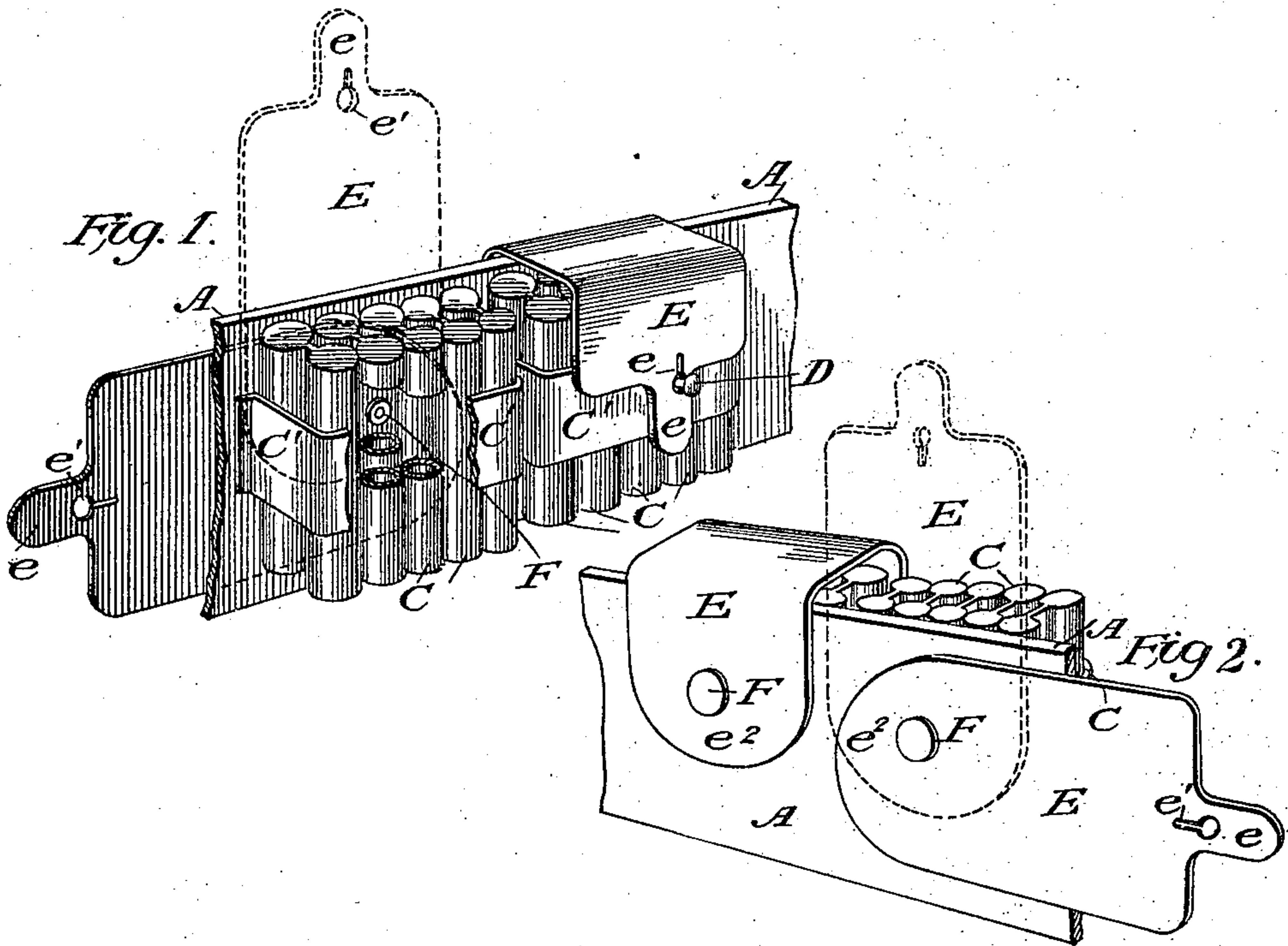


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD TINKHAM GIBSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fort Harrison, in the county of Lewis and Clark and State of Montana, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Cartridge-Carriers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in cartridge-carriers which are constructed to be worn upon some part of the person; and the object of my improvement is to provide flaps for covering the mouths of the receptacles for cartridges, which flaps when not in use may be placed and maintained in a position wherein they cannot act as obstacles to the rapid extraction of the contents of the receptacles.

I accomplish the object of my improvement by hinging the permanently-attached extremity of each flap to the back side of the cartridge-carrier, so that the flap when straightened may be turned sidewise on its hinge in the direction of its plane to lie between the back of the cartridge-carrier and the body of the person wearing it, as will be hereinafter fully explained.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front perspective view of an empty cartridge-carrier having receptacles for loose cartridges and provided with my improved flaps. The grouping-band and a portion of the cylindrical tubes which are grouped together by the said grouping-band are broken away to expose the head of the rivet on the shank of which the flap turns. Fig. 2 is a rear perspective view of the cartridge-carrier shown in Fig. 1.

A represents the body-piece of the cartridge-carrier, and upon its front side are fashioned receptacles for loose cartridges formed of an inner and an outer row of cylindrical tubes C, grouped together by grouping-bands C'. The flap E is permanently attached by one extremity e^2 to the back side of the body-piece A by a rivet F, situated in the said body-piece between two of the said cylindrical tubes in the inner row, as is shown in Fig. 1, and the shank of which rivet passes through a hole

punched in the said extremity e^2 and admits of the flap E being turned on the said shank sidewise in the direction of its plane from the position indicated in the figures by dotted outline of the flap, and in which position the direction of the length of the flap is at a right angle with the direction of the length of the mouth edge of the body-piece A of the cartridge-carrier, to the position indicated in the figures by full outline of the flap, and in which latter position the direction of the length of the flap is in the direction of the length of the mouth edge of the said body-piece A, and the said flap being situated between the back side of the said body-piece A and the body of the person who may happen to wear the cartridge-carrier. The free extremity e of the said flap E is provided with a buttonhole e' , by means of which the said free extremity of the flap may be detachably attached to a button D, situated on the grouping-band C'.

The grouping-band C', as will be seen by an inspection of the figures, is distinct from the cylindrical tubes C.

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

1. A cartridge-carrier comprising a body-piece having upon its front side receptacles for cartridges formed of cylindrical tubes, a flap permanently secured by one extremity to the back side of the said body-piece by a single rivet the shank of which passes through a hole in the said flap, the said flap admitting of being revolved sidewise on the said shank to lie behind the said body-piece when not in use, a fastening device in the free extremity of the said flap, and, to detachably engage with the said fastening device, a companion fastening device on a strip which is distinct from the said cylindrical tubes.

2. A cartridge-carrier comprising a body-piece having upon its front side an inner and an outer row of cylindrical tubes, a flap permanently secured by one extremity to the back side of the said body-piece by a single rivet situated in the said body-piece between two of the said cylindrical tubes in the inner

row and the shank of which rivet passes through a hole in the said flap, the said flap admitting of being revolved sidewise on the said shank of the rivet to lie behind the said
5 body-piece when not in use, a fastening device in the free extremity of the said flap, and, to detachably engage with the said fastening

device, a companion fastening device on the front of the cartridge-carrier.

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