the yielding upper portion of each pocket pro-

vides for the reception and retention of cartridges varying in size without requiring the making of a special pocket for a special-sized cartridge, the result being that the selection of a particular-sized pocket is wholly dispensed with.

The present invention enables pockets to be made up in strips and applied to a coat, vest, or belt without regard to the number of cartridges which the pocket is to receive to a variation of at least three different sizes—that is to say, a pocket that will receive and retain a No. 10 cartridge will also receive and retain a No. 12 and a No. 14 cartridge without any change in the pocket, and this result is had by the employment of an elastic material for the upper portion of the pocket, which material will yield without impairing the retaining qualities of the pocket.

The pockets are shown as attached to a backing-strip, which in turn is to be attached to the coat, vest, or belt; but it is evident that the pocket-strip can be fluted or rolled and sewed directly to the article with which the pockets are to be used, and in such case the material of the article to which the pocket-strip is sewed would form the backing material.

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

1. A cartridge-holding pocket consisting of an upper yielding portion and a lower non-yielding portion, and having both portions fluted and united at the side edges to a backing, substantially as and for the purposes specified.

2. A cartridge-holding pocket consisting of an upper yielding portion and a lower non-yielding portion, and having both portions fluted and united at the side edges to a backing, with the non-yielding portion closed at the end, substantially as and for the purposes specified.

3. A cartridge-holder consisting of a number of pockets, A, having a yielding upper portion, *a*, and a non-yielding lower portion, *b*, and a backing-strip, B, for receiving and retaining cartridges of different sizes, substantially as specified.

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