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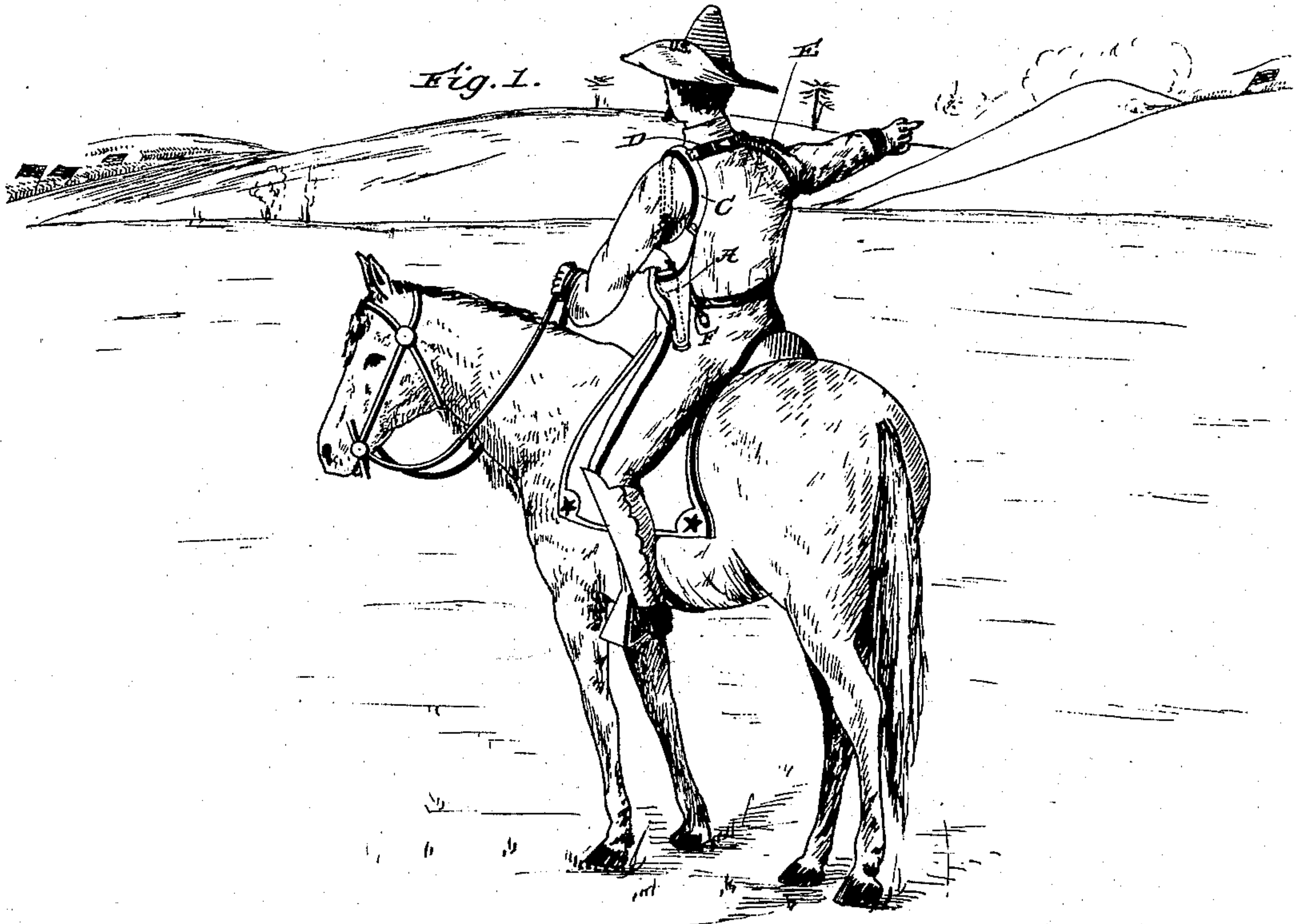


Fig. 2.

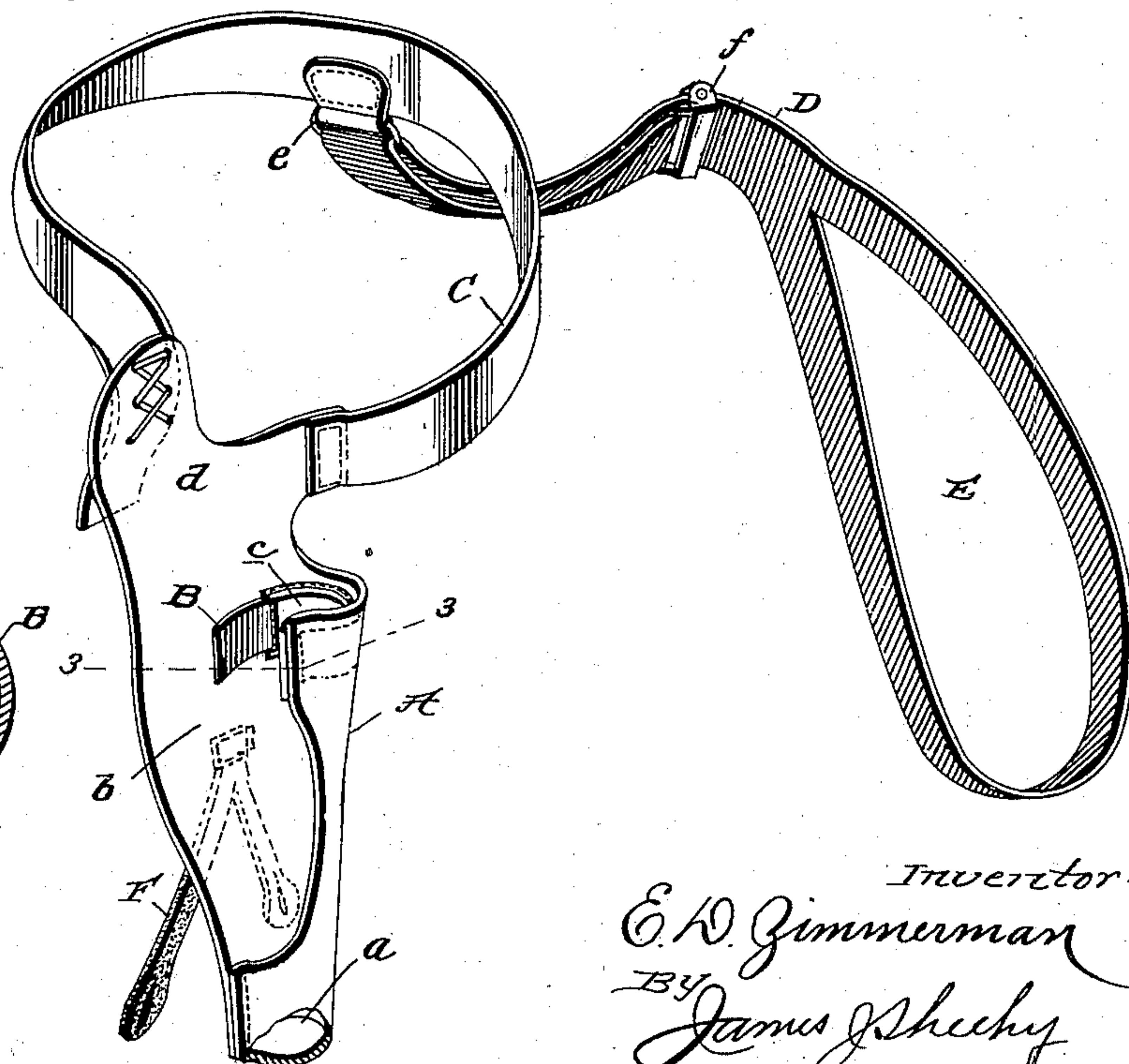
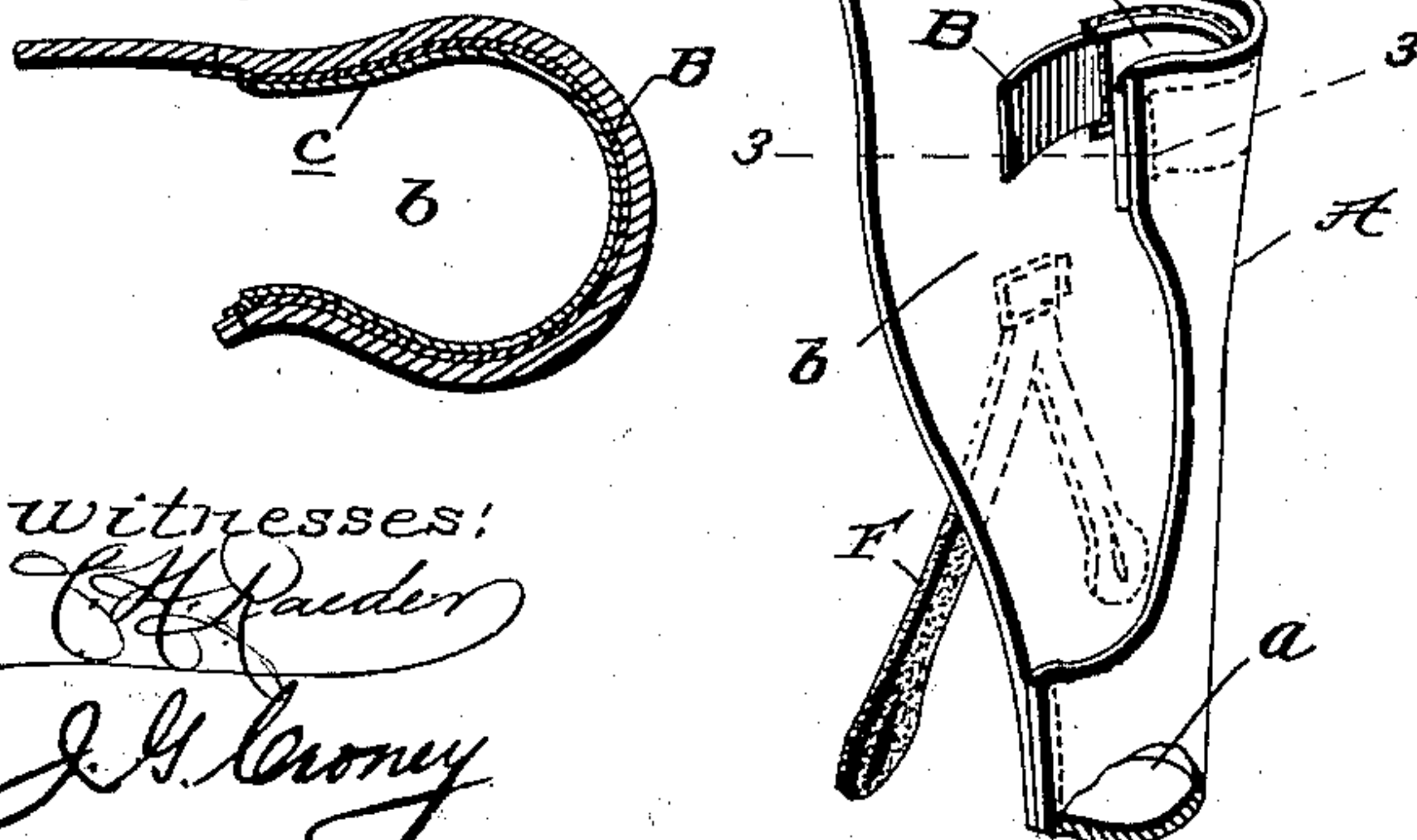


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELMER D. ZIMMERMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Alzada, in the county of Custer and State of Montana, have invented new and useful Improvements in Pistol-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to pistol-holders, and contemplates the provision of a holder which is so constructed as to securely hold a pistol against casual displacement and yet permit of the same being quickly and easily drawn without liability of it hanging in the holder or catching upon any part of the apparel of the person wearing the holder.

The invention also contemplates the provision of a simple harness, through the medium of which the holder may be quickly and easily secured upon a person in such a position as to permit of a quick removal of a pistol from the holder.

With the foregoing ends in view the invention will be fully understood from the following description and claims when taken in conjunction with the annexed drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view illustrating a horseman equipped with my improved holder and harness. Fig. 2 is an enlarged perspective view of the holder and its harness. Fig. 3 is a detail transverse section taken in the plane indicated by the line 3 3 of Fig. 2.

In the said drawings similar letters designate corresponding parts in all of the several views, referring to which—

A designates my improved pistol-holder, which is preferably of leather and of the general shape common to pistol-holders. This holder A has a shallow pocket *a* at its lower end to seat the muzzle of a pistol, and is open at one side from the pocket *a* to its upper end, as designated by *b*. In consequence of this the upper portion of the holder is of U shape in cross-section, as best illustrated in Fig. 3, and the pistol may be drawn out of the holder in a lateral direction, as will be more fully hereinafter described.

B designates a U-shaped spring, preferably a strip of resilient metal, which is arranged within and connected to the upper U-shaped portion of the holder, the connection being preferably effected by a strip of leather *c*,

which serves the additional function of a cover for the spring to prevent the same from scratching the pistol. The said spring B has for its purpose to clamp the revolving cylinder of a pistol when the same is placed in the holder, so as to effectually prevent casual displacement of the pistol and yet permit of the same being readily withdrawn in a lateral direction when desired. When the holder is designed for pistols other than revolvers, the spring B, which may be diminished in size, if desired, clamps the portion of the barrel adjacent to the handle and serves the purpose stated.

It will be appreciated that by reason of the construction of my improved holder a pistol may be quickly and easily placed in the holder by inserting its muzzle in the pocket *a* and then moving its upper portion sidewise into the holder and the spring-clamp, when it will be securely held against casual displacement. Such insertion of the pistol into the holder can obviously be effected without liability of the pistol catching on any part of the apparel of the person using the holder. It will also be appreciated that a pistol may be very quickly and easily removed in a sidewise or lateral direction from the holder, and when so removed there is nothing for it to hang on and no liability of it catching on any part of the apparel of the person wearing the holder.

For the purpose of securing the holder on the body of a person I prefer to employ the improved harness illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2. This harness comprises a shoulder-strap C, the ends of which are permanently connected to the upwardly-extended side *d* of the holder, a back-strap D, which terminates in a shoulder-loop E, and tabs F, which are connected to the holder and are designed to engage buttons on the trousers of the wearer. The shoulder-strap D is preferably of elastic material, so as to render the harness more comfortable, and is connected with the shoulder-strap C in an adjustable manner—that is to say, one of its ends is passed through a loop *e* on the strap C and is adjustably secured by a buckle *f* after the manner shown in Fig. 2, so as to permit of the harness being suited to persons of various sizes.

In securing the holder A upon a person through the medium of the harness described

the left arm of such person is passed through the strap C and the tabs F are buttoned on the trousers of such person, after which the strap D is carried across the back, and the
5 right arm of the person is passed through the loop E. With this done it will be seen that the holder is secured below the left arm of the person in such a position as to enable such person to very quickly and easily draw
10 the pistol with his right hand.

It will be appreciated from the foregoing that through the medium of the harness described the pistol-holder may be quickly and easily secured upon a person and as easily
15 removed when desired and also that there is no liability of the pistol-holder being shifted or casually disconnected.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

20 1. The herein-described pistol-holder having the opening *b* in one side for the lateral introduction and removal of a pistol and also having the U-shaped spring connected to it; the said spring being disposed at right angles
25 to the length of the holder with its mouth contiguous to the opening *b* thereof whereby

it is enabled to grasp and hold a pistol and permit of the same being drawn laterally from the holder, substantially as specified.

2. The herein-described pistol-holder hav- 30 ing the shallow pocket *a* at its lower end and the opening *b* in one side extending from the pocket to its upper end and also having the cover *c* connected to its inner side and the U-shaped spring arranged in said cover; the 35 said spring being disposed at right angles to the length of the holder with its mouth contiguous to the opening *b* thereof, substantially as specified.

3. The combination of a pistol-holder, tabs 40 connected thereto, a shoulder-strap also connected to the holder, and an elastic back-strap adjustably connected to the shoulder-strap and terminating in a shoulder-loop, substantially as specified. 45

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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