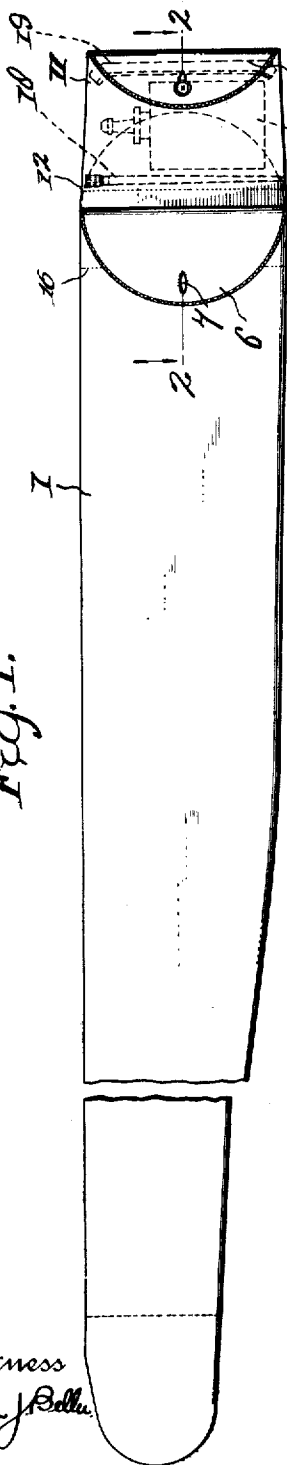


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Fig. 1.



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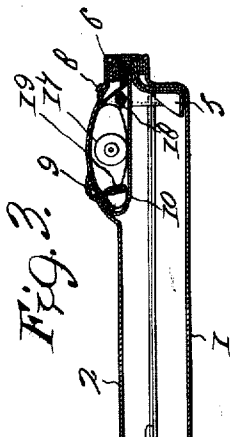


Fig. 3.

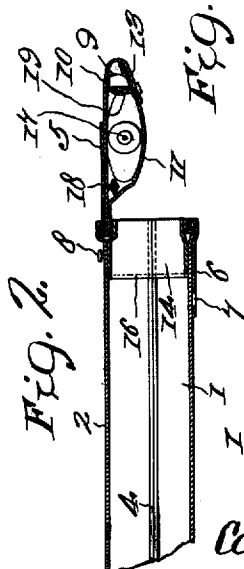


Fig. 2.

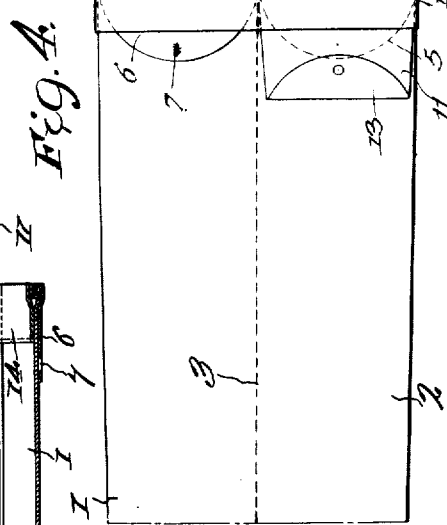


Fig. 4.

Fig. 5.



Fig. 6.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CARL S. HERMANN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newark, in the county of Licking and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Covers for Firearms; 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.

My present invention relates to improvements in covers for rifles, shot guns, or the like, where it is desired to provide a cover for the piece and a holder for such utensils or implements as may be needed in cleaning the same; and the invention hereinafter described constitutes an improvement over the similarly entitled invention set forth in my prior co-pending application filed October 1, 1917, Serial No. 194,228.

In common practice an oil can, cleaning brush, or other implement is provided for each small arm, which implements are apt to be mislaid or lost when not in use; and my invention resides in providing a combined cover for the small arm and a receptacle for the implement, as will be hereinafter described.

One particular object of my present invention is to so combine and arrange the various parts which form the implement receptacle and gun cover, as to render it exceedingly simple to manufacture the device.

Among a number of other objects, which are attained in the present invention, might be mentioned the lack of bulkiness, the better appearance, and the greater security of the cleaning implements, which result from having the pocket or receptacle folded within the gun cover which is closed by the usual flap.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this application, and in which similar reference symbols indicate corresponding parts in the several views:

Figure 1 shows a side elevation of the cover with the flaps open and the pocket or receptacle drawn out.

Fig. 2 is a sectional view taken on the line 2-2 in Fig. 1, and showing the flaps and pocket opened out.

Fig. 3 is a similar view with the cover closed.

Fig. 4 shows a fragmentary plan view of the cover blank with the flaps and receptacle

applied thereto, showing the method of manufacture.

Fig. 5 is a sectional view showing one step in the manufacture; and

Fig. 6 is a view similar to Fig. 5, showing the next following step in the manufacture.

1 and 2, in Fig. 4, show the sides of the cover, which are preferably formed from a single piece of khaki cloth, a combination of rubber and cotton material which will make it waterproof, or any other textile material, any of which may be rubberized, which will give it added protection against moisture. These sides 1 and 2 are folded on a longitudinal median line 3, and the opposite ends of the cover brought together by this operation are closed by the seam 4.

An inner flap 5, made of similar material, is attached to the side 2 of the cover; while an outer flap 6, also preferably made of the same material as the cover, is attached to the side 1. This latter flap 6 is provided with a button-hole 7 adapted to engage the button 8, but any other fastening means may be adopted, if desired.

The receptacle or pocket 9 for the cleaning utensils, is also preferably made up of the same material as the cover, and is composed of separate back and front pieces 10 and 11, respectively, the same being united along the line of stitching shown at 12 in Fig. 5, which forms the bottom of the pocket; the outer end of the back piece 10 being extended to form a flap 13 whereby the pocket or receptacle 9 may be closed.

In manufacturing the device, the material is first cut to the shape of the cover blank, indicated partially in Fig. 4, and the flaps and pocket 9 are cut separately from similar material. With the blank opened out in the position shown in Fig. 4, the flaps 5 and 6 are applied with their straight edges substantially coinciding with the edges of the sides 1 and 2 of the cover blank. The ends of the pieces 10 and 11 of the pocket 9 are then laid upon the flap 5; and over all these parts is placed a strip 14, of suitable material, with its edge also substantially coinciding with the edge of the cover blank; all as shown in Fig. 4. With the parts thus assembled, it will be clear that in one operation a seam or line of stitching 15 may be caused to pass through all of the said parts and unite them all to the body of the gun cover.

The next step in the method consists in

folding the strip 14 over on the stitched edge to the opposite side of the cover blank and then securing its opposite edge to the inside of the cover by the stitching 16, shown in 5 Fig. 2. The two positions of the strip 14 are shown in Figs. 5 and 6. The pocket and flaps 5 and 6 are also folded over to the opposite side of the cover.

The last step in the method consists in 10 folding the gun cover on the line 3, and sewing the edges together, as indicated at 4.

In use, the pocket 9 will fold out to the position shown in Fig. 2, where the flap 13 will be readily opened to allow access to 15 the interior of same for the purpose of securing the utensils when the gun is to be cleaned, or returning the utensils after cleaning. When the gun is replaced in the cover the pocket 9 is first folded within 20 said cover, where it will take up substantially the position shown in Fig. 3, and thereafter the interior flap 5 may be closed over the stock of the piece, followed by the closing of the outer flap 6, all as shown in 25 Fig. 3.

17 represents an oil can, 18 a gun brush, and 19 a cleaning rag which may be held in the pocket with the oil can. Of course, any other suitable implements may be carried 30 in the pocket 9 instead of the oil can.

It is obvious that those skilled in the art may vary the details of construction and arrangements of parts without departing from the spirit of my invention, and therefore I 35 do not wish to be limited to such features except as may be required by the claims.

I claim:

1. A cover made from a blank having a pocket laid on one half portion thereof and 40 stitched thereto along one edge, said pocket being folded over on the stitched edge to the opposite side of the blank, the body of the blank being folded over at substantially right angles and secured together along its 45 edges, and a suitable closure being provided for said cover, substantially as described.

2. A cover made from a blank having a

pocket and strengthening strip laid on one half portion thereof and stitched thereto 50 along one edge, said pocket and strip being folded over near the stitching to the opposite side of the blank, the body of the blank being folded over at substantially right angles and secured together along its 55 edges, and a suitable closure being provided for said cover, substantially as described.

3. A cover for firearms made from a blank having a pocket, strengthening strip, and a closure member laid on one half portion thereof and stitched thereto along one edge, 60 said pocket, strengthening strip and closure member being folded on the stitched edge to the opposite side of the blank, the body of the blank being folded over at substantially right angles and secured together 65 along its edges, substantially as described.

4. A cover for firearms comprising a body portion made of suitable flexible material, a pocket also made of suitable flexible material secured to the open end of said cover 70 and adapted to fold within same, the joint between the cover and pocket presenting an inwardly extending raw edge, and a binding and strengthening strip passing about on the interior of the mouth of said cover and con- 75 cealing the joint therewith made by said pocket, substantially as described.

5. A cover for firearms comprising a body portion made of suitable flexible material, a pocket also made of suitable flexible material secured to the open end of said cover 80 and adapted to fold within same, a closure secured to the open end of the cover and adapted to close same when said pocket is folded therein, the joint between the cover, 85 pocket and closure presenting inwardly extending raw edges, and a binding and strengthening strip passing about on the interior of the mouth of said cover and concealing the joint therewith made by said 90 closure and pocket, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature.
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