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[57] ABSTRACT

A cartridge pouch made of a single piece of leather and a single snap fastener for holding two groups of about three cartridges each.

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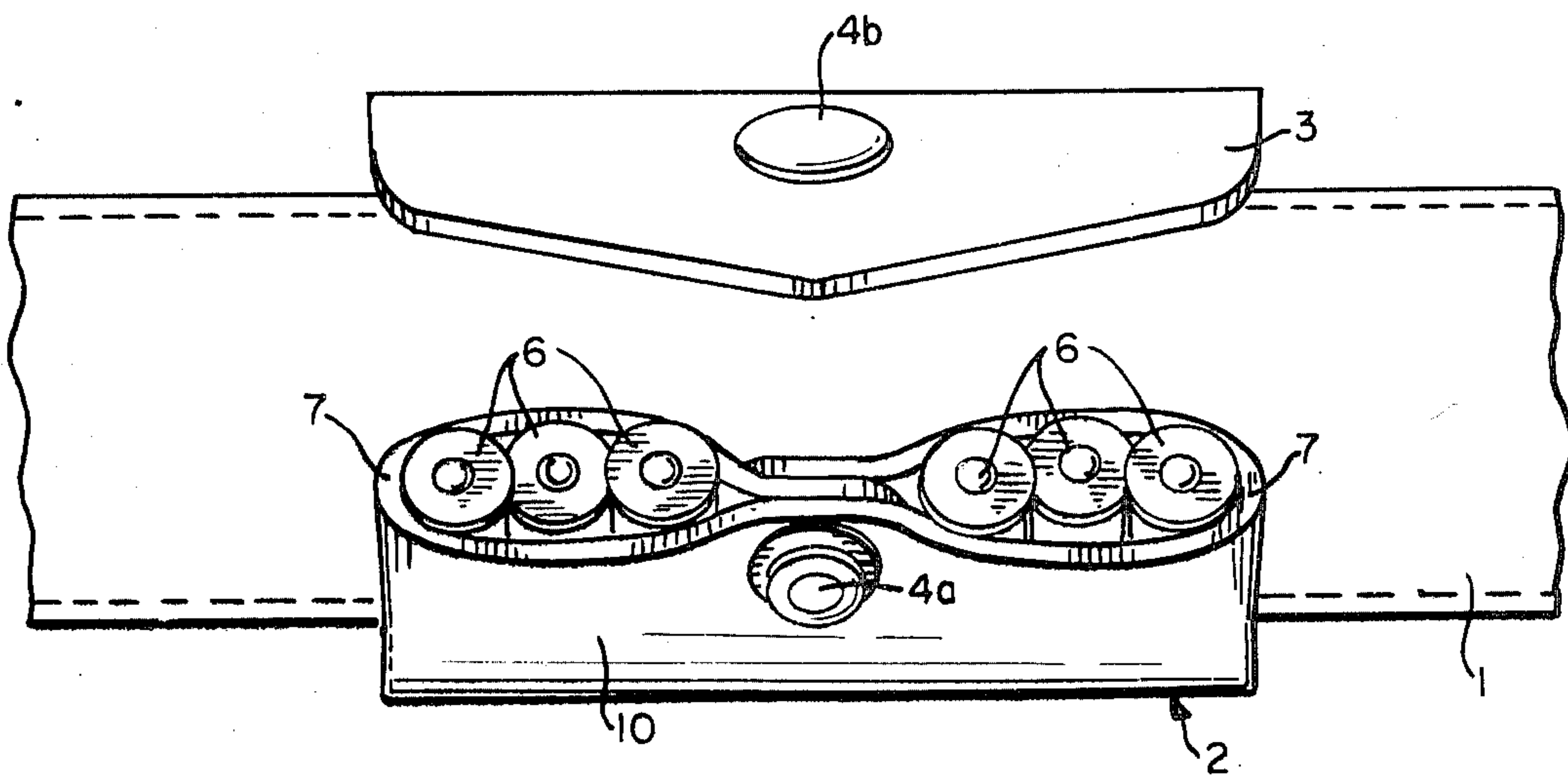


FIG. 1

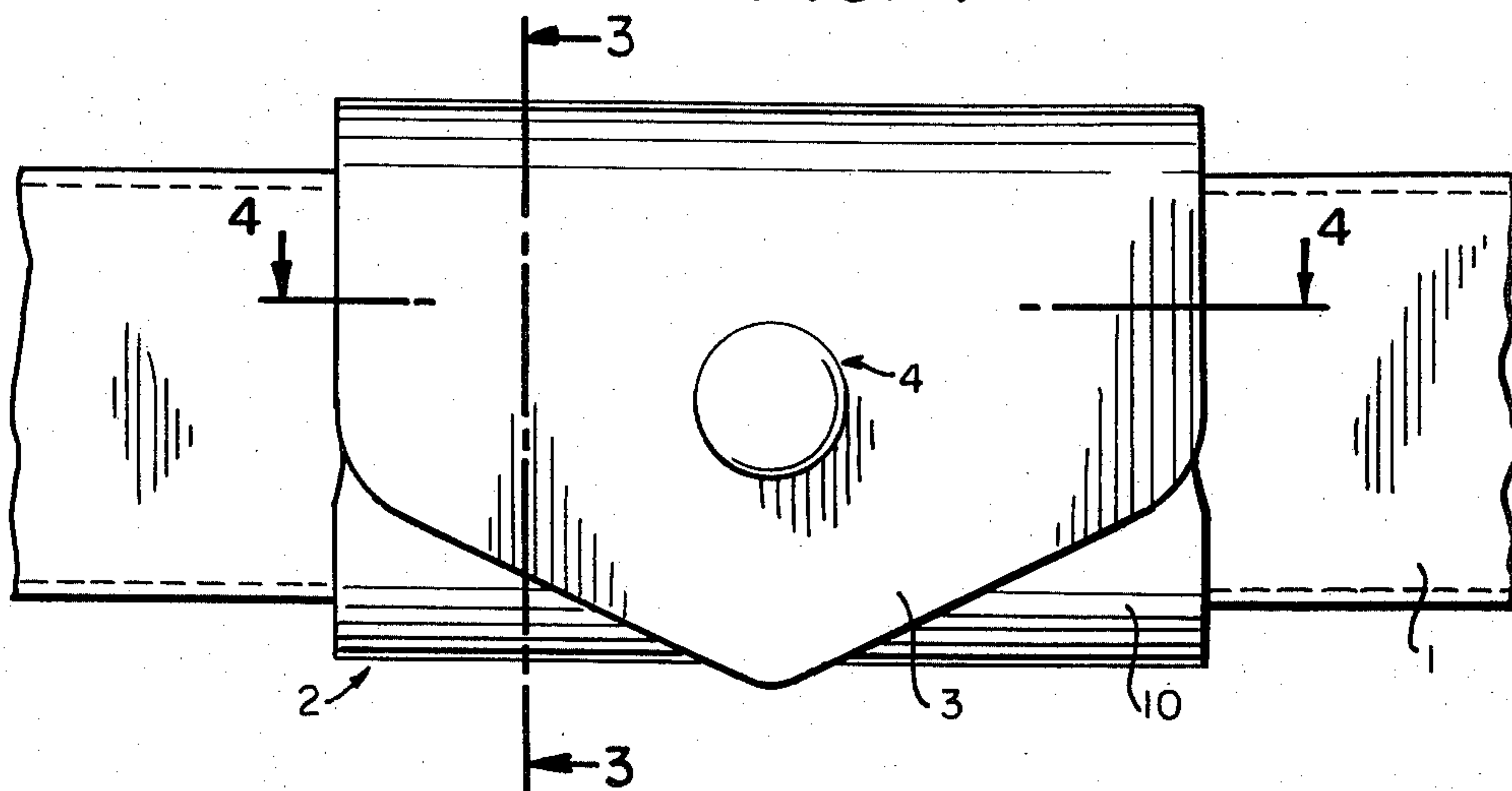


FIG. 2

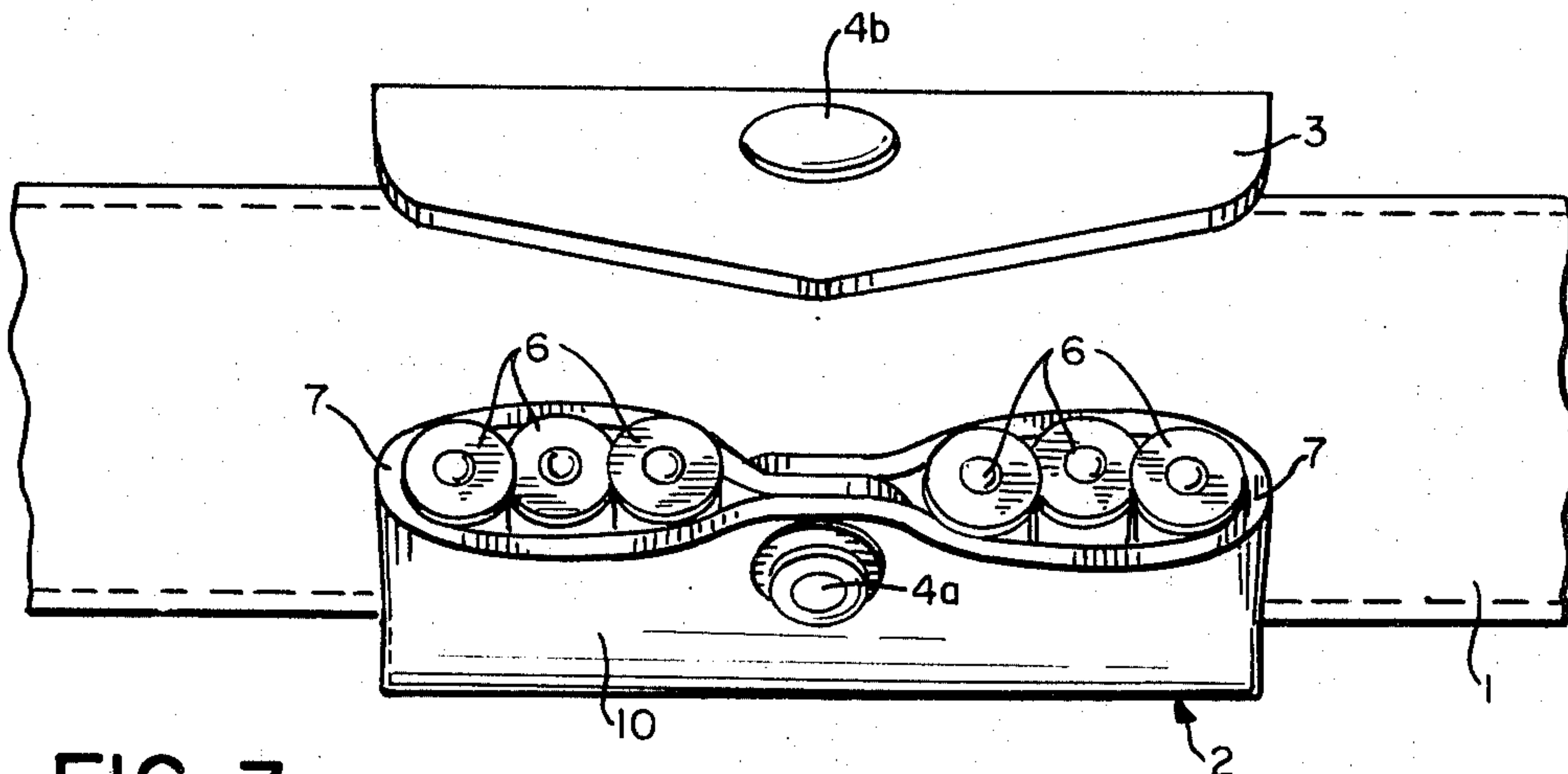


FIG. 3

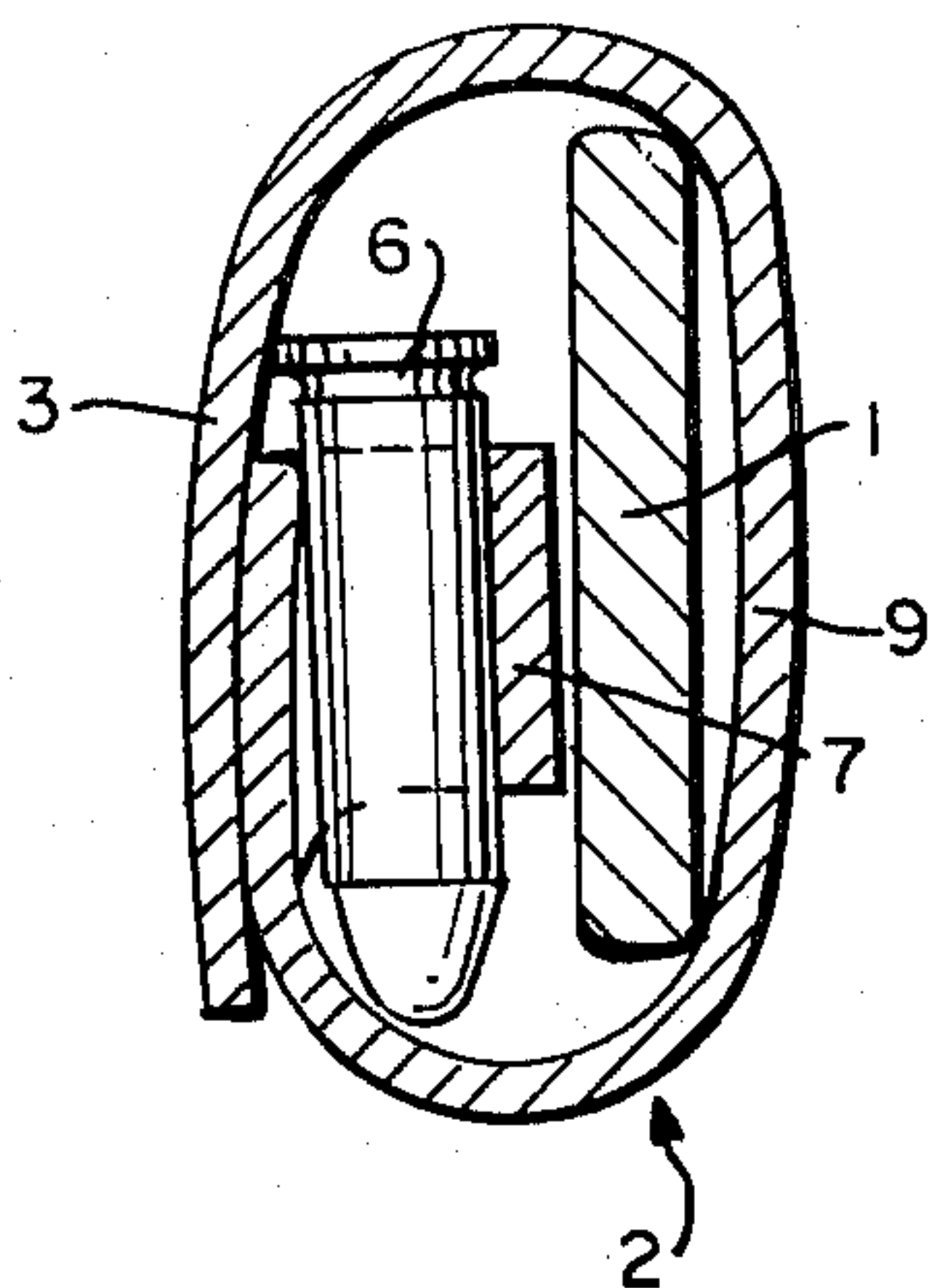
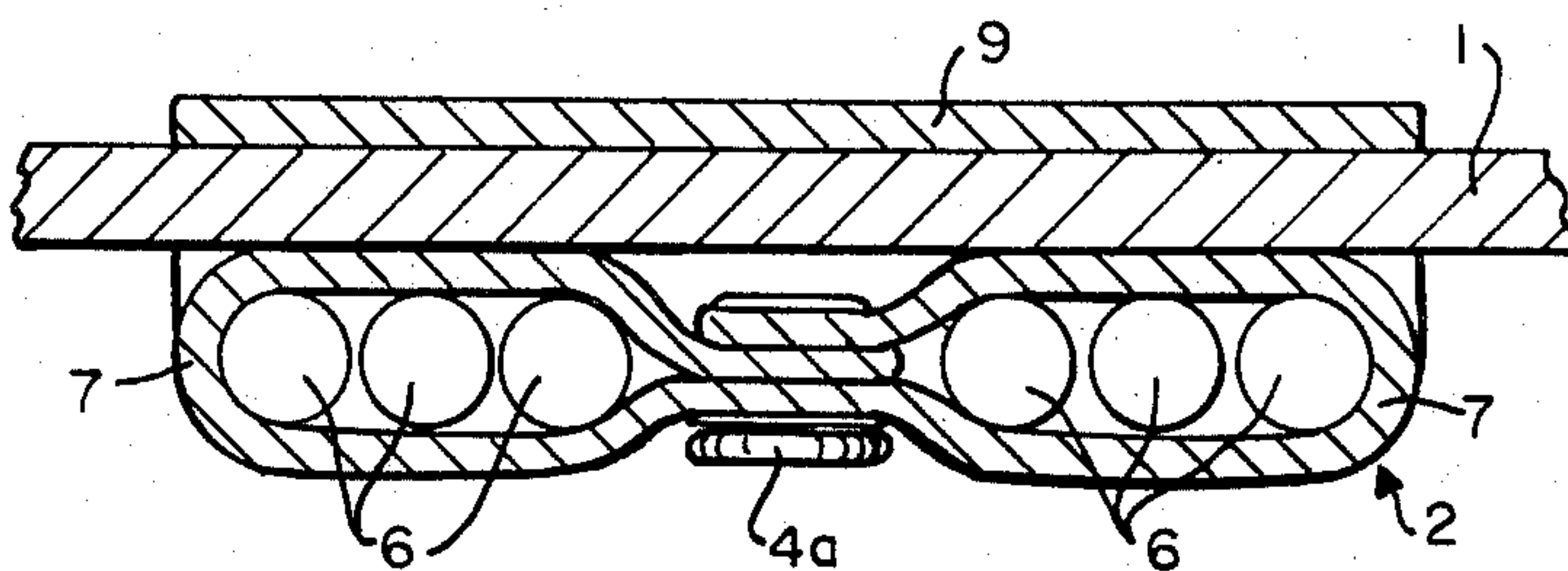


FIG. 4





## CARTRIDGE POUCH

This invention relates to cartridge pouches, and more particularly, to cartridge pouches of the type worn on a belt or other harness to provide reserve ammunition for a revolver or the like.

Conventional cartridge pouches are typically made of two or more pieces of leather stitched or riveted together to form a pouch, a pouch cover and a belt loop. One problem of conventional cartridge pouches is that, when open, they release six cartridges into the palm of the hand. The cartridges must then be grasped one or two or three at a time for insertion into the chambers of a revolver. Thus, time is lost transferring the cartridges from the pouch to the palm of the hand and from the palm of the hand to the chambers of the revolver. This loss of time may jeopardize the safety of the user if he should happen to be under fire at the time that he is reloading.

It is therefore an object of this invention to provide a cartridge pouch which presents the cartridges so that they may be plucked three-at-a-time from the cartridge pouch for insertion directly into the chambers of a revolver.

Another problem of conventional cartridge pouches is that they tend to retain moisture, thus causing possible corrosion of cartridges which are allowed to remain in the pouch for an extended period of time.

It is therefore an object of this invention to provide a cartridge pouch which does not appreciably retain moisture but allows free circulation of air and thus prevents corrosion of the cartridges.

It is also an object of this invention to provide a cartridge pouch of greatly simplified construction.

According to the above and other objects, the present invention provides a cartridge pouch constructed from a single piece of leather or other suitable material, and a single snap fastener, the single piece of leather having an elongated body portion having a pouch end and a cover end and a pair of elongated tab portions extending in opposite directions from the pouch end. The ends of the tabs are secured to the center of the pouch end of the body portion so as to form a pair of cartridge-holding loops. The body portion wraps around the cartridge-holding loops to retain the cartridges in position and to provide a belt loop and a cover for the present cartridge pouch. In the preferred form of the invention, the tabs are secured to the pouch end of the body portion by one of a pair of complementary parts of a snap fastener, and the other complementary part of the snap fastener is mounted on the cover end of the body portion to secure the cartridge pouch in the closed position.

The advantages of the present invention will be apparent from the following detailed description and accompanying drawings which set forth by way of example the principle of the present invention and the best mode contemplated of carrying out that principle.

In the drawings:

FIG. 1 is a side elevation view of the cartridge pouch of the present invention shown in the closed position.

FIG. 2 is a side elevation view of the cartridge pouch of FIG. 1 shown in the open position.

FIG. 3 is a cross-sectional view of the present cartridge pouch taken along the line 3—3 of FIG. 1.

FIG. 4 is a cross-sectional view of the present cartridge pouch taken along the line 4—4 of FIG. 1.

Referring now to FIG. 1 of the drawings, there is shown a belt 1 carrying a cartridge pouch 2 according to the present invention. The cover 3 of cartridge pouch 2 is retained in the closed position by a snap fastener 4 which may be of a conventional type such as, for example the "Dot" fastener made by the United Carr Fastener Corp. of New York, N.Y. It will be appreciated, however, that other types of releasable fastening devices may be employed within the spirit and scope of the present invention, such as for example Velcro fasteners made by the Velcro Corp. of New York, N.Y.

FIG. 2 shows the cartridge pouch 2 of the present invention in the open condition, snap 4 having been released. The cartridges 6 are held by cartridge-holding loops 7 which are preferably of a size to hold the cartridges 6 somewhat snugly so that the cartridges 6 must be plucked from the cartridge-holding loop 7. Alternatively, the cartridge-holding loops 7 can be made large, if desired, so that the cartridges 6 will fall from the cartridge-holding loop 7 when the cartridge pouch 2 is in the open condition as shown in FIG. 2.

For purposes of illustration, the cartridge pouch 2 shown in FIG. 2 holds six cartridges and is thus particularly suitable for use in conjunction with popular six-chambered revolvers. Further, the cartridge pouch 2 holds the six cartridges in two groups of three in order to facilitate reloading the revolver three cartridges at a time. This method of reloading can be accomplished with a little practice and is one of the speediest methods known for reloading revolvers. Using the thumb and first three fingers, the cartridges 6 are simply plucked from the cartridge-holding loop 7 and inserted directly into three adjacent empty chambers of the revolver.

While the cartridge-holding loops 7 shown in FIG. 2 are designed to hold three cartridges each, it will be appreciated that the principles of the present invention contemplate cartridge pouches in which the cartridge-holding loops 7 hold a larger or smaller number of cartridges depending on the use desired. For example, the cartridge-holding loops 7 may be designed to hold two or four or five or six cartridges each. Alternatively, the two cartridge loops 7 may be designed to hold different numbers of cartridges. For example, if the cartridge pouch 2 of the present invention is to be used in conjunction with a 5-shot revolver, one of the cartridge loops 7 might hold three cartridges and the other cartridge loop 7 might hold two cartridges.

FIGS. 3 and 4 show details of the construction of the cartridge pouch 2 of the present invention. FIG. 3 is a cross-sectional view taken along the line 3—3 of FIG. 1, and FIG. 4 is a cross-sectional view taken along the line 4—4 of FIG. 1. The cartridge pouch 2 is preferably made of a single piece of leather, or other suitable sheet material. For example, cartridge pouch 2 may be made of vegetable-tanned top grain cowhide of 7 to 9 oz. weight. The single piece of leather is in the form of an elongated, somewhat rectangular, body portion 9 having a pair of elongated tabs extending in opposite directions from one end 10 (the pouch end) of body portion 9 at about right angles to the long axis of body portion 9. The ends of the elongated tabs are folded inward and riveted to the center of the inside surface of pouch end 10 by the male part 4a of snap fastener 4. The female part 4b of snap fastener 4 is riveted to the other end of body 9 which forms the cover portion 3. It will be ap-



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preciated, however, that the male and female parts of snap fastener 4 may be interchanged.

As shown in FIGS. 1-4, the width of the tab portions forming the cartridge-holding loops 7 is preferably less than about two-thirds of the length of the cartridges so as to allow air to circulate freely and thus reduce the likelihood of corrosion.

While the principle of the present invention has been illustrated by reference to a preferred embodiment and certain modifications thereof, it will be appreciated by those skilled in the art that other modifications and adaptations of the present cartridge pouch may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as set forth with particularity in the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A cartridge pouch adapted to be worn on a belt comprising:

a piece of sheet material having an elongated body portion having a first end and a second end, and a pair of elongated tabs extending from said first end of said body portion, said piece of sheet material having an inner surface and an outer surface; and

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a snap fastener having first and second complementary parts, said first complementary part being mounted on the outer surface of said first end of said body portion and securing the ends of said tabs to said inner surface of said first end of said body portion so as to form a pair of cartridge-holding loops, each of said cartridge-holding loops being of a size to snugly hold three cartridges, so that said cartridges may be grasped and plucked three-at-a-time from said cartridge holding loops for direct insertion into the chambers of a revolver, said second complementary part being mounted on the inner surface of said second end of said body portion so that when said body portion is wrapped around a belt, said first and second complementary parts of said snap fastener may be joined to fasten said inner surface of said second end of said body portion to retain said cartridge-holding loops adjacent the belt, said cartridge holding loops pivoting away from the belt but remaining in an upward-tilted position when said snap fastener is released to present the cartridges for grasping.

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