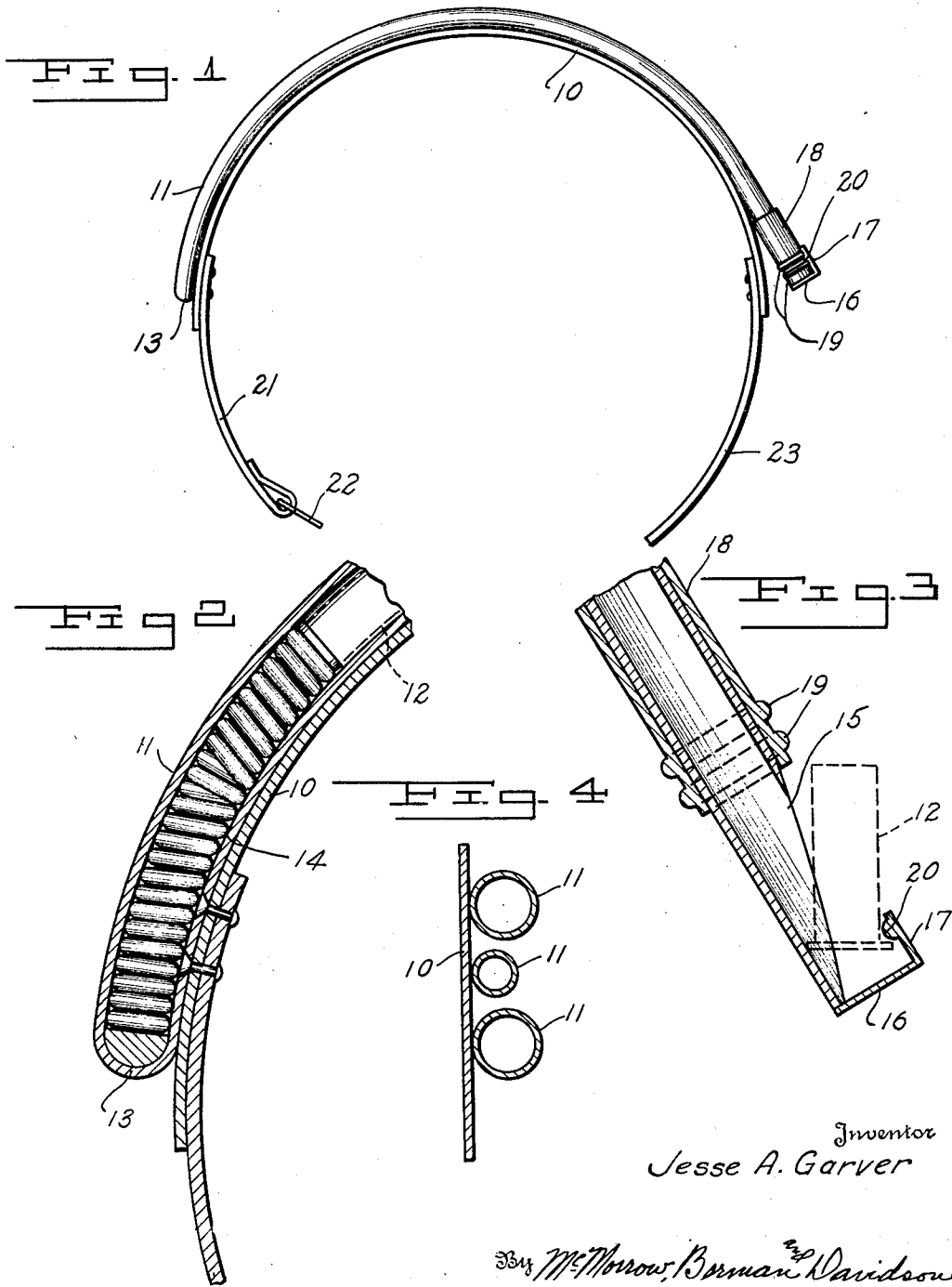


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My invention relates to sporting goods and more particularly to shell belts for sportsmen.

The object of my invention is to provide a belt for sportsmen equipped with one or more flexible tubular members, each of which is adapted to receive and dispense shells for shot-guns or cartridges for rifles of a certain gauge.

Another object of my invention is to provide a belt for sportsmen of the character indicated above wherein each tubular member thereof is equipped with a slotted opening adjacent one of its ends for receiving or removing respectively shell or cartridges, and with a slidably arranged sleeve-like device for securely closing said slot.

A further object of my invention is to provide a sportsman's shell belt of the class indicated above, the tubular members of which are closed on their ends opposite to the shell receiving and dispensing ends and which contain a helical spring in their closed ends adapted to urge the shells out of the tubular member upon opening of the shell dispensing end.

Other objects of my invention may appear in the following specification describing my invention with reference to the accompanying drawing illustrating a preferred embodiment of my invention.

It is however to be understood that my invention is not to be limited or restricted to the exact construction and combination of parts described in the specification and shown in the drawing, but that such changes and modifications can be made, which fall within the scope of the claims appended hereto.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is an edge view of a sportsman's belt according to my invention.

Figure 2 is a fragmentary sectional view taken on a horizontal plane through the closed end of a tubular shell receiving member.

Figure 3 is a fragmentary sectional view of the shell dispensing end of the tubular member of the shell belt according to my invention, and

Figure 4 is a sectional view illustrating the arrangement of two tubular members for shotgun shells and of one tubular member for rifle cartridges on a sportman's belt.

Referring now in detail to the drawing, the sportman's belt forming the subject matter of my invention comprises a flat belt member 10 made from any suitable strong, flexible material, as for instance leather, strong textile fabric or the like.

On the outside of this belt member one or more flexible tubular members 11 are secured in

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any desired conventional manner. These flexible tubular members are made of selected sizes, so as to be adapted to receive shotgun shells 12 of different gauges or rifle cartridges of different gauges slidably therein.

One end of each flexible tubular member 11 is closed as shown at 13, and a helical tension spring 14 is arranged inside each flexible tubular member 11 and abuts the closed end thereof with one of its ends.

The other end of each flexible tubular member 11 is provided with a longitudinal slot or passageway 15 therein, somewhat longer than the shell or cartridge to be placed into the flexible tubular member.

The outer end of this member or magazine is provided with a shell loading and unloading means, said means comprising an end wall 16 having a spring-like latch member 17 integrally formed therewith or otherwise secured thereto, this latch member extending inwardly partially over the inlet slot 15. It will be noted that the slot 15 is diagonally disposed so as to provide a bottom wall of sufficient area to preclude the accidental dropping of shells from the tubular member or magazine 11. A sleeve-like closing member 18 is slidably mounted on the flexible tubular member 11 adjacent its shell dispensing end and is preferably twice as long as the slot 15.

Each closure sleeve 18 is provided adjacent its outer end with two circumferential outstanding semi-cylindrical lugs 19, arranged at a short distance from each other.

A semi-globular catch-lug 20 is provided on the inside of the latch member 17.

When shells or cartridges are to be inserted in the flexible tubular member 11, the closure sleeve is moved inwardly on said member, so that the slot 15 is uncovered. Shells are inserted in the flexible tubular member 11 compressing the helical spring 14 therein. When the tubular member is filled, the closure sleeve 18 is moved outwardly, covering the slot 15. It will be apparent, from an examination of Figure 1 of the drawing, that the closure sleeve 18 slides beneath the resilient, spring-like latch member 17 and the catch lug 20 engages the groove on this sleeve created by the two circumferential lugs 19, thereby securing the closure sleeve against accidental slot opening movement.

When a shell is to be removed, the closure sleeve is moved inwardly. The helical spring 14 urges all the shells toward the shell dispensing slot 15.

Preferably the flexible tubular member in-

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tended for receiving rifle cartridges is arranged between two flexible tubular members intended to be filled with shotgun shells.

On one end of the flat belt member 10 a second flat belt member 21 is secured, on the end of which a belt buckle 22 is provided adapted to engage a third flat belt member 23 secured to the other end of the first flat belt member 10.

It is easy to see that the above described shell belt can be used as a bandoleer.

Having described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. In a magazine belt comprising a belt strap and a tubular, flexible magazine for firearm shells secured to said strap to extend longitudinally thereof, said magazine having one end closed, and a compression spring in said magazine bearing against the closed end of the latter to eject shells from the end opposite the closed end of said magazine, the improvement which comprises a magazine of internal cross sectional area to receive the shells in end to end relationship, a shell loading and unloading means on the end opposite the closed end of said magazine, said means comprising an end wall at said opposite end of said magazine constituting an abutment for the shells to prevent the spring means from ejecting shells from the magazine, there being a shell passageway in said magazine tapering from said end wall and adjacent thereto for the ingress and egress of shells there-through, and a sleeve on said magazine mounted for sliding movement thereon for covering and uncovering said passageway.

2. In a magazine belt comprising a belt strap and a tubular, flexible magazine for firearm shells secured to said strap to extend longitudinally thereof, said magazine having one end closed, and a compression spring in said magazine bearing against the closed end of the latter

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to eject shells from the end opposite the closed end of said magazine, the improvement which comprises a magazine of internal cross sectional area to receive the shells in end to end relationship, a shell loading and unloading means on the end opposite the closed end of said magazine, said means comprising an end wall at said opposite end of said magazine constituting an abutment for the shells to prevent the spring means from ejecting shells from the magazine, there being a shell passageway in said magazine tapering from said end wall and adjacent thereto for the ingress and egress of shells there-through, a sleeve on said magazine mounted for sliding movement thereon for covering and uncovering said passageway, and means carried by said end wall for locking said sleeve in covering position over said passageway, said means comprising a spring latch on said end wall extending inwardly therefrom so as to overlie a portion of said passageway and adapted to engage said sleeve when the latter is in covering position.

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