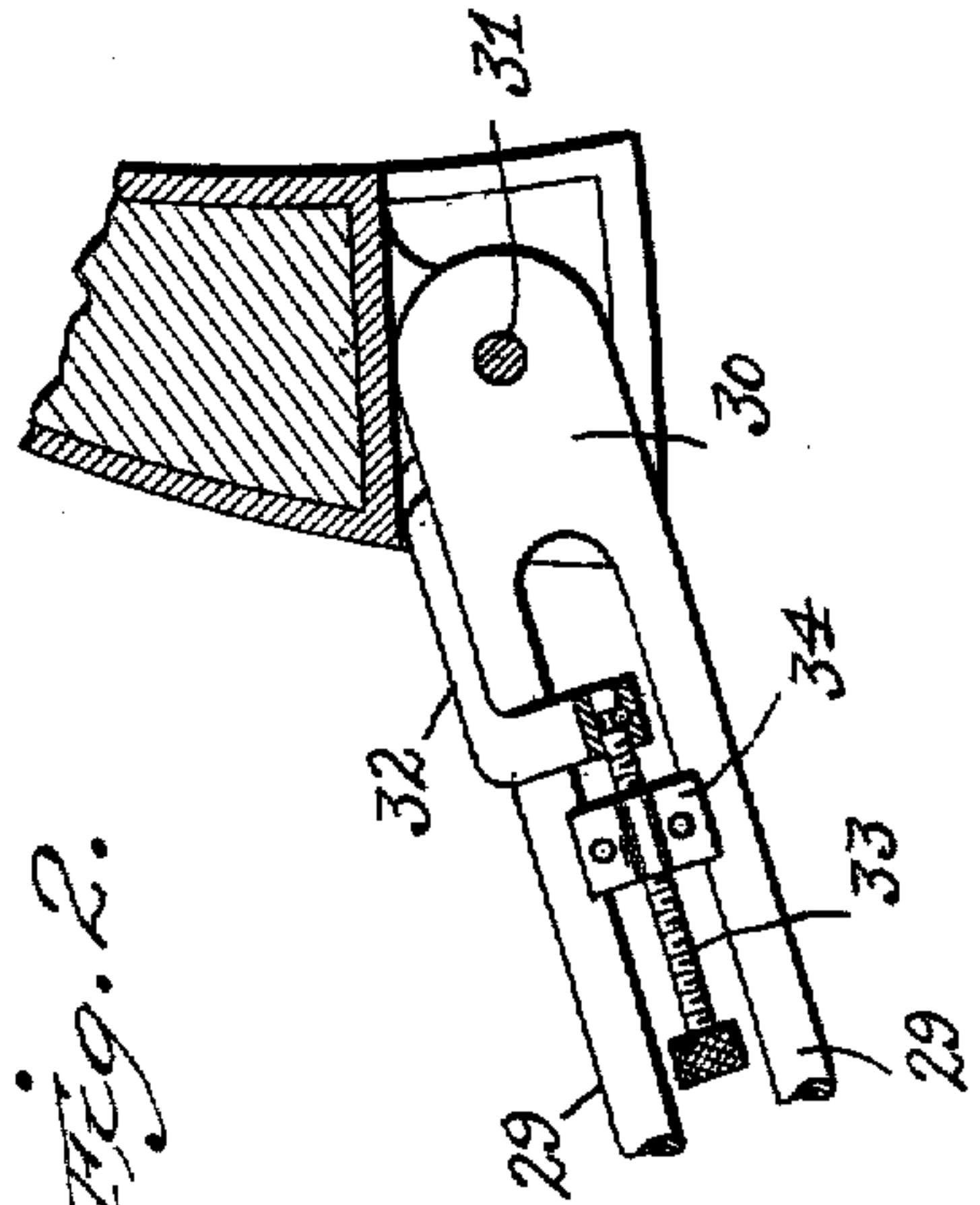
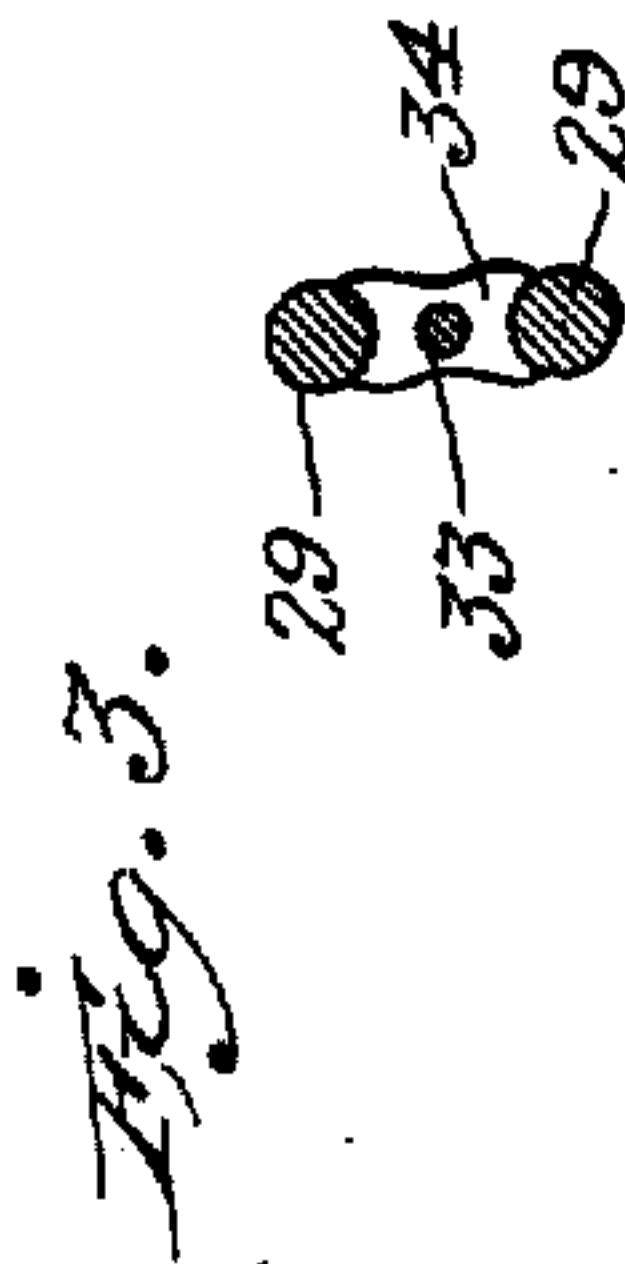
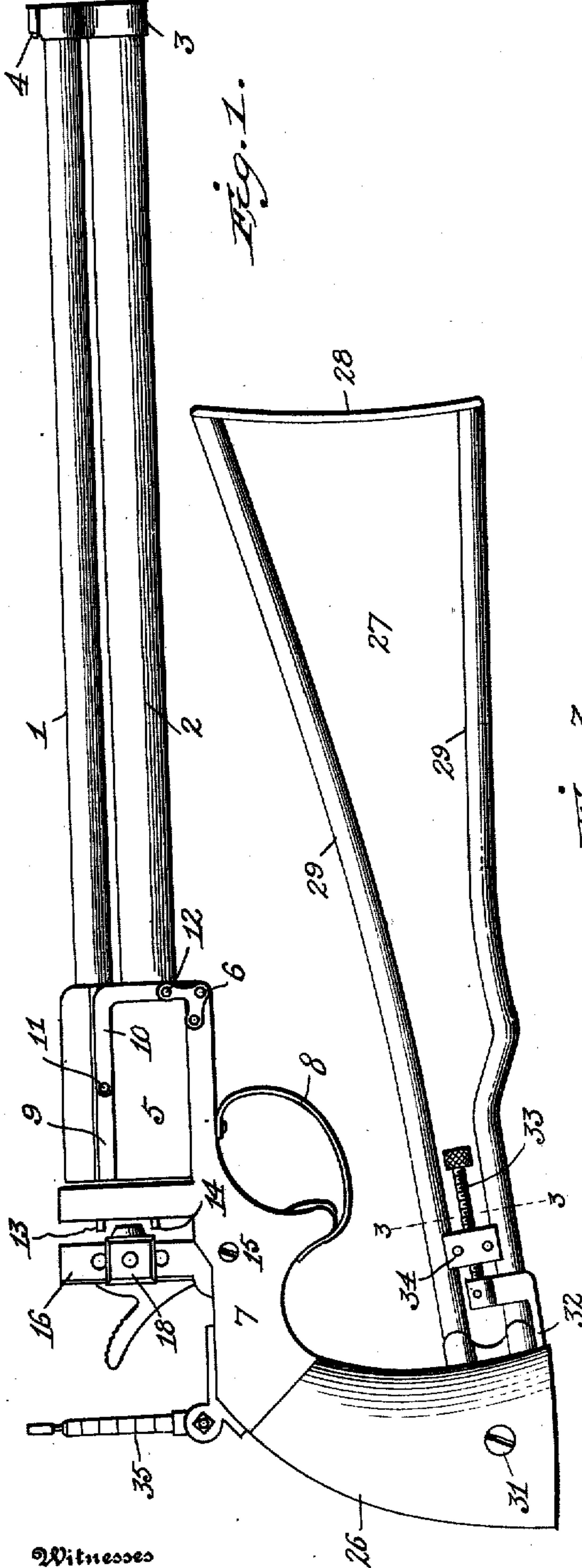


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WEBSTER L. MARBLE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Gladstone, in the county of Delta and State of Michigan, have invented new and useful Improvements in Firearms, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to firearms, and its object is to provide a light portable weapon for campers, travelers, timber cruisers, etc., which is powerful enough to do accurate shooting and yet can be stowed away in small space.

In pursuance of the desire to render the gun compact for packing, the stock is pivoted to the breech portion.

Details of construction will appear from the following description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved gun, with the stock folded in under the barrels. Fig. 2 shows the manner of adjusting the angle of the stock, and Fig. 3 is a cross section of the stock on the line 3—3, Fig. 1.

The gun may have two barrels, 1, 2, the upper one being rifled and the lower one smooth bore. Their front ends are secured in a mounting 3 which carries the front sight 4. Their rear ends are held in a block 5 which is pivoted at 6 to the breech 7. 8 is the trigger guard, and 9 is a shell ejector adapted to be actuated by a bent link 10 pivoted to the ejector at 11 and to the breech at 12. The firing pins, 13, 14, can be operated by a movable striker 18 slidable on the hammer 16 which is pivoted at 15.

The breech has a handle grip 26, and the weapon can be used as a pistol if desired, the barrels being preferably about twelve inches long. If, however, it is desired to use the weapon as a gun, the stock 27 can be swung into position. In Fig. 1, it is shown folded under the barrels. The stock is a rigid structure and consists preferably of an open frame long enough to reach comfortably from the grip handle to the shoulder when sighting. Said frame consists preferably of a plate or butt 28 to which are attached two rods 29 which converge to a solid knuckle portion 30, located in a slot in the lower end of the grip handle and pivoted therein on a transverse

bolt 31. This bolt is screwed up tightly so as to clamp the knuckle between the cheeks of the handle and produce sufficient friction to hold the stock in any position to which it may be turned.

I provide means for adjusting the angle of the stock with reference to the grip handle, preferably a wedge 32 adapted to slide on the stock and enter the slot in the grip handle between the rod 29 and the top of said slot. Suitable means are provided for moving said wedge, preferably a screw 33 swiveled in the end of the wedge and meshing with a nut 34 mounted between the rods 29 and secured thereto. The end of the wedge is turned downwardly to come in line with this screw.

An adjustable rear sight 35 may be fastened on the breech. The arrangement of the barrels one above the other, and the thin open frame constituting the stock both enable the gun to be made extremely thin transversely, so that it can be slipped into a deep pocket, or carried in a holster very comfortably. This feature also enables it to be packed in small space when the stock has been folded in under the barrels.

Having thus described my invention what I claim is:

1. The combination with a firearm having a grip handle provided with a slot in its end, of a rigid stock having one end pivoted in said slot and adapted to fold in under the barrel, and an adjustable stop for varying the angular relation of said handle and stock when the latter is turned to its operative position.

2. The combination with a firearm having a grip handle, of a stock comprising a butt plate, two rods secured thereto, and a knuckle secured to said rods and pivoted in a slot in said handle.

3. The combination with a firearm having a grip handle provided with a slot, of a rigid stock pivoted in said slot, a wedge sliding on said stock and entering said slot, and means for adjusting said wedge.

4. The combination with a firearm having a grip handle provided with a slot, of a rigid stock pivoted in said slot, a wedge sliding on said stock and entering said slot, and a screw for adjusting and holding said wedge.

5. The combination with a firearm, of a

rigid stock comprising two rods, a knuckle secured thereto and pivotally attached to the breech portion of said firearm, a nut secured between said rods, a screw meshing with said
5 nut, and an adjusting device for said stock connected with said screw.

In testimony whereof I have signed my

name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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