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Fig. 1.

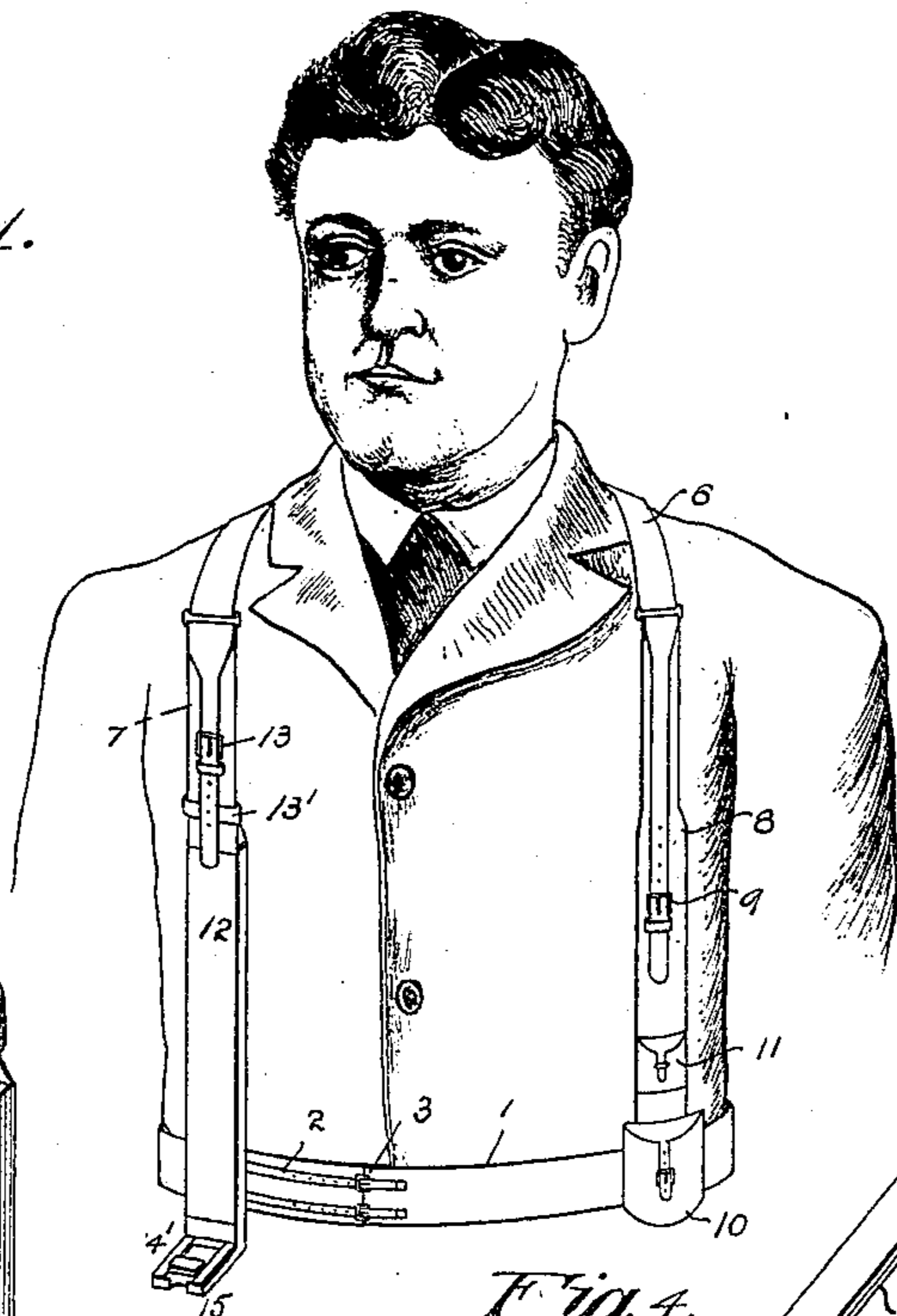


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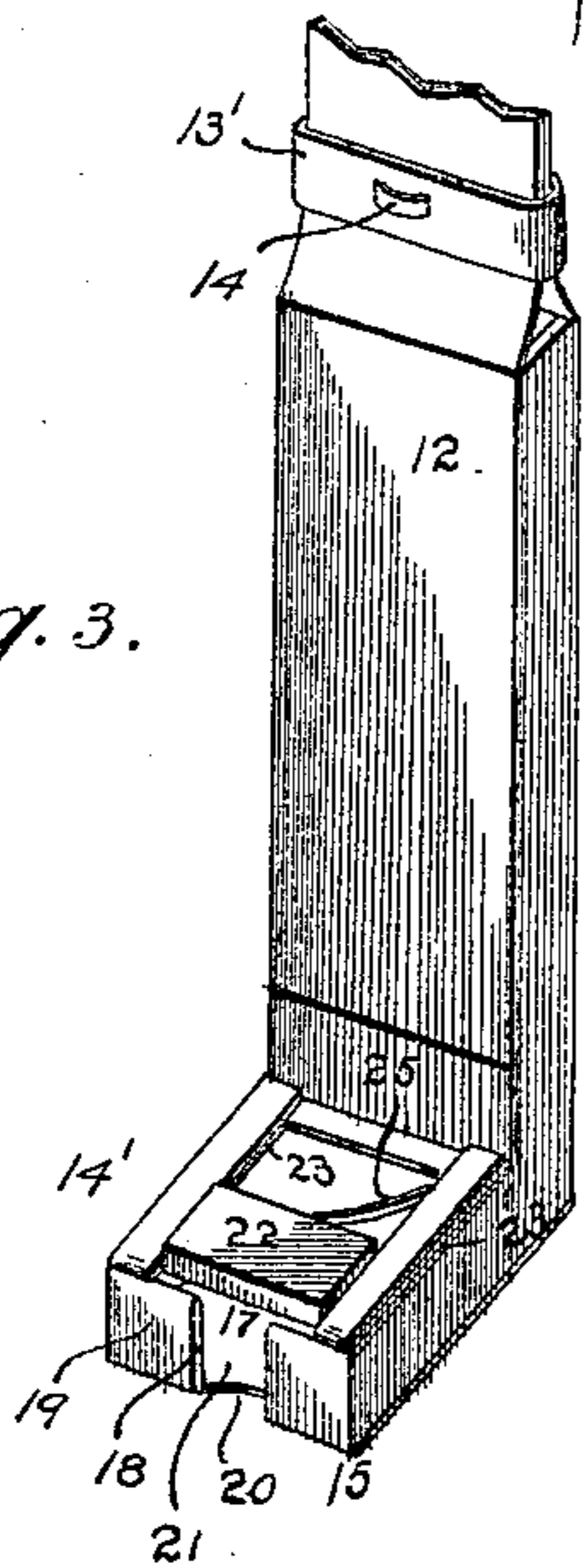


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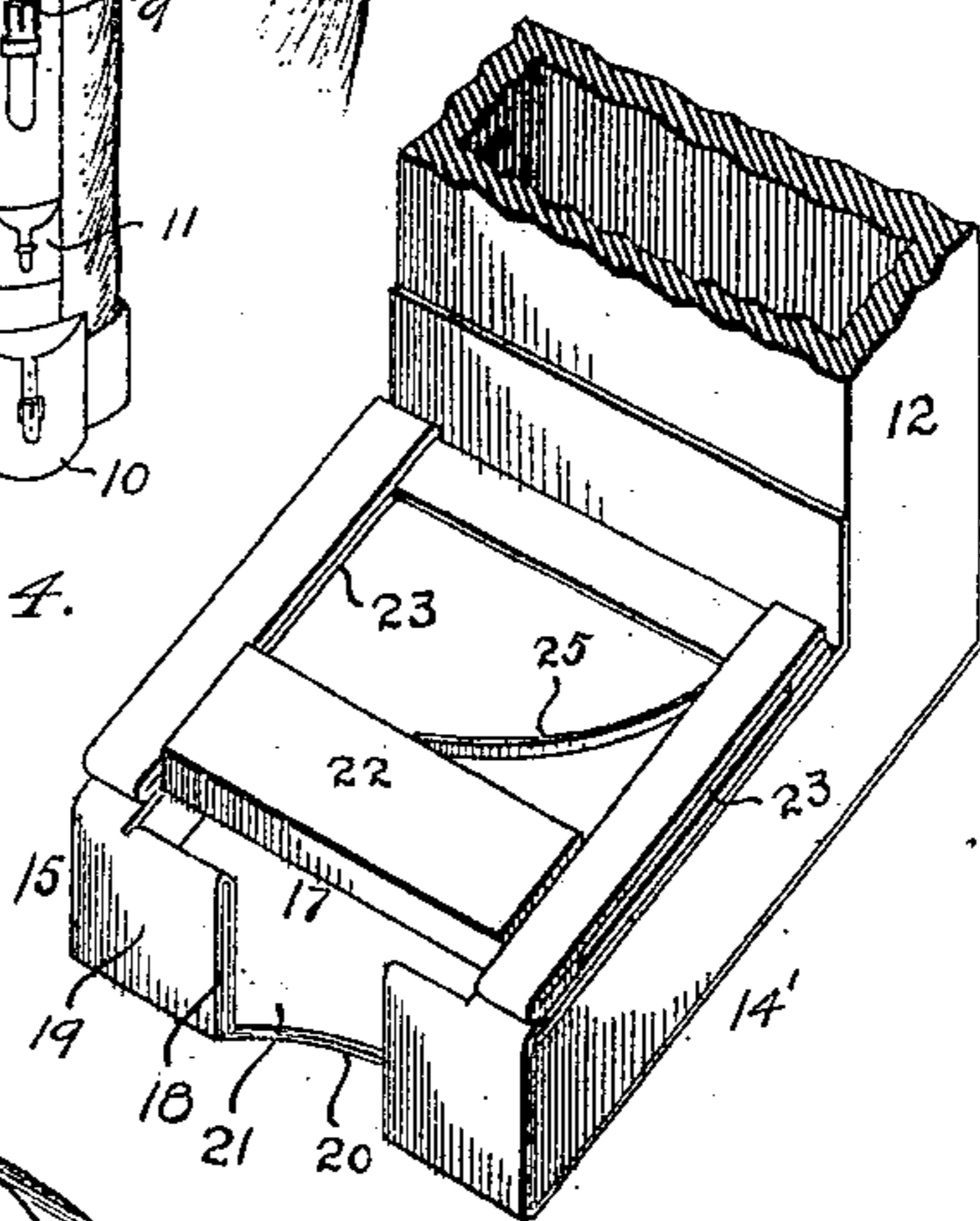
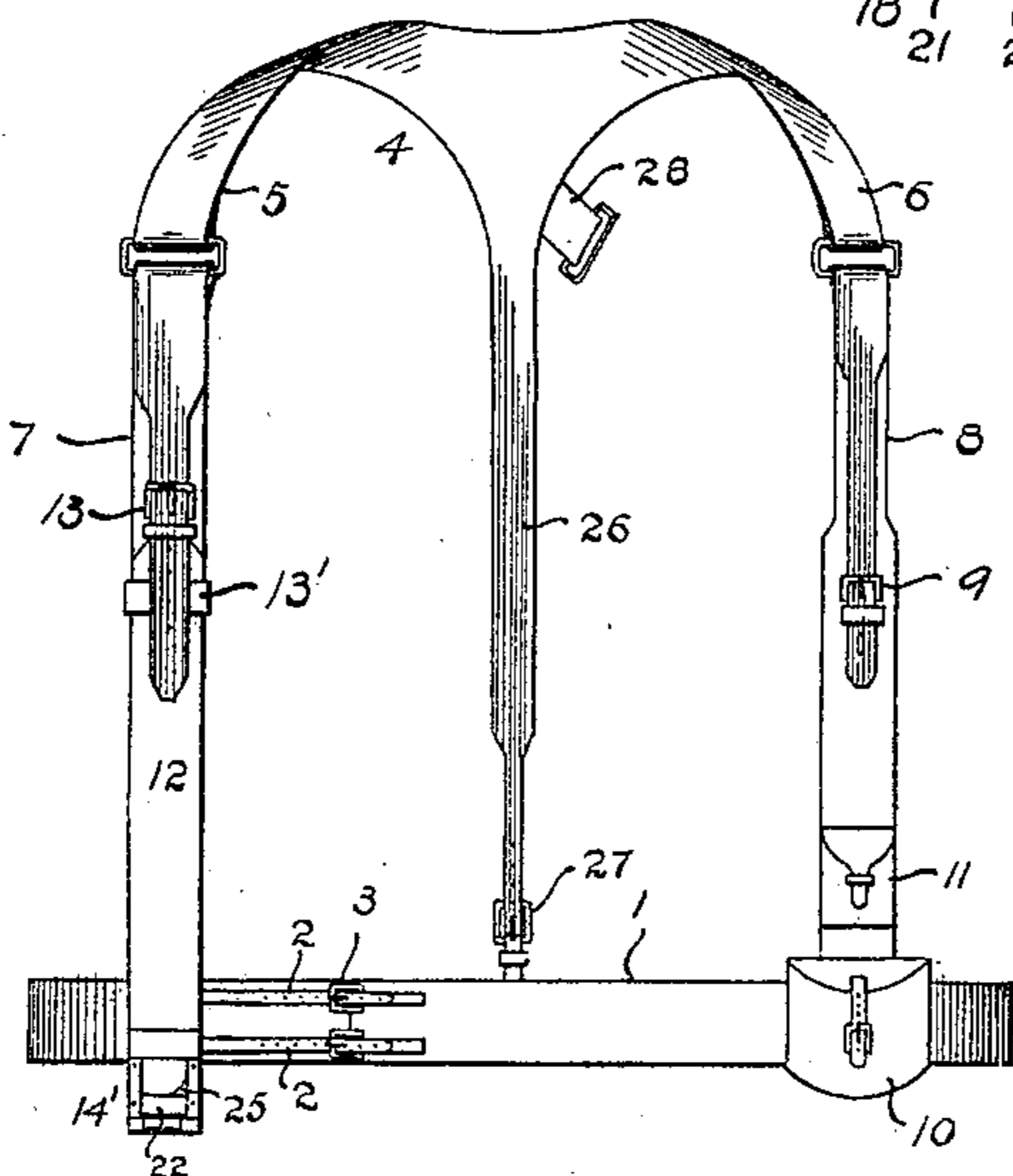


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS EDGAR JACKSON, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Brierfield, in the county of Bibb and State of Alabama, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cartridge-Carriers; 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.

This invention relates to an improved cartridge-belt, the object of which is to provide a simple device of this character which may be worn with comfort and provided with a magazine from which the cartridges may be extracted as required with convenience and expedition.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a general view illustrating the application of my device. Fig. 2 is a view on an enlarged scale of my device detached. Fig. 3 is a detail view of the magazine, and Fig. 4 is a similar view of the lower or discharge end of the magazine.

Referring to the numerals on the drawings, 1 indicates a belt of any suitable or ordinary construction provided with suitable adjustable securing means—as, for instance, a pair of small perforated straps 2, designed to be engaged by a pair of buckles 3, carried at the opposite extremity of the belt.

4 indicates a yoke designed in practice to extend between the shoulders of the wearer, and to the front ends 5 and 6 of which are secured a pair of front suspension-straps 7 and 8, adjustable in length, as by buckles 9, and secured at their opposite ends to the belt 1, adjacent to its extremities.

10 indicates a small leather pouch or bag designed for the reception of loose cartridges, and 11 indicates a pocket formed upon the strap 8, immediately above the pouch 10, and designed particularly for carrying a swab or other appurtenance of the firearm.

12 indicates a magazine consisting of an elongated chamber or pocket secured upon the strap 7 and extending from the bottom of the belt to any desired height, and the front wall of which is formed from a suitable leather strip extending upward alongside of the strap 7 and provided at its upper end with a

buckle 13, designed to receive the extremity of the strap 7, whereby said buckle performs a double function of means for adjustably securing said strap and for closing the upper end of the magazine, which latter may be additionally secured by the provision of a sliding loop 13', which when moved downward draws the strap 7 and the said strip together, and when in its lowermost position may be secured, as by a thong 14, passing through the loop and the strap 7, as illustrated.

14' indicates the discharge end of the magazine, which is preferably disposed at an angle with respect to the magazine proper and is formed by a metallic casing 15, provided with a cartridge-opening 17 in its front wall adjacent to its lower end and with a finger-opening 18 through its end wall 19 and correlative with a finger-recess 20, formed in the bottom of said casing.

22 indicates a slide movable in ways 23, located along the opposite sides of the casing and designed to control the cartridge for the purpose of preventing or permitting the removal of a cartridge, as desired.

It will be observed that the cartridge may be introduced on the upper end of the magazine by raising the loop and buckle securing the parts, or that they may be introduced one at a time and in reverse order through the cartridge-opening in the discharge-casing, the latter method of introduction being, perhaps, the preferable one. It is obvious, likewise, that any suitable means for ejecting the cartridges may be provided—as, for instance, a spring-plunger—but I prefer to employ a metallic weight designed to be located above the cartridge contained in the magazine and tending by its weight to force them successively to the lower extremity of the discharge-casing and immediately under the cartridge-opening.

It will be observed that when it is desired to extract a cartridge it is simply necessary to retract the slide and by inserting the finger through the finger-aperture and recess described to lift the cartridge from the magazine. The next succeeding cartridge will then gravitate to the position previously occupied by the one removed, and the operation may be continued until the magazine is emptied.

25 indicates a spring designed to retain the

slide in a closed position, although under ordinary circumstances the slide would gravitate normally to this position by its own weight.

5 26 indicates a back-strap depending from the lower edge of the yoke at or about its center and adjustably secured to the center of the belt, as by a buckle 27. 28 indicates a tab likewise secured to the back of the yoke
10 and designed to constitute a securing means for a cleaning-casing, (not illustrated,) which may be carried by the device when desired.

By the construction illustrated and described it will be seen that I have produced
15 a cartridge-belt which may be carried upon the person with comfort and carrying a large number of cartridges, which may be readily removed as desired without danger.

While the present embodiment of my invention appears at this time to be preferable,
20 I do not desire to limit myself to the structural details set out, but reserve the right to change, modify, or vary them at will within the scope of my invention.

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

1. The combination with a magazine provided with a downwardly-inclined discharge
30 end, of a slide covering the discharge-opening therein, and a spring cooperating with the slide to hold the latter in position to normally close the discharge-opening, substantially as specified.

2. The combination with a belt, yoke, and 35 suspension - straps, a magazine extending along one of said suspension-straps and connected thereto, a slanting discharge-casing at the lower end of said magazine having a discharge-opening in its upper side, and a spring- 40 pressed slide normally covering the discharge-opening, substantially as specified.

3. In a magazine of the character described, the combination with an elongated casing, of a discharge-casing extending obliquely from 45 one end thereof and having a transverse discharge-opening in its upper side, a slide designed to cover said opening, and a finger-aperture in the lower side of the casing opposite the slide, substantially as specified. 50

4. The combination with a suspension-strap designed to be supported upon the body of the wearer, of a vertical elongated magazine for cartridges, having a flexible strip extending upward from the upper end thereof and adjustably secured to the suspension-strap, and 55 also extending lengthwise thereof, a sliding loop surrounding said strap and strip, and securing means for holding said sliding loop, for closing the upper end of the magazine, 60 substantially as described.

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

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