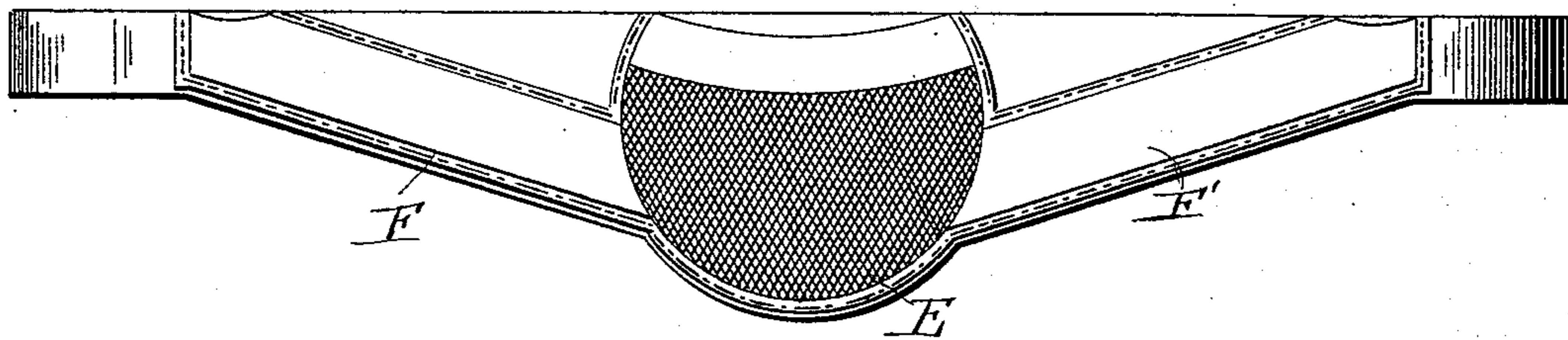
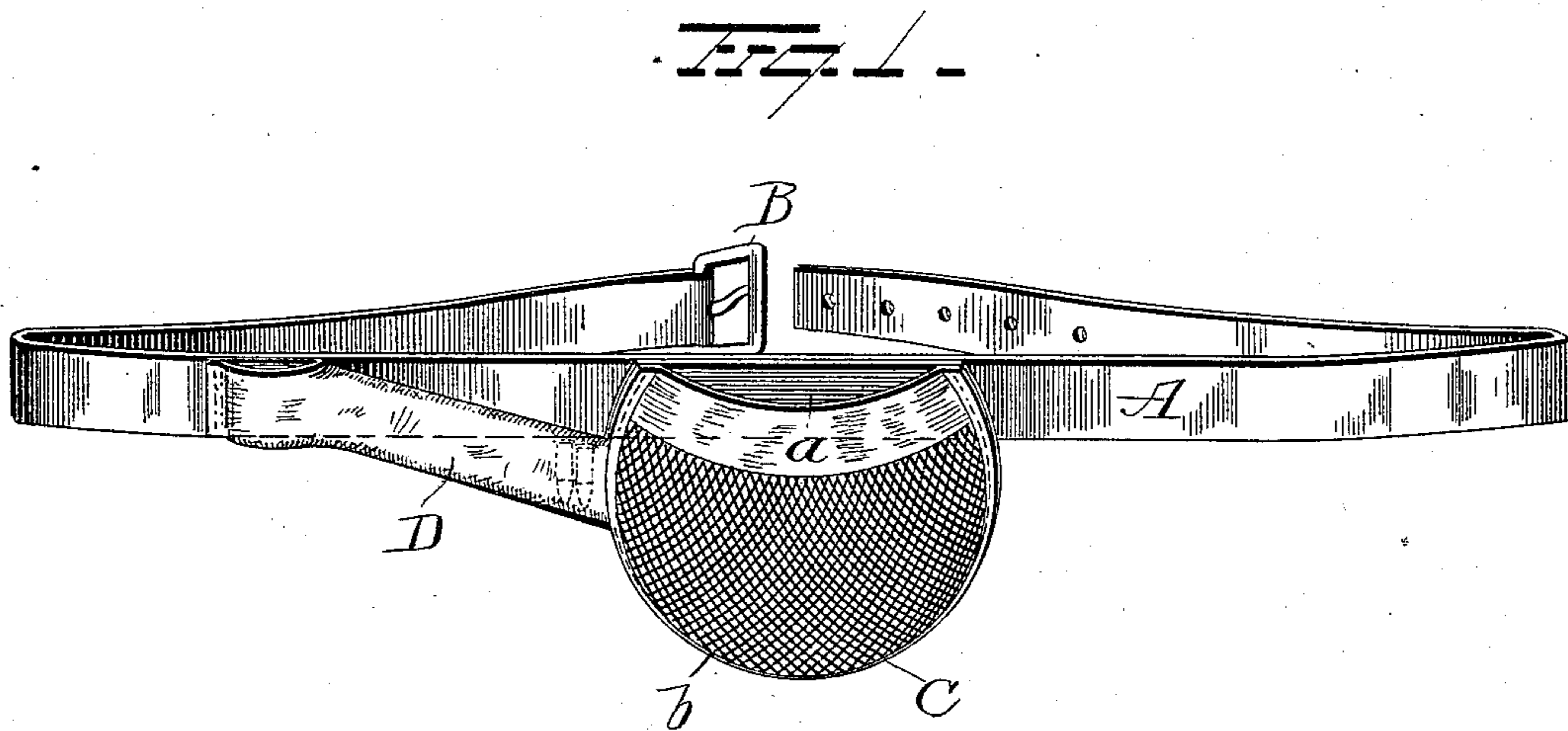


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*Fig. 2*

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN B. WILLIAMSON, of Louisville, in the county of Jefferson and State of Kentucky, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cartridge-Belts; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to an improvement in cartridge belts the object being to construct and arrange the several parts so that the withdrawal of cartridges can be easily and quickly accomplished.

My invention consists of a belt having a pocket depending therefrom and a passageway or passageways secured to said belt and in communication with said pocket.

My invention further consists in certain novel features of construction and combinations of parts as will be hereinafter described and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view of my improvement, and Fig. 2 is a similar view of a modified form.

A represents a belt constructed of any suitable material and B the buckle by means of which the belt is fastened about the body of a person in the ordinary manner. The means of fastening may be varied at pleasure, as any of the well known devices in common use may be employed.

Secured to belt A and depending therefrom is a pocket or cartridge receptacle C, which latter is preferably constructed in two parts *a*, *b*, the former being composed of cloth, canvas or equivalent material, while the latter is formed from any suitable net work. The part *a* constitutes the mouth of the pocket or receptacle and is sewed or otherwise fastened to belt A, while part *b* constitutes the body or receiving portion of said pocket and is sewed to and depends from the bottom ends of belt A and part *a*.

D is a passageway or feeder, one end of which is connected to belt A, while the opposite or lower end thereof is secured to and in open communication with pocket or receptacle C. The entrance to passageway or feeder D is parallel with the upper edge of belt A, and is of sufficient dimensions to per-

mit of the introduction of the hand or a portion thereof.

In the form shown in Fig. 2, the pocket or receptacle E, is provided with two passageways or feeders F, F'.

Passageway D is constructed totally independent of belt A, the front face of the latter only acting as a place of attachment, while passageways F, F', are dependent on belt A' for their rear sides. Pockets C, E, may if desired be made entirely separate and independent of the belt and then sewed or otherwise secured thereon.

In belts now in common use considerable time is lost on occasions where rapid firing is necessary, by reason of the fact that each cartridge is supported independent of the other, and in such manner as to prevent their accidental displacement when the wearer is in a stooping position, and in consequence are not so easily and quickly extracted as would be the case were a device employed as herein described. When my device is ready for use, the pocket or receptacle as well as the passageway or passageways are filled with cartridges, which can be removed from the mouth of said pocket with great rapidity and when the cartridges contained in said pocket get below the level of the opening leading into the passageway or passageways, the cartridges contained in said passageway or passageways, will then fall by gravity into said pocket.

Owing to the elasticity of part *b* of pocket C, the escape of cartridges will be absolutely prevented, no matter what position the wearer might assume, as such elastic part will cause the pocket to close sufficiently to prevent escape.

It is evident that changes in the construction and relative arrangement of the several parts might be made without departing from my invention and hence I would have it understood that I do not restrict myself to the particular construction and arrangement of parts shown and described, but,

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A receptacle for cartridges, consisting of a belt or equivalent means adapted to be supported or fastened to a person, a pocket depending from said belt or equivalent device,

said pocket provided with an outside opening capable of receiving the operator's hand and a passageway or feeder having communication with said pocket.

5 2. A receptacle for cartridges, consisting of a belt provided with means for its attachment, a pocket depending from said belt said pocket provided with an outside opening capable of receiving the operator's hand and a passage-  
10 way, one end of which is secured to said belt, while its opposite end is in open communication with said pocket, substantially as set forth.

3. A receptacle for cartridges, consisting of  
15 a belt provided with means for its attachment about the body of a person, a pocket depending from said belt, the top of said pocket being constructed of non-elastic or yielding material, while the bottom thereof is constructed  
20 of yielding material, and a passageway, one end of which is secured to and in open com-

munication with said pocket, while the opposite end thereof is secured to said belt, the opening at this end being approximately parallel to the top edge of said belt, substantially  
25 as set forth.

4. A receptacle for cartridges, consisting of a belt provided with means for its attachment about the body of a person, a pocket depending from said belt, said pocket having an out-  
30 side opening capable of receiving the operator's hand and a passageway located on each side of said pocket and in open communication therewith, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed this  
35 specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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