

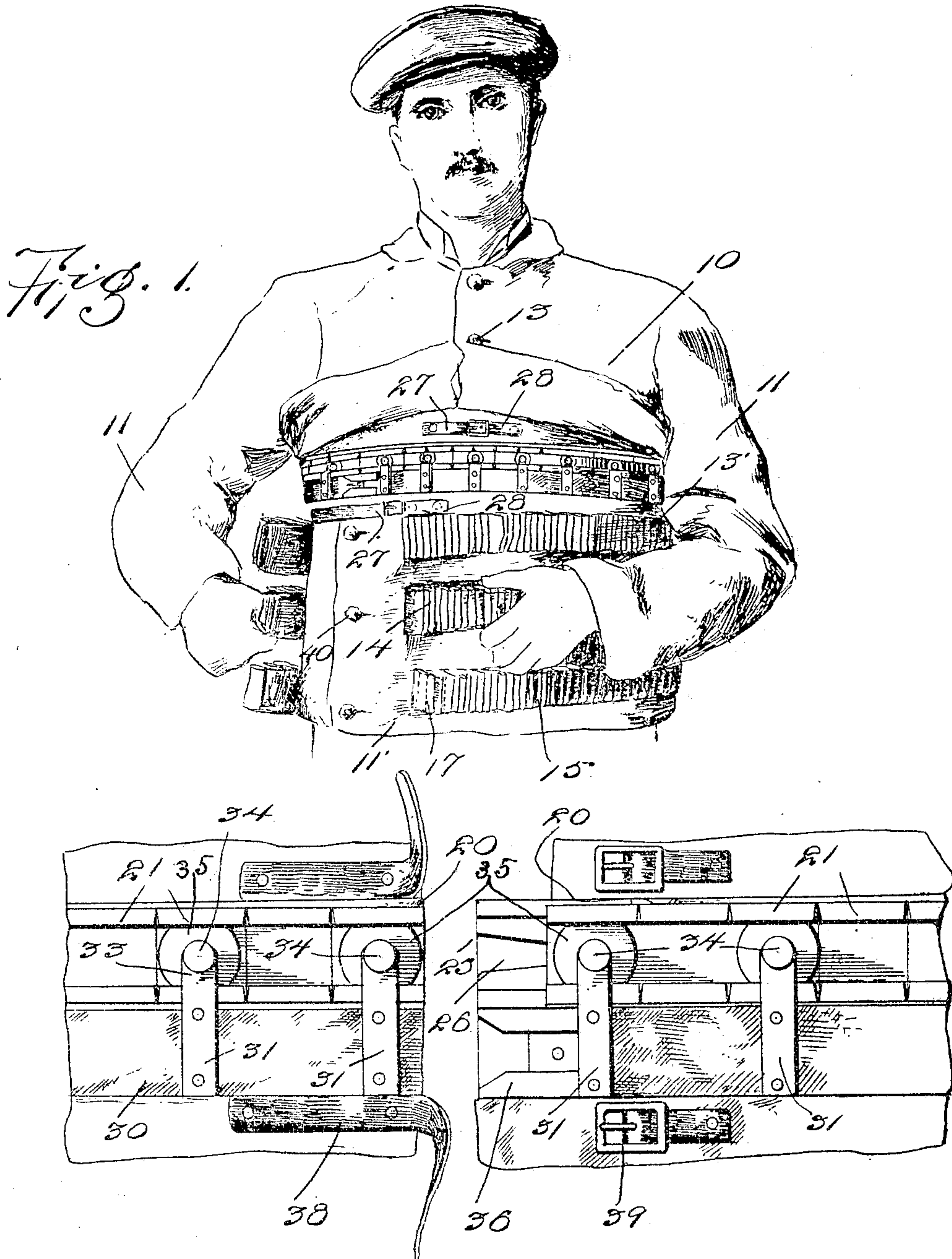
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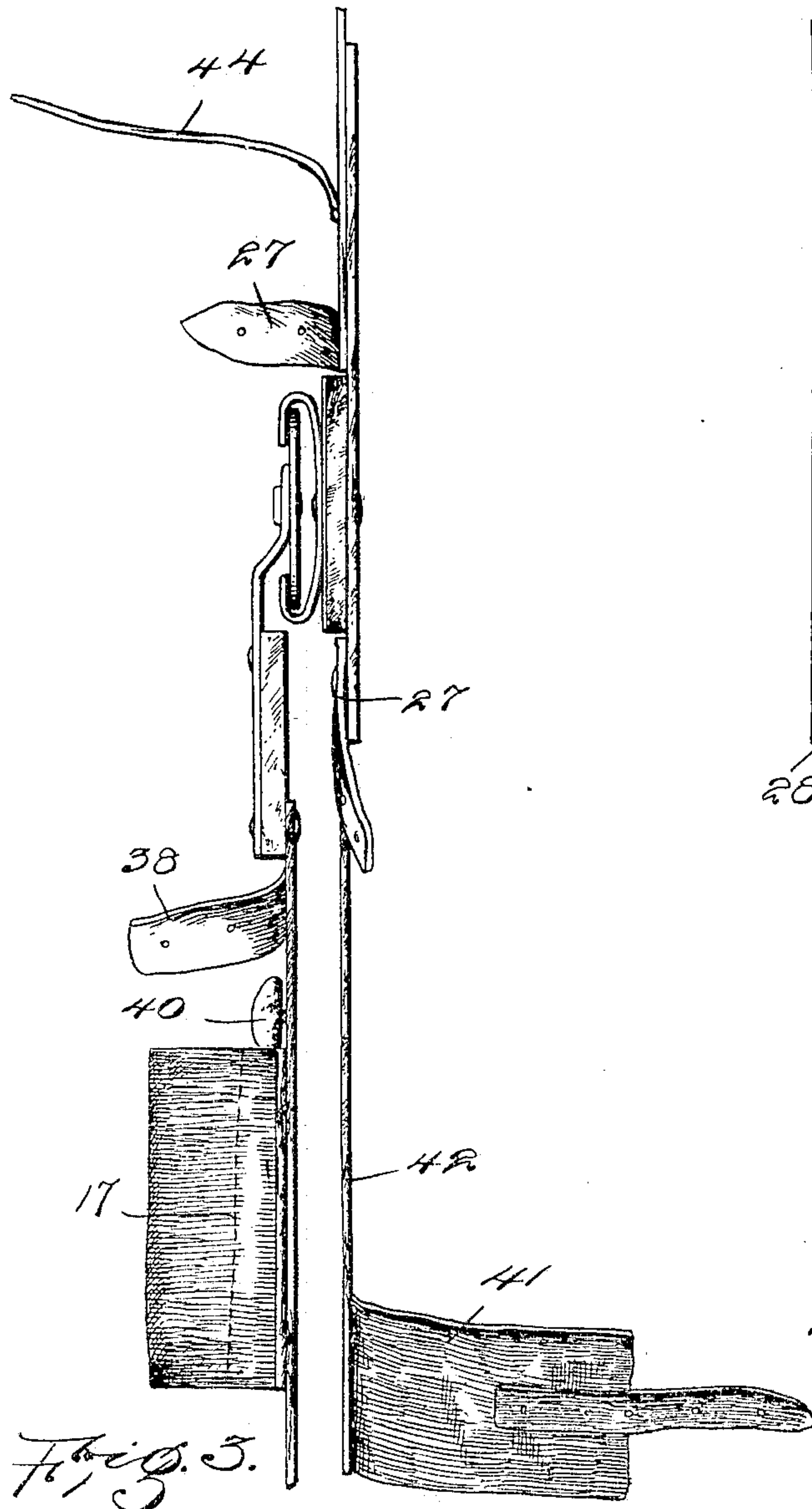


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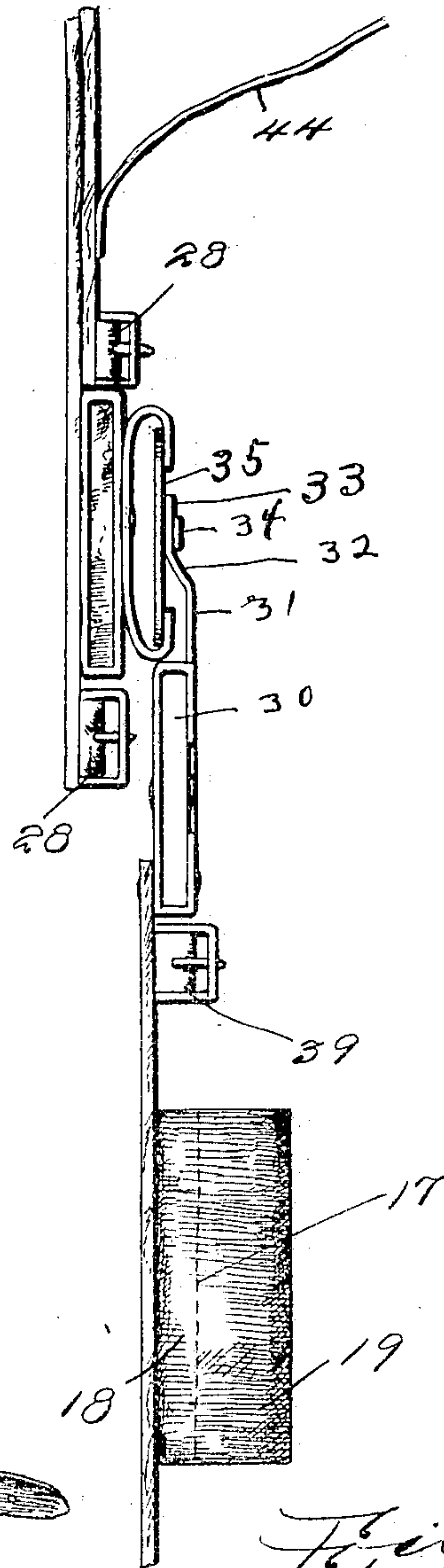


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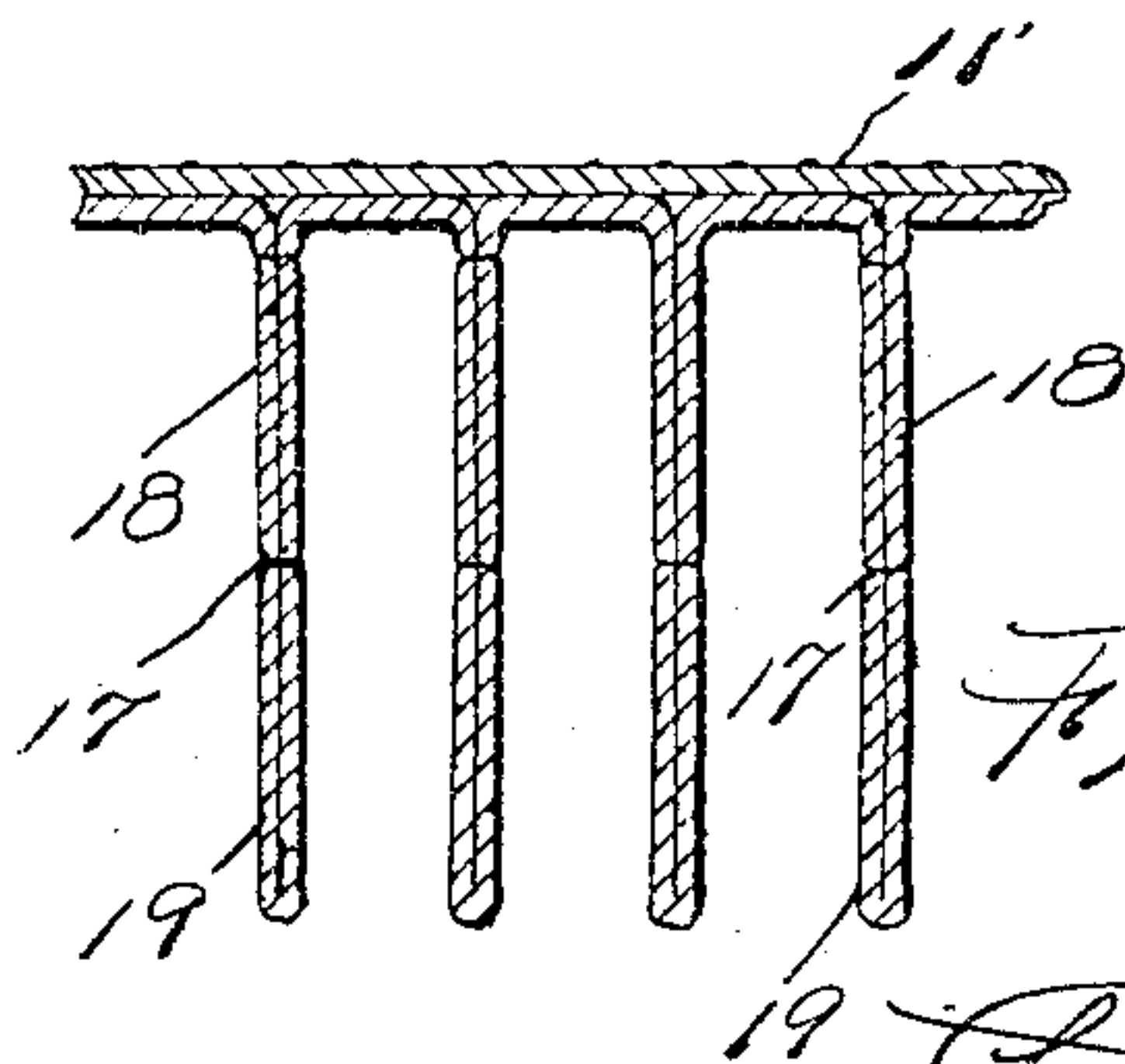


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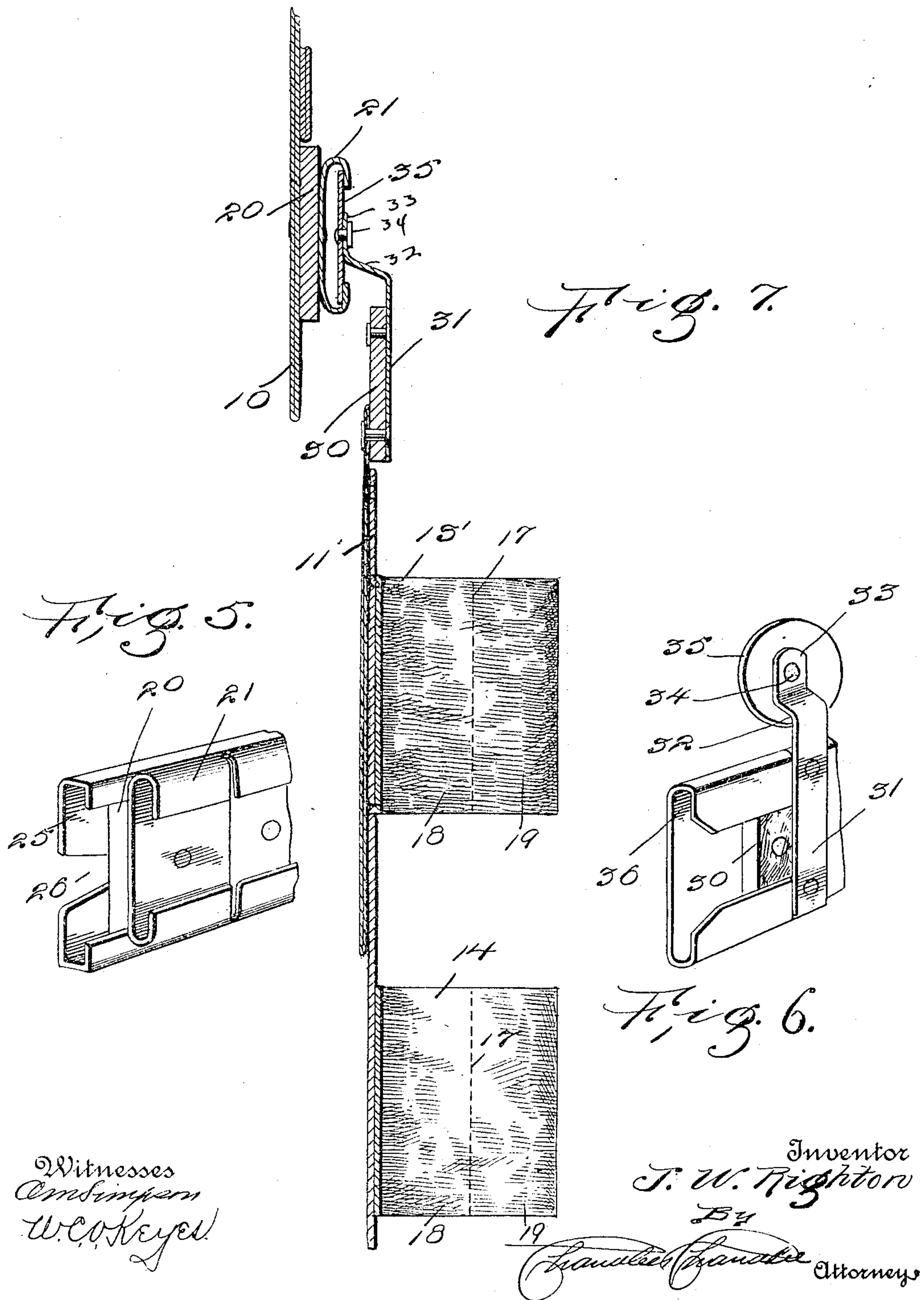
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## AMMUNITION-JACKET.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOSEPH W. RIGHTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lenoxdale, in the county of Berkshire, State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ammunition-Jackets; 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 ammunition-jackets; and it has for its object to provide a jacket which may be easily and quickly applied and removed and in which the carrying portion or skirt of the coat or jacket may be readily shifted, so as to bring to the front the filled portions of the belts.

A further object of the invention is to provide a jacket which will hold a maximum quantity of ammunition with convenience, other objects and advantages of the invention being understood from the following description.

In the drawings forming a portion of this specification, and in which like numerals of reference indicate similar parts in the several views, Figure 1 is an elevation showing the jacket in use. Fig. 2 is a detail elevation showing the ends of the track and of the hanger-strap disconnected. Fig. 3 is an end view of the track and the hanger-strap with the adjacent portions of the body and skirt of the jacket, the flap being raised and the securing-buckles being shown. Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 3, showing the opposite ends of the track and strap with the adjacent parts. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the end portion of the track at the left side of the jacket. Fig. 6 is a perspective view of one of the wheeled hangers and a portion of the strap attached thereto. Fig. 7 is a vertical section taken through a portion of the front of the jacket and including the track, a hanger, the hanger-strap, and portions of the body and skirt of the jacket, together with the looped belts carried by the skirt. Fig. 8 is a horizontal section through a portion of the skirt and one of the belts.

Referring now to the drawings, the present jacket comprises an upper or body portion 10, having the usual sleeves 11, and which body portion is of a length to reach only slightly below the arms of the wearer. In connection with the body 10 of the jacket there is employed a skirt 11', which is hung from the body in the manner hereinafter described and which forms, in connection with the body, a complete coat or jacket of the usual length. Both the body and skirt of the jacket are provided with buttons 13 for fastening them in closed position.

The skirt 11' of the jacket is provided with a vertical series of belts, which in the present instance are three in number and are illustrated at 13, 14, and 15, these belts being looped or folded each upon itself to form major loops, each of which is divided by a vertical line of stitching 17 to form separate loops 18 and 19, so that each belt holds a double line of ammunition when all of the loops are filled.

In the use of a jacket of this kind it is essential that some provision be made to permit of shifting the skirt around the body of the wearer, so that the emptied loops may be passed to the rear and new loops containing ammunition be brought up in place for use. For this purpose a track is secured at the lower edge of the body portion, and wheeled hangers are secured at the upper edge of the skirt and engage the track. The track consists of a strap 20, which is secured against the outer face of the body portion of the jacket, adjacent to the lower edge thereof, and extends entirely around the jacket. Against the outer face of the strap are riveted short plates 21, which are arranged sufficiently far apart to permit of bending the strap 20. The upper and lower edge portions of each of the plates are bent over and into spaced relation to the middle or body portion of the plate, so that the several plates form upper and lower guides for wheeled hangers hereinafter described. Secured to one end of the strap 20 is a plate 25, which is bent upon itself at its upper and lower edges and which receives also the opposite end of the strap 20, the riv-



ets with which the endmost plates of said opposite end portion of the strap are secured to the strap being received between the edges of the turned-over portions of the plate 25, 5 said rivets between said opposite end portion of the strap and the body portion of the jacket being received in the longitudinal slot 26 of the plate 25 when the ends of the strap are brought together to touch. By this means 10 the ends of the strap are held against lateral and vertical displacement and with the endmost plates 21 in contact. To hold the plates and the ends of the strap 20 from pulling apart, tab-straps 27 are secured to the front 15 of the body portion 10 of the jacket at one side and buckles 28 are secured to the jacket at the opposite side for engagement with the tab-straps.

At the upper edge of the skirt 11' of the 20 jacket is secured a strap 30, which may be called the "hanger-strap," for the reason that to it are connected the stems 31 of a series of hangers, each of these hangers comprising a metal plate, the lower or stem portion 31 of 25 which is secured by rivets against the front face of the strap 30, while the upper portions of said plates are bent inwardly over the upper edge of the strap 30, as shown at 32, and then upwardly, as shown at 33, the portions 33 30 having engaged therewith the shafts or pivots 34 of wheels 35, the upper and lower portions of which engage in the turned-over portions or guide-grooves of the plates 21. At one end of the strap 30 is a plate 36, which 35 extends over the rear face of the strap and the upper and lower edges thereof part way over the front face to form a boxing which projects from the end of the strap and in which is removably received the opposite end 40 of the strap to hold said end portion in alinement. Attached to the skirt of the jacket is a tab-strap 38, which engages a buckle 39 to hold the skirt with the ends of the strap 30 together. The skirt is also provided with 45 buttons 40 to hold the front of it closed.

A waist-belt 41 is connected with the body of the jacket by means of straps 42 and serve to hold the body of the jacket against dislodgment when the skirt is shifted rotatably, 50 so that the wheeled hangers are caused to traverse the track or supporting-plates. A flap 44 is secured against the outer face of the body of the jacket above the strap 20 and hangs down over the strap 30 to protect it.

55 With the present construction it will be seen that when the jacket is in place the skirt or carrying portion thereof may be shifted readily to bring the filled ammunition-carrying loops to the front, notwithstanding the 60 weight of the ammunition, and that, furthermore, the entire garment has such flexibility

as not to materially interfere with the movements of the person wearing it.

What is claimed is—

1. An ammunition-jacket comprising a body 65 portion, a strap secured continuously about the body portion, a series of plates secured to the outer face of the strap, each of said plates having its upper and lower edge portions bent over the intermediate portion and in 70 spaced relation thereto, means for holding the ends of the strap and the endmost plates in alinement, a skirt provided with means for holding ammunition, and wheeled hangers at the upper edge of the skirt disposed to move 75 between the body portions of the plates and their bent-over end portions.

2. An ammunition-jacket comprising a body portion and a skirt portion movably connected with the body portion for rotation around the 80 body of the wearer, and ammunition-containing means carried by the skirt, the body portion having a flap disposed to hang over the connected portions of the body and skirt.

3. An ammunition-jacket comprising a body 85 portion, a waist-belt, straps connecting the body portion with the waist-belt, and a skirt connected with the body portion and movable with respect thereto about the body of the wearer, said skirt having ammunition-con- 90 taining means.

4. An ammunition-jacket comprising a body portion, a track carried by the body portion and comprising a circumscribing series of plates having guides at their upper and lower 95 portions, means for holding said plates in close relation at the opening of the jacket, a skirt, wheeled hangers attached to the skirt and engaged with the guides of the track, and means carried by the skirt for holding 100 ammunition.

5. An ammunition-jacket comprising a body portion, a strap at the lower edge of the body portion, means for holding the ends of said strap in alinement, a series of plates secured 105 to the strap and having their upper and lower end portions bent upon themselves to form guides, means for holding the end of said strap in alinement, a skirt, a strap at the upper edge of the skirt, means for holding the 110 ends of the last-named strap together, a series of wheeled hangers attached to the second strap and engaged in the guides of the plates on the first strap, and looped belts secured to the outer face of the skirt and adapted 115 to contain ammunition.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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