

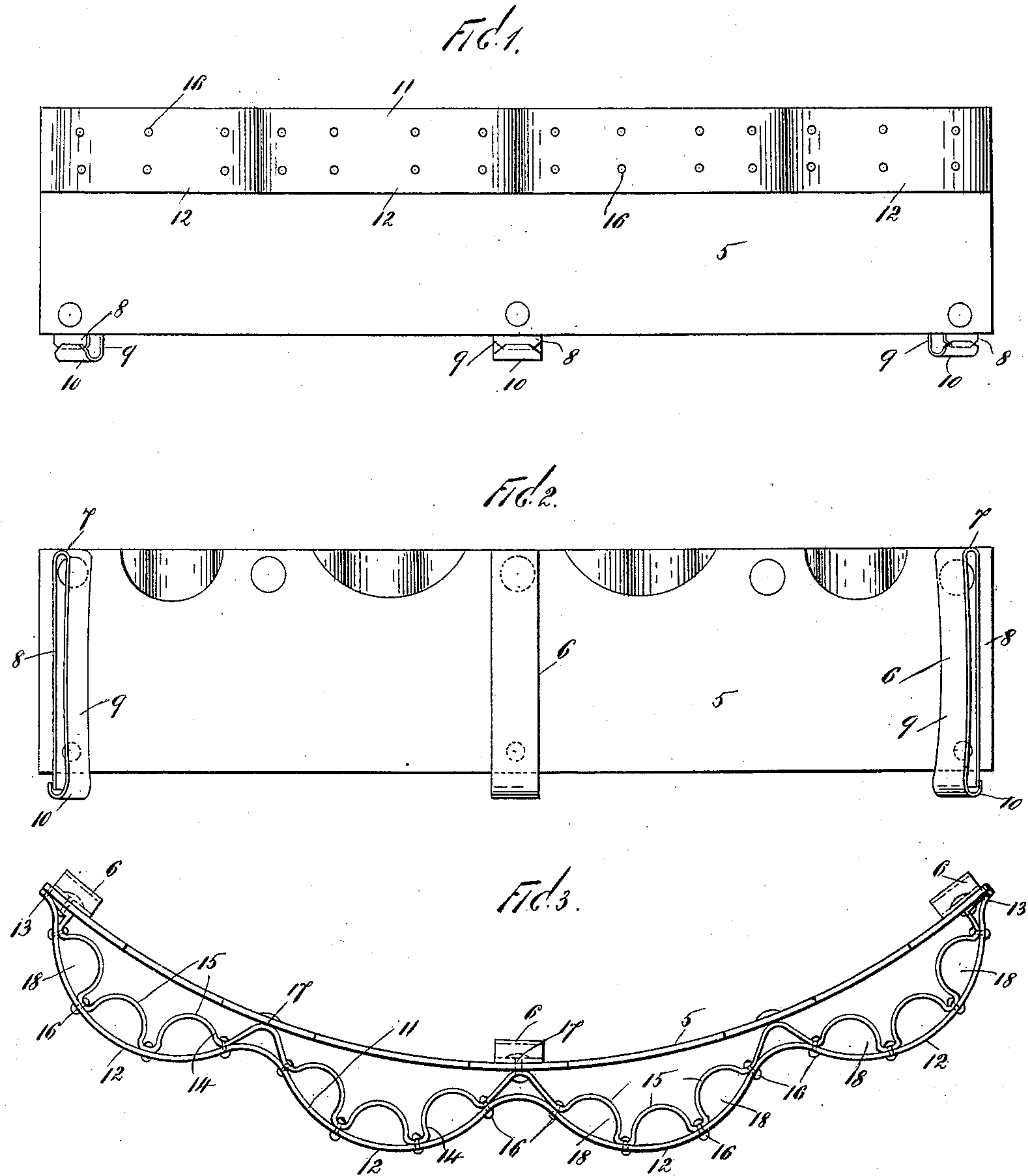
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RUSSELL CREAMER LANGDON, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, (Brooklyn,) in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cartridge-Holding Attachments for Belts, of which the following is a full and complete specification, such as will enable those skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to cartridge-holders; and the object thereof is to provide an improved device of this class which is adapted to be connected with a sword-belt, pistol-belt, or other belt worn by army officers, artillerymen, cavalrymen, and others.

The invention is fully disclosed in the following specification, of which the accompanying drawings form a part, in which—

Figure 1 is an outside view of my improved cartridge-holder; Fig. 2, an inside view, and Fig. 3 a plan view.

In the drawings forming part of this specification the separate parts of my improvement are designated by the same numerals of reference in each of the views, and in the practice of my invention I provide a strip 5 of stiff leather or other suitable material, sheet metal being employed, if desirable, and this strip is preferably segmental in form or curved to correspond with the waist-curve, around which the belt is passed. The strip 5 is provided with spring-clamps 6 for connecting it with the belt, three of which are preferably shown, and these clamps are composed of a strip of spring metal folded approximately at the middle, as shown at 7, and one side thereof is preferably shorter than the other, as shown at 8, and the shorter side is secured to the strip 5 in any desired manner, and the longer side 9 is curved inwardly at the middle thereof, and the lower end thereof is formed into a hook 10, which is adapted to engage with the end of the shorter side, as shown in Fig. 2, and in practice the belt is passed through said spring-clamps, or the lower end of the longer side 9 of the clamps may be detached from the lower end of the shorter side, and the belt may be passed upwardly thereinto, as will be readily understood.

The cartridge-holder proper consists of a supplemental strip 11 of stiff leather or any suitable material, which is secured to the main strip 5 of the device, so as to form a plurality of outwardly-projecting loops 12, said loops being circular in form, and said supplemental strip 11 is secured to the main strip 5, preferably at the ends thereof, as shown at 13, and said supplemental strip 11 is preferably much narrower than the main strip 5, and secured to the inner side thereof is an auxiliary strip 14, formed into semicircular loops 15, and the auxiliary strip 14 may be composed of stiff leather, sheet metal, or any desired material and is secured to the supplemental strip 11 between each of the said loops 15 by rivets 16, or instead of the rivets 16 the said auxiliary strip 14 may be secured to the supplemental strip 11 by stitching or in any desired manner.

The auxiliary strip 14, from which the loops 15 are formed, is secured to the main strip 5 at the points 17 between the loops 12 of the supplemental strip 11, and by means of this construction the loops 12 are held in proper position and the device is given sufficient strength and rigidity. The cartridges are inserted into the spaces 18, formed by the loops 15, and are held therein in the usual manner.

It will be apparent that a number of these devices may be connected with the belt and any suitable belt may be employed for that purpose, and it will also be apparent that by means of the peculiar formation of my improved cartridge-holder attachment more cartridges may be carried than with other devices of this class or cartridge-belts as usually constructed, this result being accomplished by reason of the loop-shaped arrangement of the spaces 18, into which the cartridges are inserted.

The main advantage of my attachment, next to the general advantage of a detachable cartridge-holder for belts, consists in the fact that cartridges can be loaded three at a time, this operation being made possible by the arrangement of the spaces 18, into which the cartridges are inserted, the arc on which these spaces 18 are arranged being of the same radius, or approximately so, as the circle on which the cartridge-chambers are arranged in the cylinder of the revolver ordinarily

used. This is what makes the attachment peculiarly adapted for the quick loading of revolvers. The arrangement of the spaces 18 in the way described would not be of particular advantage for other firearms, except for the fact that it provides means whereby more cartridges can be carried on a belt of given length.

Another advantage of my improvement consists in the fact that when the cartridge holder or holders are used in connection with a sword-belt they may be detached therefrom whenever desirable, and it will be apparent that changes in and modifications of the construction herein described may be made without departing from the spirit of my invention or sacrificing its advantages.

My improved cartridge-holder attachment may be composed of any desired material and is preferably colored black.

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

1. A cartridge-holding attachment for belts, comprising a main strip having spring-clamps secured to the inner side thereof, said main strip being provided with cartridge-holding devices which are secured to the outer side thereof, said cartridge-holding devices consisting of a supplemental strip formed into circular loops, and secured to the main strip, and an auxiliary strip secured to the inner side of the supplemental strip at regular intervals so as to form cartridge-receiving spaces, substantially as shown and described.

2. A cartridge-holding attachment consisting of a curved main strip 5, spring attaching devices 6 secured to the inner side thereof, and cartridge-holding devices consisting of a supplemental strip 11 secured to the outer side thereof and formed into loops, and an auxiliary strip 14 secured at regular intervals to the inner side of the supplemental strip so as to form cartridge-receiving spaces, substantially as shown and described.

3. A cartridge-holding attachment for belts, comprising a main curved strip, devices secured to the concave side thereof for connecting said main strip with a belt, said main

strip being also provided with cartridge-holding devices which are secured to the convex side thereof, said cartridge-holding devices being arranged in loops or in segments of a circle, substantially as shown and described.

4. A cartridge-holding device adapted to be detachably connected with a belt, said device being provided with cartridge-holders which are arranged in loops or segments of a circle, each of said loops or segments of a circle being provided with three of said holders, substantially as shown and described.

5. A cartridge-holding device, comprising a main strip which is curved or segmental in form, and which is provided with spring attachments secured to its concave side, whereby it may be connected with a belt, and said strip being provided with cartridge-holders which are secured to its convex side and arranged in the form of loops or segments, each of said loops or segments being provided with a plurality of cartridge-holders, substantially as shown and described.

6. A cartridge-holding device adapted to be detachably connected with a belt, said cartridge-holding device consisting of a main strip provided on one side with spring-clamps by which it may be connected with a belt, and on the opposite side with cartridge-holders, substantially as shown and described.

7. A cartridge-holding device adapted to be detachably connected with a belt, said cartridge-holding device consisting of a main strip provided on one side with spring-clamps by which it may be connected with a belt, and on the opposite side with cartridge-holders, said cartridge-holders being arranged in segmental loops, each of said loops being provided with a plurality of pockets into which the cartridges are adapted to be inserted, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of the subscribing witnesses, this 4th day of June, 1898.

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