

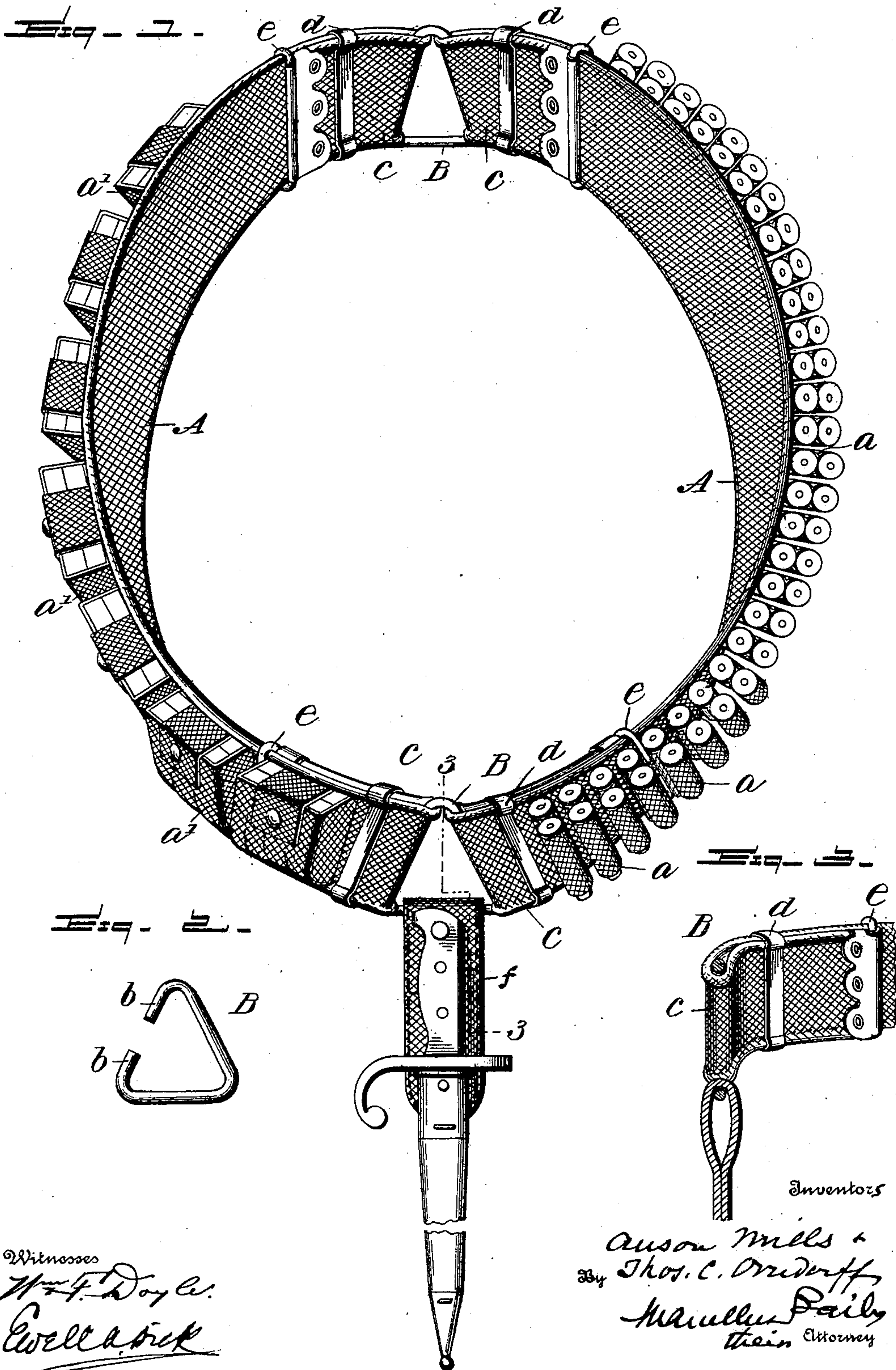
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, ANSON MILLS, of the United States Army, retired, a resident of Washington city, in the District of Columbia, and THOMAS CORWIN ORNDORFF, of the city and county of Worcester, in the State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Cartridge Belts or Bandoleers, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention relates to cartridge-belts or belts for carrying ammunition for small-arms, the same being usually made of a fabric having the thimbles or pockets for the reception of individual cartridges or of clips of cartridges woven in one with the body of the belt, and it has more particular relation to that kind of belt designed to be worn over one shoulder and diagonally across and around the body and usually known as "bandoleer."

The primary design of the invention is to provide a bandoleer which will fit the body; and it is our further object to do this in such a way as to furnish a means which may be availed of as a support for the carbine, bayonet, canteen, haversack, or other portion of the personal outfit of the wearer.

We will first describe in connection with the drawings accompanying and forming part of this specification the best way known to us of carrying our improvement into practical effect and will then point out in the claims those features which we believe to be new and of our invention.

In the said drawings, Figure 1 is a view of the bandoleer complete. Fig. 2 is a view of one of the triangular metallic loops by which the two parts or sections of the bandoleer are connected, and Fig. 3 is a section of a portion of the bandoleer on line 3 3, Fig. 1.

The bandoleer which is shown in the drawings consists of two sections or parts A, united by metallic loops B. The sections A are of woven fabric, having the cartridge-receptacles woven in one with the body of the belt. One section of the belt has individual cartridge thimbles or pockets *a*, arranged two deep, as described in Letters Patent No. 507,836, dated October 31, 1893, and the other section has larger pockets *a'* for the reception of clips of cartridges, as described in Letters Patent No.

666,687, dated January 29, 1901; but of course both sections may have pockets of the same kind if desired. The two sections are joined together by the metallic loops B, one of which is shown separately in Fig. 2. They are of triangular shape, one leg of the triangle being exposed and the other two legs entering and engaging loops *c* at the ends of the sections A. One of the two legs which thus enter and engage the loops *c* is not continuous, but is composed of two short lengths *b*, adapted to enter the loop *c*, which they engage from opposite sides of the loop, the object of this being to permit the two sections of the bandoleer to be readily connected and disconnected, as desired. The loop *c*, being of fabric, can be bent or crumpled up crosswise of the fabric in order to permit the prongs *b* to be inserted in or withdrawn from the loop.

The ends of each belt-section A are made into loops *c* by weaving the same plain or without pockets and then folding them back on themselves and holding them in this position by devices *d e*, substantially such as described in Letters Patent No. 525,790, of September 11, 1894. The part *d* is a metallic double hook which is attached to the end of the fabric belt-section A and is adapted to engage the body of the belt from opposite edges, with the hook ends extending between the pockets on the face of the fabric, as shown. The part *e* is a metallic sliding clasp which embraces the two plies of the folded end portion of the belt-section and which after the prongs *b* are inserted in the loop *c* is slid up as close as possible to the loop, so as to hold the prongs therein securely.

The lower triangular loop B can be used for holding any portion of the personal outfit of the soldier, for which purpose it is provided with a depending strip *f* of fabric, which is looped or otherwise fastened upon and around the exposed leg of the triangular loop B and extends the length of this leg, so that there shall be no shifting of the strip lengthwise of the leg. To this strip can be secured any portion of the personal outfit or accoutrements of the soldier. We have shown it in the drawings as used for holding the bayonet and bayonet-sabbard, (Remington.) The carbine or rifle itself can conveniently be

suspended from the lower loop B, (for which purpose the latter preferably should be made of steel,) thus utilizing the bandoleer, in effect, as a gun-sling. This strip can be attached to each one of the loops B, so that
5 whichever loop is lowermost can be utilized as a support.

What we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

10 1. A cartridge-bandoleer, composed of belt-sections provided with cartridge-receiving pockets, in combination with triangular-shaped loops detachably connected to said sections, substantially as hereinbefore set
15 forth.

2. A cartridge-bandoleer composed of belt-sections provided with cartridge-receiving pockets, and adjustable in length, and triangular-shaped loops detachably connecting
20 said sections, substantially as hereinbefore set forth.

3. A cartridge-bandoleer composed of belt-sections provided with cartridge-receiving pockets and plain ends folded back on themselves and provided with fastening devices,
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in combination with triangular-shaped connecting metal loops, each having one of its legs composed of two short lengths or prongs b, substantially as and for the purposes hereinbefore set forth. 30

4. A cartridge-bandoleer composed of belt-sections provided with cartridge-receiving pockets, triangular-shaped metallic loops detachably connecting said sections, and an attachment secured to the loop or loops to serve
35 as a support for a portion of the equipment or outfit of the wearer, substantially as hereinbefore set forth.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names to the foregoing specification in the presence of four subscribing witnesses. 40

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