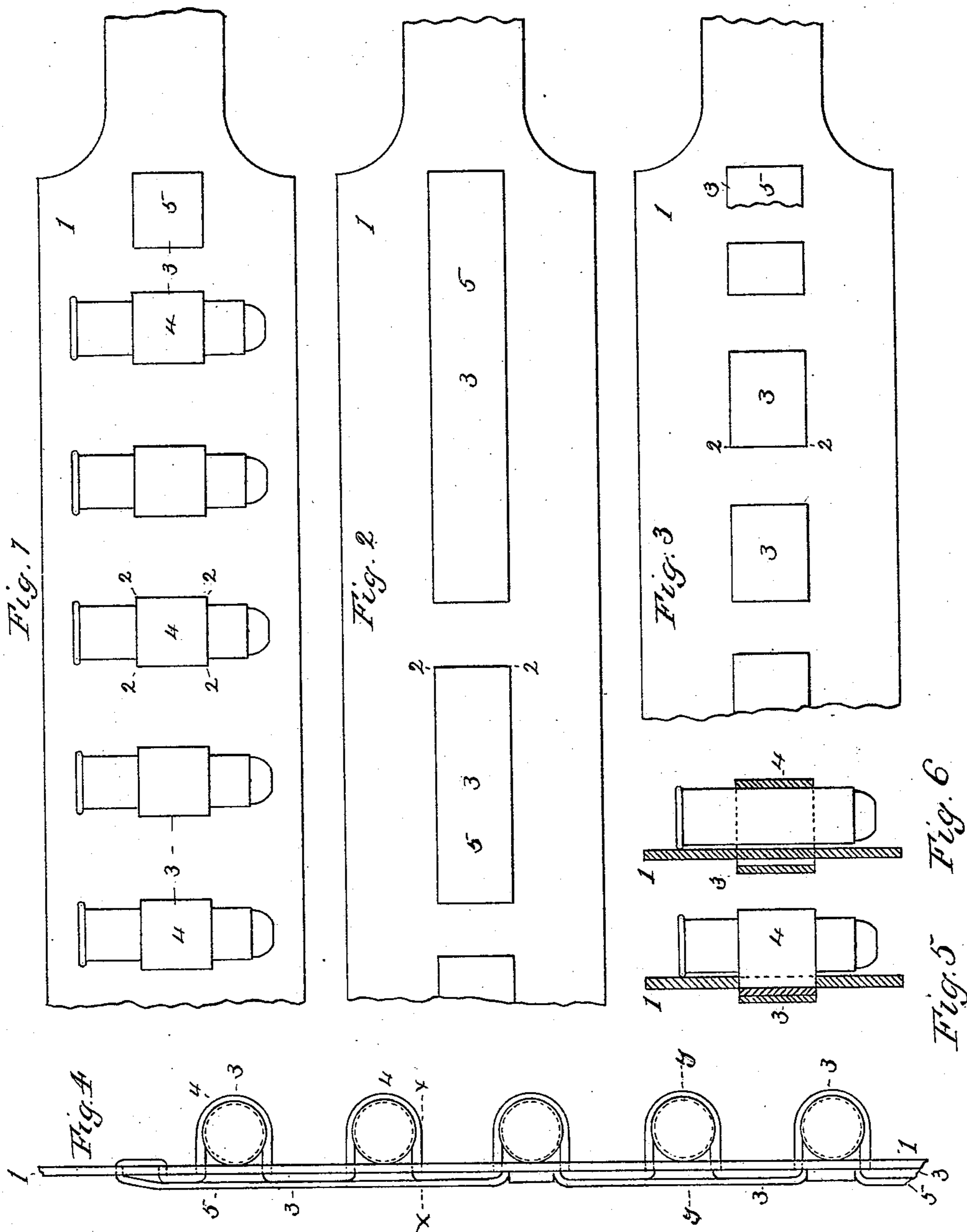


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM McENTEE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Erin, in the county of Rice and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cartridge-Belts, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide means for adjusting the cartridge-holding devices on the belt, so as to adapt them to cartridges of varying sizes, and to take up any looseness or slack in the holders occasioned by use. This object is accomplished by the devices illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a portion of a belt provided with my improvements; Fig. 2, a rear elevation of the same; Fig. 3, a similar view with the adjusting-strap broken away; Fig. 4, a top or plan view of the same; Fig. 5, a transverse section on the line *xx* of Fig. 4, and Fig. 6 a transverse section on the line *yy* of Fig. 4.

In said drawings, 1 designates a belt of leather or other suitable material, the ends of which may be arranged to be fastened together by a buckle. In this belt are cut vertical slits 2 2 of any desirable length. Through these slits is passed a leather or other suitable band 3 by running it inward and outward through them in alternation, so as to form loops 4 at the front for the reception of the cartridges. The ends 5 of the band

3, that project beyond the ends of the belt, are turned to the inside and may be secured by passing them through alternate slits 2 at intervals, as shown in Figs. 2 and 4. The band should fit tight enough in the slits to prevent the loops 4 from being distorted in ordinary use. In this manner loops may be formed to receive cartridges of any desired size, and the ends of the band being secured the loops will remain of proper size to receive and hold firmly cartridges of the selected size. Should any looseness occur in use, the slack can readily be taken up by pulling the ends of the band and again securing them. To adapt the loops to receive cartridges of a different size requires only the loosening or tightening of the band 3 and the securing of its ends.

A serviceable and cheaply-constructed cartridge-belt is thus made that can be readily adapted to carry cartridges of different or varying sizes.

What I claim is—

A cartridge-belt formed of two leather straps 1 3, the strap 3 passing through cross-slots 2 of strap 1 and having its ends 5 adjustably secured on the inside of the belt, thus making cartridge-loops 4 adjustable to any one size or to several sizes of cartridge, as set forth.

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