

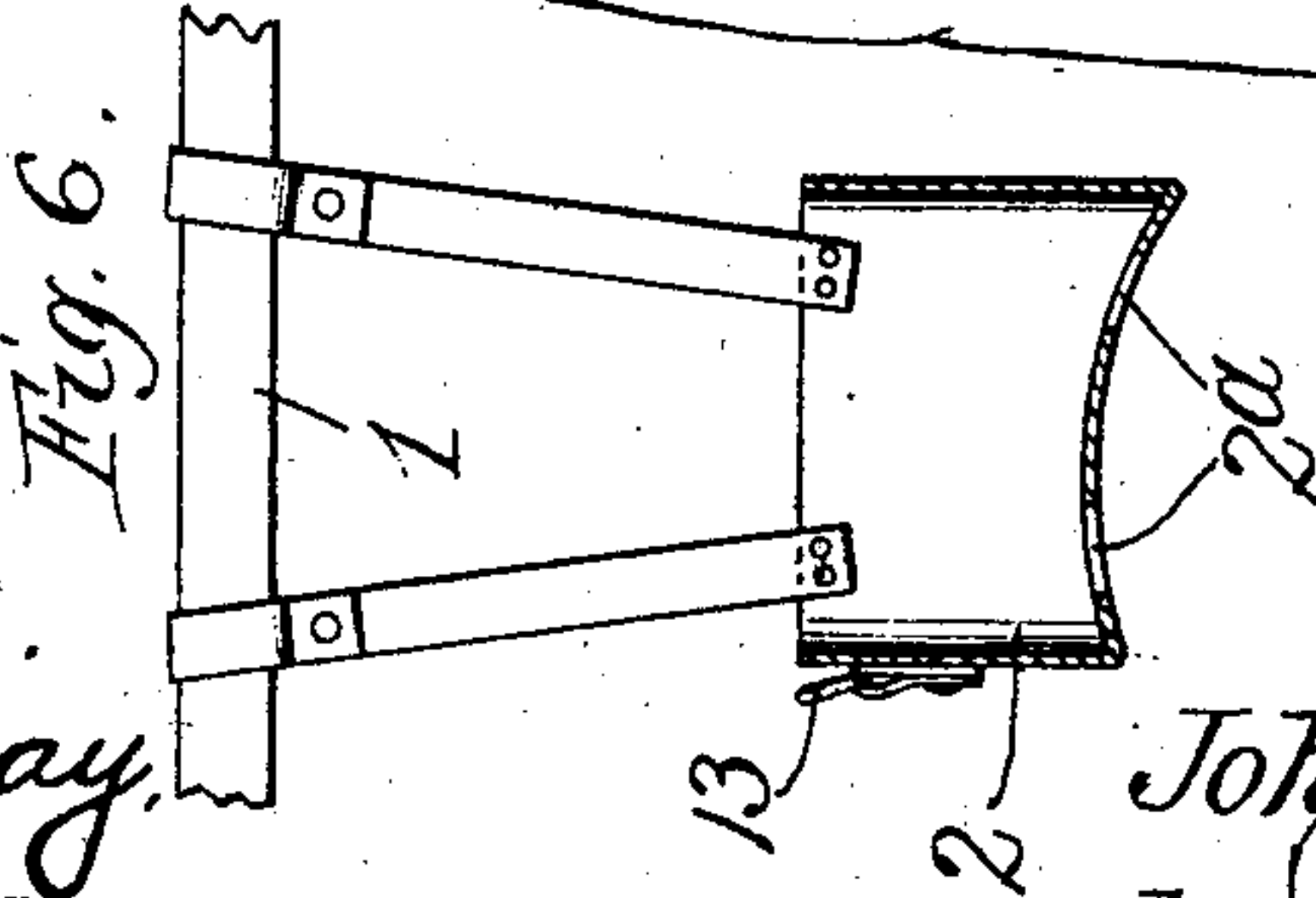
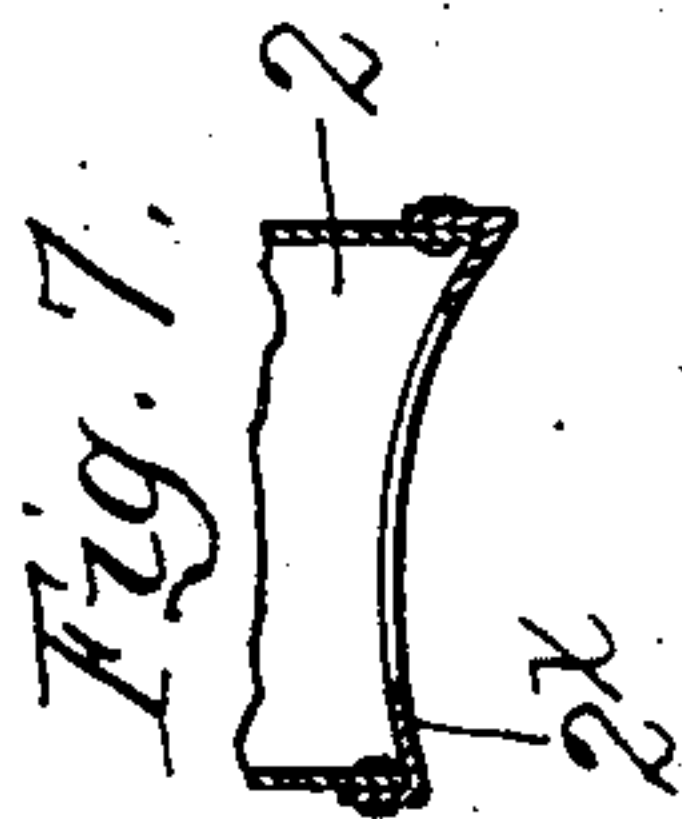
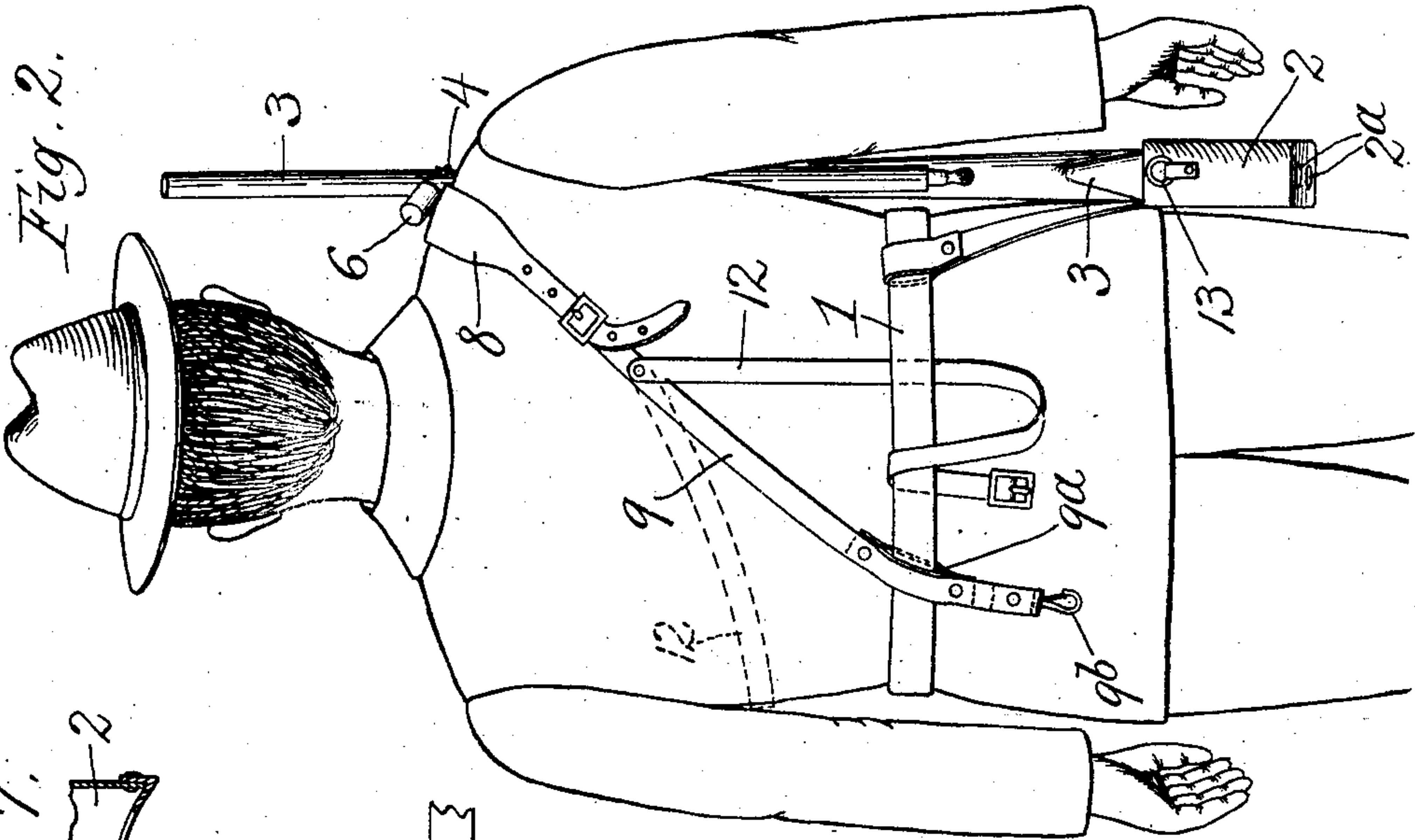
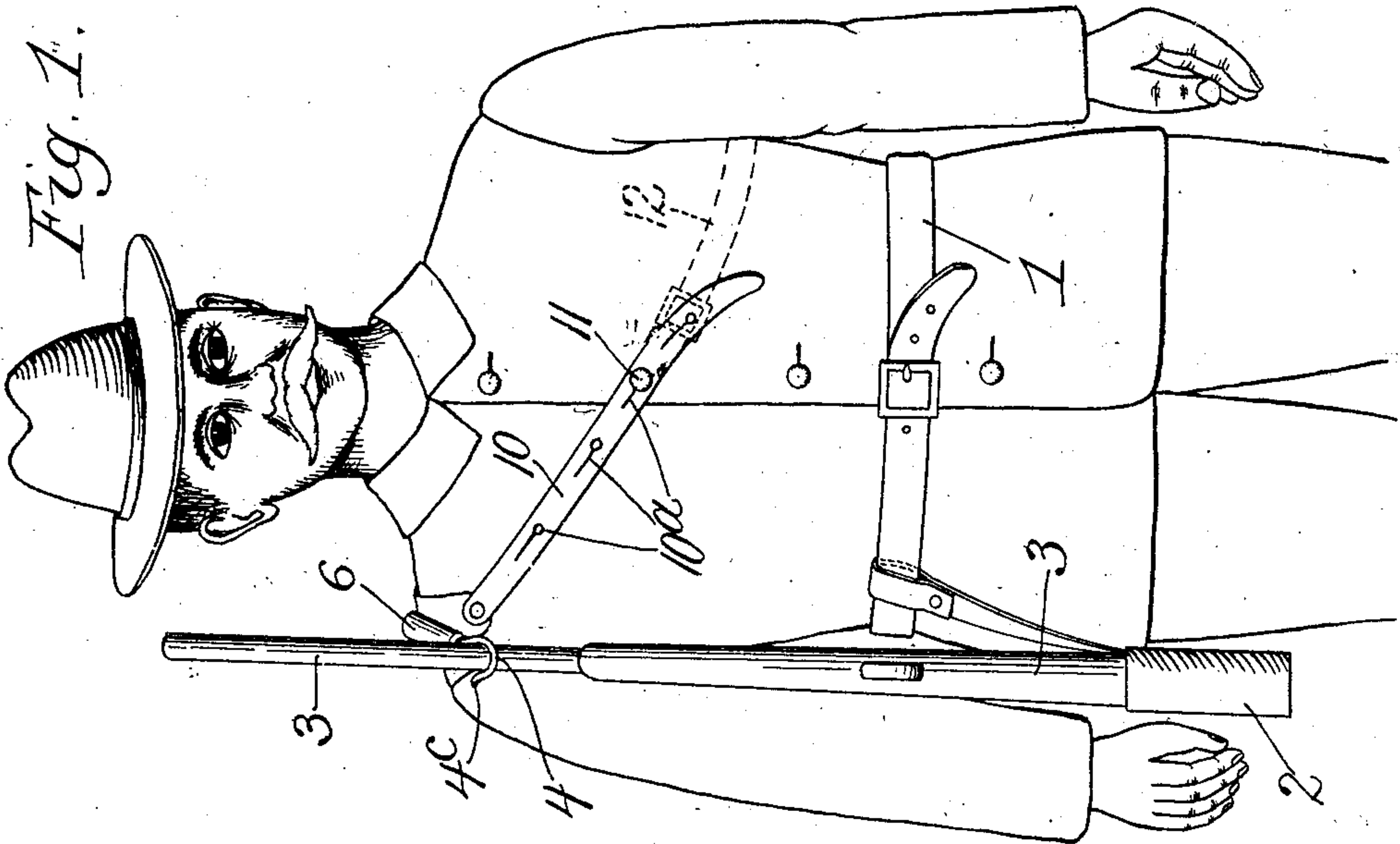
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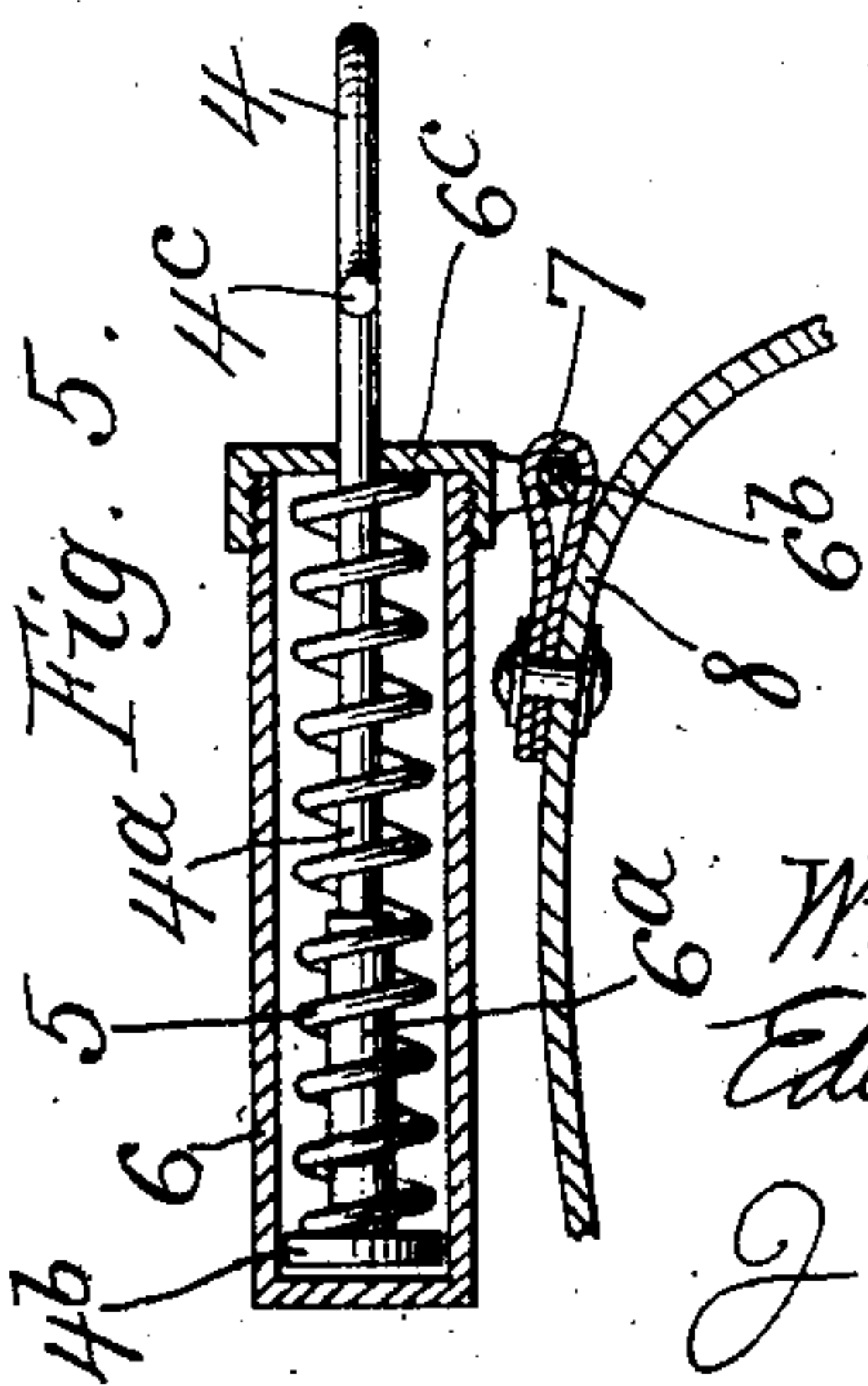
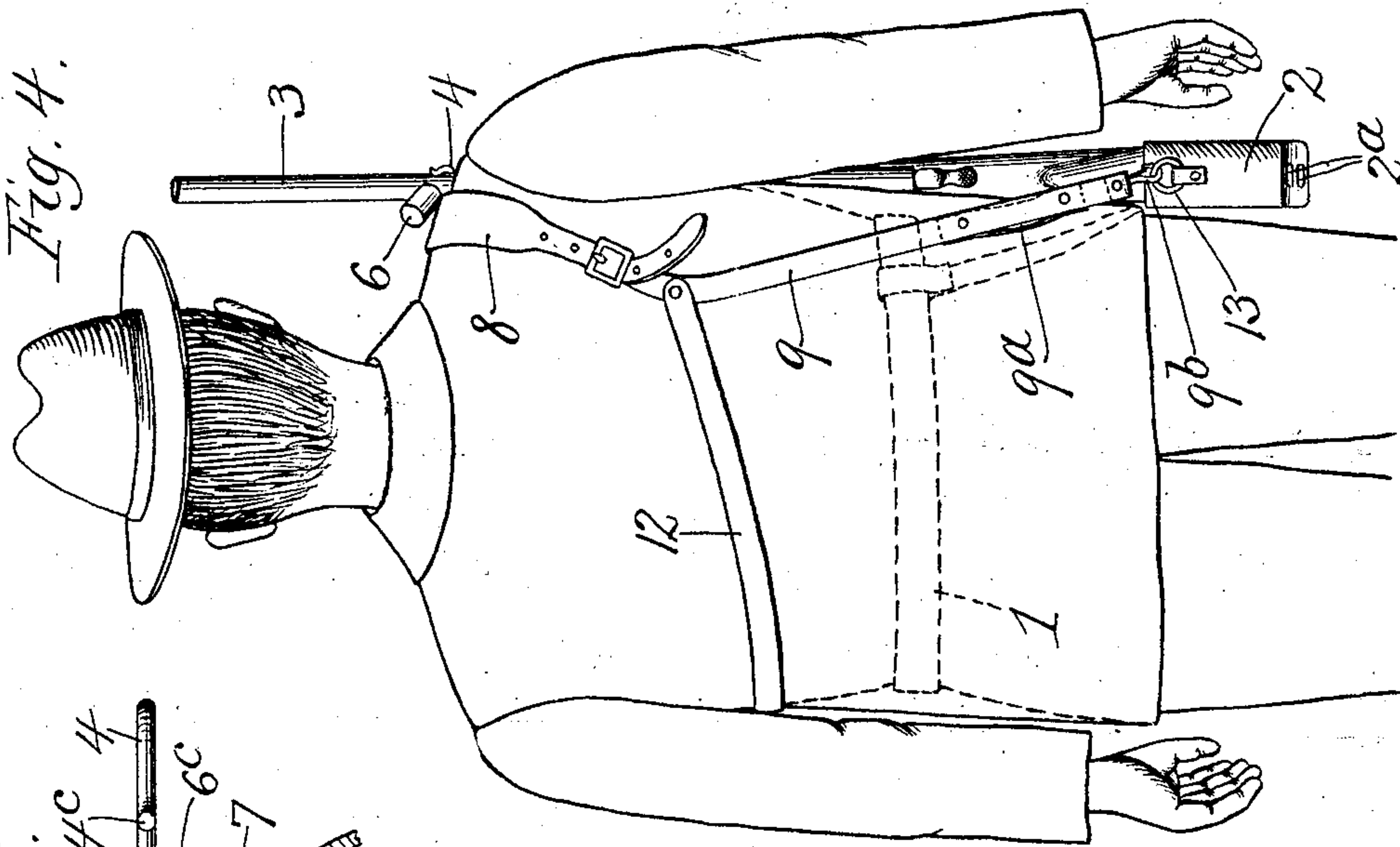
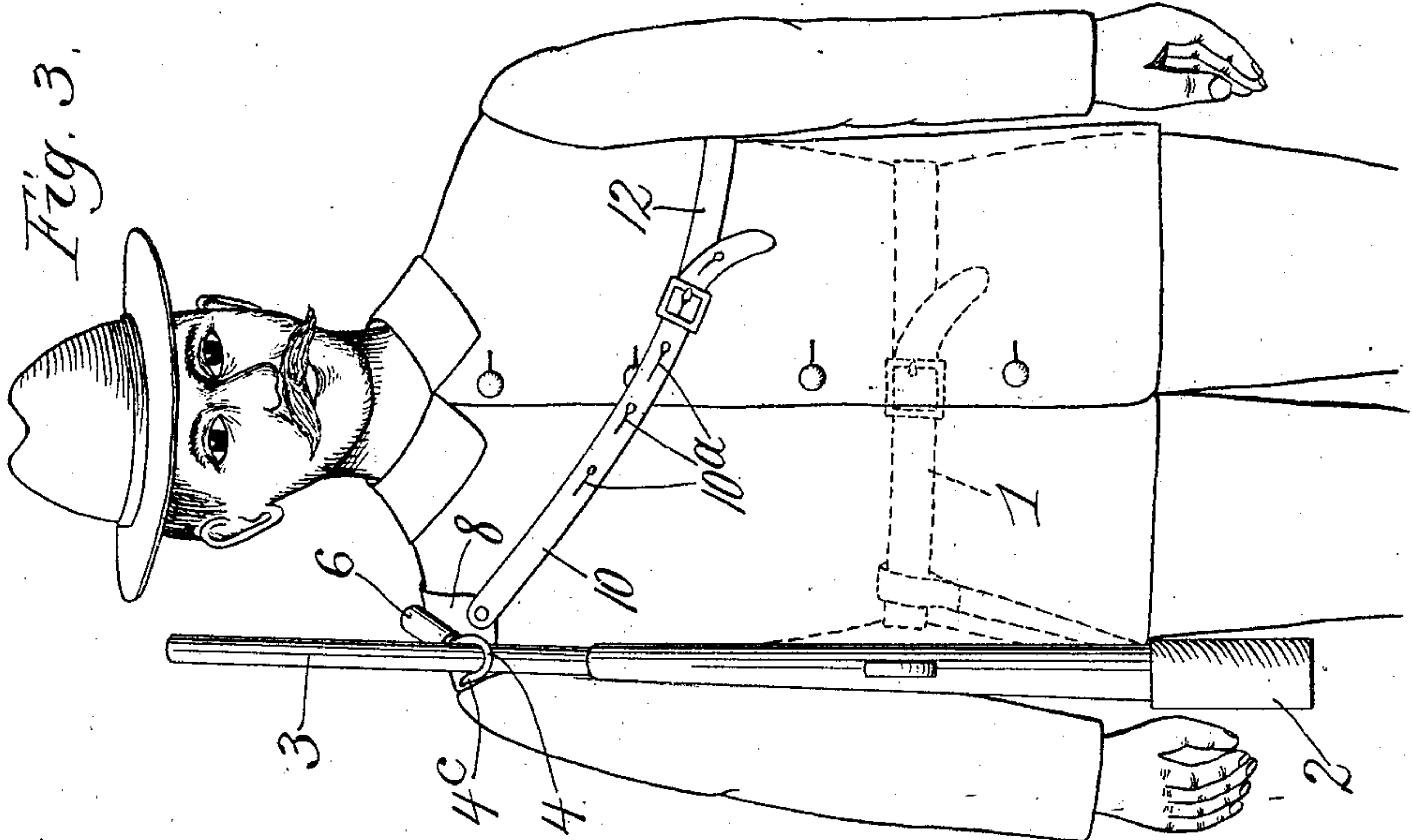
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHANNES ANDERSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented new and useful Improvements in Gun-Carriers, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the drawings forming a part thereof.

The purpose of this invention is to provide an improved device for carrying a gun on a tramp or march in such a manner that the hands may be free while not using the gun, and the weight of the gun may be carried from the waist rather than from the shoulder in such position that it may be instantly seized and lifted to position for shooting and dropped back to carrying position and readily engaged again by the pocket at such carrying position.

It consists of the features of construction shown and described as indicated in the claims.

In the drawings:—Figure 1 is a front view of a device embodying my invention in operative position on the wearer, the gun being carried in the sling. Fig. 2 is a rear view of the same. In Figs. 1 and 2 the device is shown in a form adapted to have the belt strapped over the coat of the wearer. Fig. 3 is a front view, and Fig. 4 is a rear view of a modification of the device adapted for having the belt strapped under the coat. Fig. 5 is a detail view of the shoulder strap for holding the barrel of the gun when the butt is carried in the sling. Fig. 6 is an axial section of the device shown in Fig. 4. Fig. 7 is an axial cross-section of a modification of the device shown in Fig. 6.

In the form shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the belt, 1, strapped about the waist of the wearer, has suspended from it a leather pocket, bag or sling, 2, adapted for receiving the butt of a gun, 3, the position of the sling being at the right side of the wearer, low enough, preferably, to be below the skirt of a hunting jacket and well above the knee of the wearer so as not to impede travel, it being thus at such position as to bring the butt of the gun carried therein at the proper level to be grasped by the hand in lifting it out for use. Upon the right shoulder there is mounted a device for engaging the barrel of the gun, being preferably an open hook, 4, having a stem, 4^a, extending into a spring

barrel, 6, wherein there is coiled about the stem and stopped by a flange, 4^b, on the end of the stem a spring, 5, which reacts between said flange, 4^b, and the forward end of the barrel through which the stem emerges, tending to retract the hook so as to pull the gun barrel back against the shoulder and against the forward end of the spring barrel, so preventing its disengagement. The end of the hook is preferably turned out to afford a thumb or finger rest, 4^c, by which it is pressed outward or pulled for disengaging and inserting the gun barrel. A check sleeve, 6^a, is preferably interposed inside the spring on the stem to limit the compression of the spring and prevent it from being mangled by over-compression. The entire device comprising the spring barrel is attached by the forward end of said barrel loosely, and in a manner pivotally, to a lug strap, 7, the convenient mode of attachment being, as shown in Fig. 5, by means of a rectangular eye lug, 6^b, at the lower side of the cap or end piece, 6^c, of the spring barrel, 6. The lug strap, 7, is stitched or riveted to a shoulder pad, 8, which, in the form shown in Figs. 1 and 2, is connected by a back strap, 9, extending obliquely across the back to the belt, 1, and by a breast strap, 10, extending obliquely across the breast provided with slots or button-holes, 10^a, by which it may be secured to the upper front button, 11, of the coat of the wearer, to prevent the shoulder-pad from slipping either rearward or side-ward off the shoulder.

The pocket bag, 2, for receiving the butt of the gun, it will be understood, is designed to be deep enough to insure the retention of the gun in the pocket against any tendency to become dislodged by the jarring of the gun during travel or in the ordinary exigencies of the hunt. Being of such depth, it is liable to catch snow, rain, twigs and leaves and by the repeated withdrawing and reinsertion of the gun, such material, especially when it comprises snow, is liable to become packed in the bottom of the bag, gradually filling it up. To prevent this result, it is preferable to make the bottom of the bag with skeleton form, or, at least, with ample apertures to permit the escape of the material thus liable to fall into it. It is ordinarily sufficient to make the bottom, which, if of leather is of sole leather, with two large apertures, 2^a, near the two lower corners, as shown in Fig. 6; but for some purposes, it may be prefer-

able to make the bottom of metal, and in that case it may consist of a mere skeleton or marginal frame, right-angular in cross section, as seen in Fig. 7, in which the bottom 5 2^x, is of this construction.

When it is for any reason desirable to wear the belt, 1, under instead of over the coat, so that the oblique strap, 9, cannot run directly to the belt at the back, the wearer may 10 bring into service the additional strap, 12, which is attached to the strap, 9, at a short distance below the shoulder connection, and is adapted to extend thence around under the left arm and be buckled to the strap, 10, 15 which in that case will not need to be connected with the coat button. In order to adapt the device for use in this manner, the strap, 9, is connected to the belt only by having formed upon it a loop, 9^a, through which 20 the belt is slipped, and for use in the manner last described the belt will be slipped out of the loop, and the snap hook, 9^b, which is provided on the end of the strap below the loop will be snapped into a ring, 13, on the rear 25 upper corner of the pocket or sling, 2, which will be just below the edge of the coat so as to be accessible for such connection with the strap outside the coat. The strap, 12, in this use serves to hold the shoulder strap 30 from slipping off sideways as effectively, and in some respects more effectively, than is accomplished by the strap, 9, when it extends obliquely to the belt, as shown in Fig. 2. This strap, 12, can be used in any case in 35 the manner last described and shown in Figs. 3 and 4, and is so shown in dotted lines in Figs. 1 and 2, though it may be dispensed with by being merely left out of service without being detached when the belt is worn 40 outside the coat, as shown in full line in Figs. 1 and 2.

I claim:—

1. A device for carrying a gun, consisting of a waist belt; an upwardly open butt pocket 45 suspended from the belt at the forward side, and a yielding check adapted to laterally engage the barrel releasably, and means for retaining such check on the shoulder.

2. A device for carrying a gun, consisting 50 of a waist belt; an upwardly open butt pocket suspended from the belt at the forward side; a shoulder pad and means for retaining it on the shoulder of the wearer; an open hook adapted to laterally engage the barrel of the 55 gun yieldingly attached to said shoulder pad, and means for elastically retracting it to hold the barrel against the shoulder.

3. A device for carrying a gun comprising a waist belt; an upwardly open butt pocket suspended from the belt at the forward side; 60 a spring-retracted check adapted to disengageably engage the barrel laterally with respect to the latter, and means for retaining said check on the shoulder of the wearer.

4. A device for carrying a gun comprising 65 a waist belt; an upwardly open butt pocket suspended from the belt; a hook for disengageably engaging the barrel laterally with respect to the latter, said hook having a stem; a spring pocket encompassing said 70 stem; a spring in the pocket about the stem reacting against the pocket and the stem to retract the hook; a shoulder piece and means for holding it on the shoulder of the wearer, the spring pocket being flexibly connected at 75 its forward end to said shoulder piece.

5. A device for carrying a gun comprising a waist belt; an upwardly open butt pocket suspended from the belt at the forward side; a shoulder piece; straps from the front and 80 rear of said shoulder piece extending obliquely downward at front and rear, the rear strap being adapted for attachment to the belt and the forward strap being provided with means for attaching it to the wearer's 85 clothing; a yielding check hook for engaging the barrel of the gun carried by said shoulder piece, and means for retracting said hook elastically to hold the gun against the shoulder. 90

6. A device for carrying a gun, consisting of an upwardly open butt pocket; means for supporting the same from the body and a yielding check adapted to laterally engage 95 the barrel releasably, and means for holding such check on the shoulder.

7. A device for carrying a gun comprising a waist belt; an upwardly open butt pocket suspended from the belt at the forward side; a shoulder piece; a strap connection from the 100 front of the shoulder piece; a forked or branching strap connection from the rear of the shoulder piece, one branch being provided at the end with means for engaging the pocket, and the other branch being adapted 105 for buckling to the forward strap.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at Chicago, Illinois, this 18th day of October, A. D., 1907.

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