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Fig. 3.

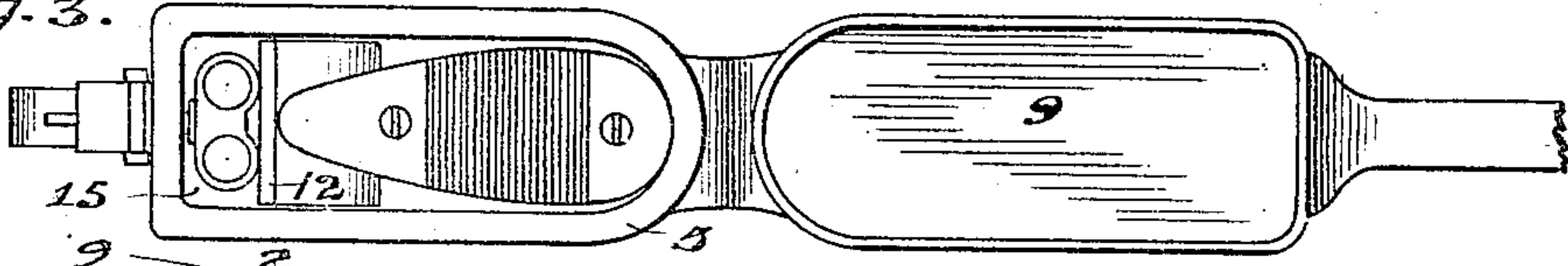


Fig. 1.

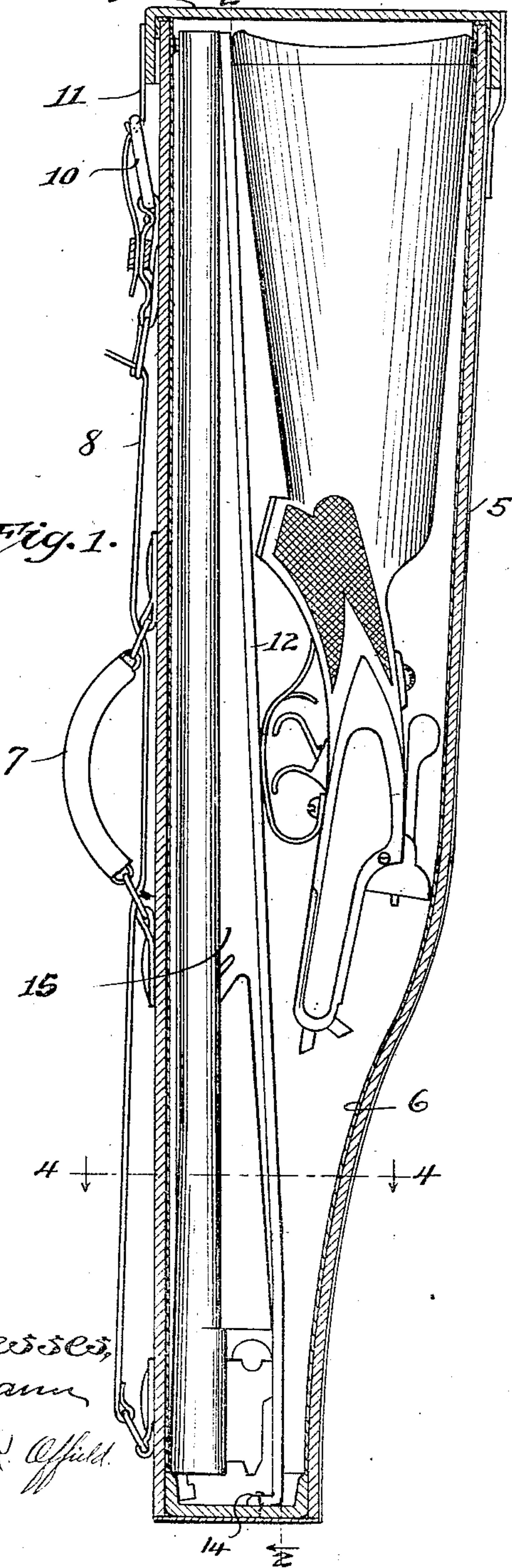


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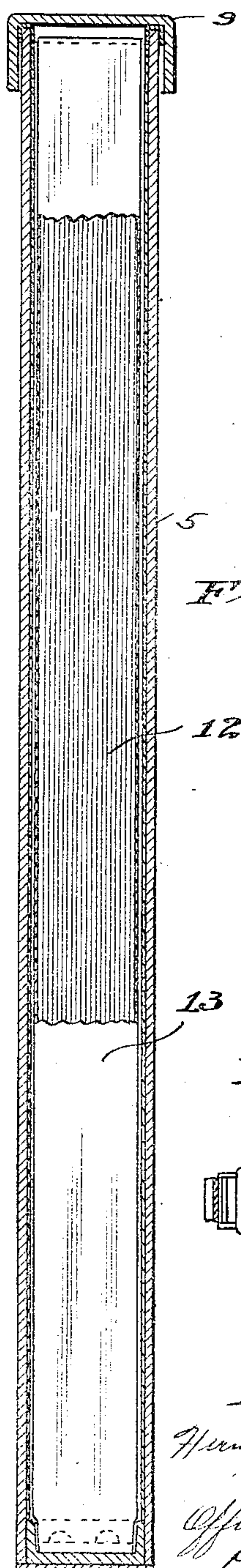
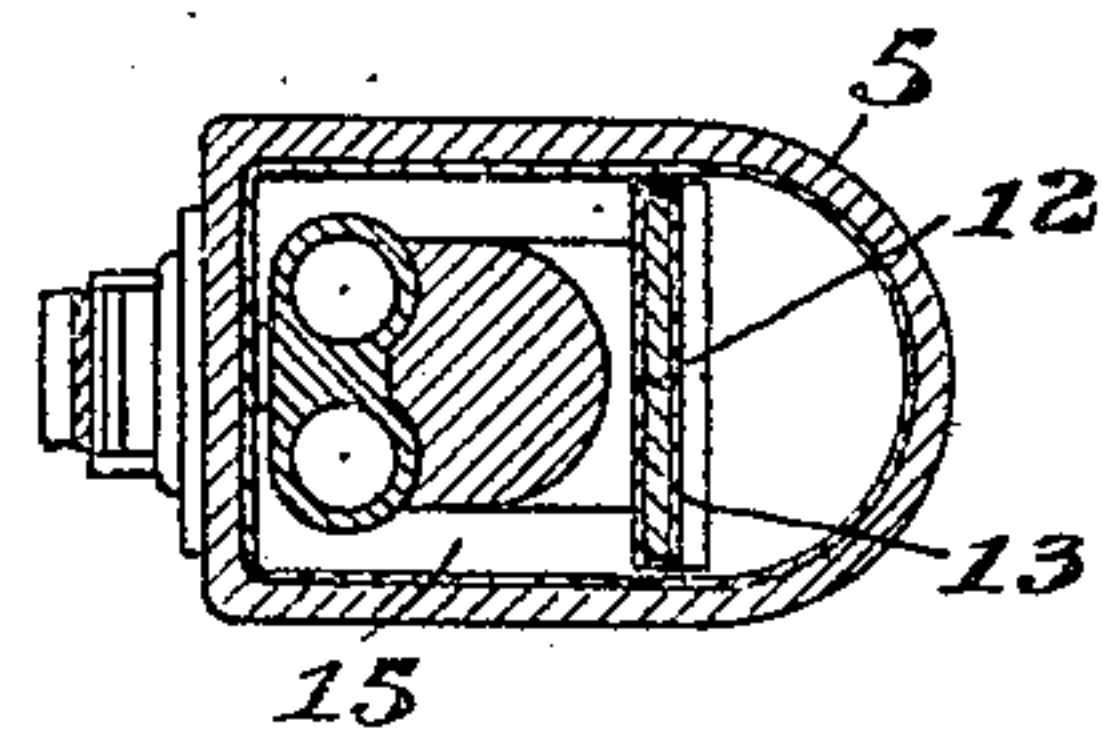


Fig. 4.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HERMAN C. REUTAR, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Gun-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

One of the objects of my invention is to reduce the present size of gun cases and by a novel construction of the partition separating the stock from the barrel of a gun I am able to place the largest stock gun of a certain caliber in a case, such as is now used for the smallest gun of like caliber. A gun case is usually made with a fixed partition forming two compartments, one of which is for the stock and the other for the barrel, which necessitates a separate case for each sized gun, for if a gun is too small for the case it will shake about in its compartment which not only injures the gun but also wears the case. In my preferred form the interior of the case is divided into two compartments by a movable, pliant or resilient partition which is of substantially the same length and width as the length and width of the interior of the case, and is hinged at one end thereto so that when the barrel and stock are placed within the case they are separated by the partition and overlap each other so that they are held against lateral movement by their combined wedging action and by the interposed partition. By reason of this construction the case may be of smaller size for the reason that the barrel being thicker at the breach than at the muzzle and the stock thickest at the butt, the two can be placed in the case with their narrow portions overlapping and will accommodate itself to the two parts whatever the relative size of the gun may be.

The preferred embodiment of my invention is shown in the drawing wherein

Figure 1 is a longitudinal section of the case; Fig. 2 is a similar view of a section at right angles to Fig. 1 with the partition broken away and a portion of the covering removed; Fig. 3 is a top plan view of Fig. 1 with the cover thrown back; and Fig. 4 is a cross-section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2.

Referring now more particularly to the drawing, 5 represents the outer case, usually constructed of leather and having a soft fabric lining 6 and provided with the usual handles 7, shoulder strap 8, cover 9, buckle 10 and strap 11 cooperating with said buckle to secure the cover to the case.

12 is the flexible or pliant partition, of substantially the same length and width as the length and width of the interior of the case and preferably made of heavy card board, leather, or the like, having a covering 13 of a soft material, such as flannel, in order that it may not scratch the gun, and in this particular instance the covering extends slightly beyond the lower end of the partition and is turned to form a hinge 14 which is secured to the end of the case. In the drawing I have shown a double barreled shot gun with its parts separated in the usual manner.

To place the gun within the case it is first taken apart and the barrels are dropped into the narrower compartment 15. The stock is then dropped into the other compartment, its smaller end foremost, whereupon it wedges the partition over against the barrels and adjusts itself between the walls of the case and the partition. As the partition is pliant or flexible it yields to pressure from either the barrels or the stock, so that the case will accommodate the various sizes or gauges of guns of a certain class while because of its resiliency it is capable of holding the parts of the gun firmly and preventing injury thereto, or to the case itself.

It is obvious from the foregoing description that the invention is not limited to the precise construction shown, but changes may be made therein which fall within the scope of the appended claims.

I claim.

1. A gun case provided with a resilient partition dividing the interior of the case into separate compartments for the stock and barrel of the gun, whereby when the parts of the gun are placed within the case, the partition will bend to conform to the outlines thereof and force said parts against the side walls of said casing, substantially as described.

2. A gun case provided with a resilient partition hinged at one end to said case and having a covering of soft fabric, said partition dividing the interior of the case into 5 separate compartments for the stock and barrel of the gun, whereby when the stock and barrel of the gun are placed within their compartments the partition is laterally bent and presses the stock and barrel against the sides of the case, substantially as described 10

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