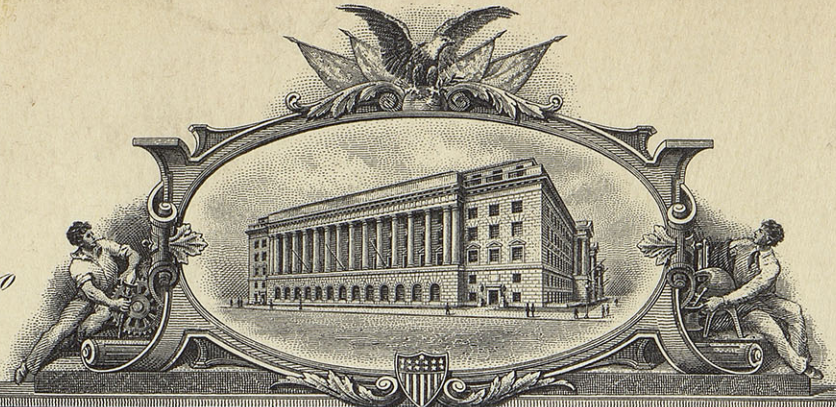


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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Whereas

WILLIAM J. MYRES,

of

El Paso,

Texas,

PRESENTED TO THE **Commissioner of Patents** A PETITION PRAYING FOR
THE GRANT OF LETTERS PATENT FOR AN ALLEGED NEW AND USEFUL IMPROVEMENT IN

HOLSTERS,

A DESCRIPTION OF WHICH INVENTION IS CONTAINED IN THE SPECIFICATION OF WHICH
A COPY IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND COMPLIED WITH THE
VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED, AND

Whereas

UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE THE SAID CLAIMANT *is*
ADJUDGED TO BE JUSTLY ENTITLED TO A PATENT UNDER THE LAW.

NOW THEREFORE THESE **Letters Patent** ARE TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID

William J. Myres, his heirs

OR ASSIGNS

FOR THE TERM OF **SEVENTEEN** YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT

THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO MAKE, USE AND VEND THE SAID INVENTION THROUGHOUT THE
UNITED STATES AND THE TERRITORIES THEREOF.



*In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my
hand and caused the seal of the Patent Office
to be affixed at the City of Washington
this third day of September,
in the year of our Lord one thousand nine
hundred and forty, and of the
Independence of the United States of America
the one hundred and sixty-fifth.*

Attest:

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Law Examiner.

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Commissioner of Patents.

Sept. 3, 1940.

W. J. MYRES

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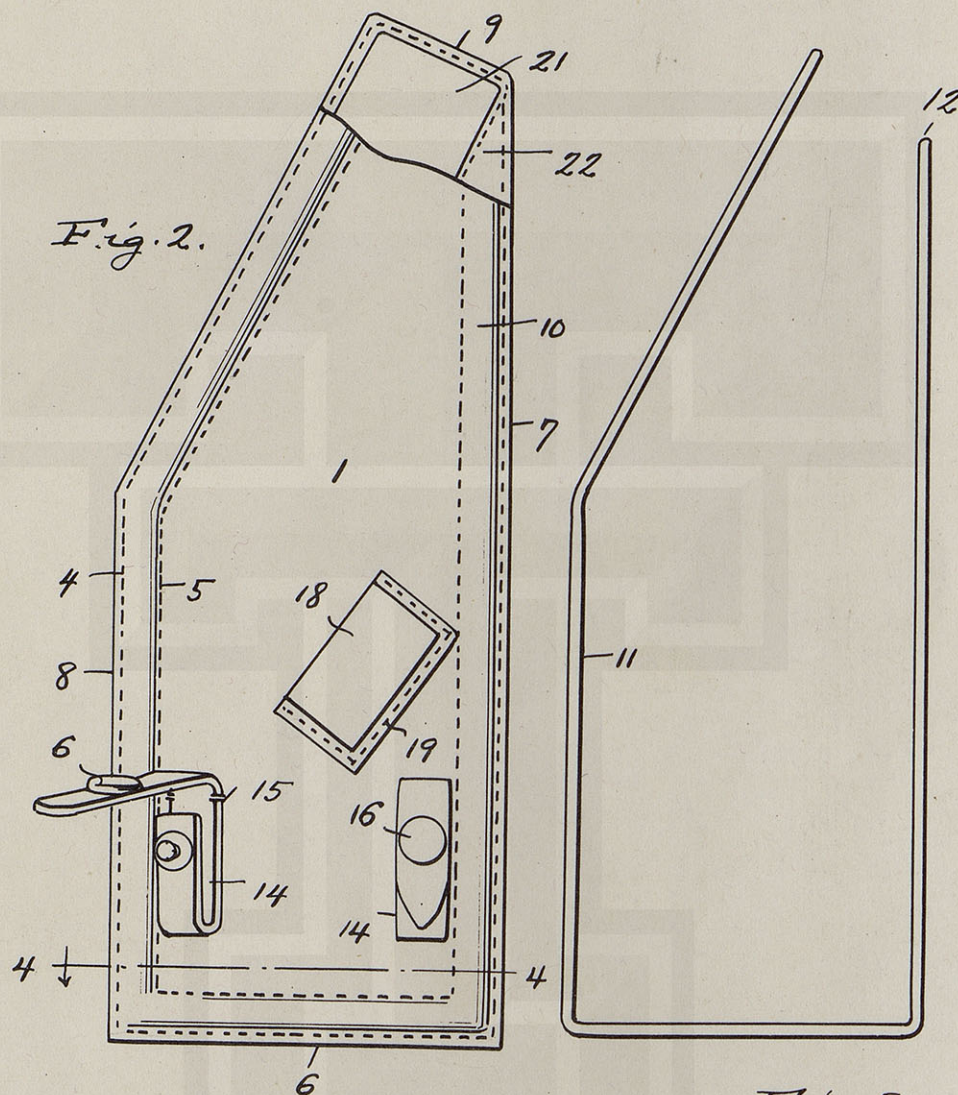


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Inventor

W. J. Myres

By

Clarence A. O'Brien
and Hyman Berman
Attorneys

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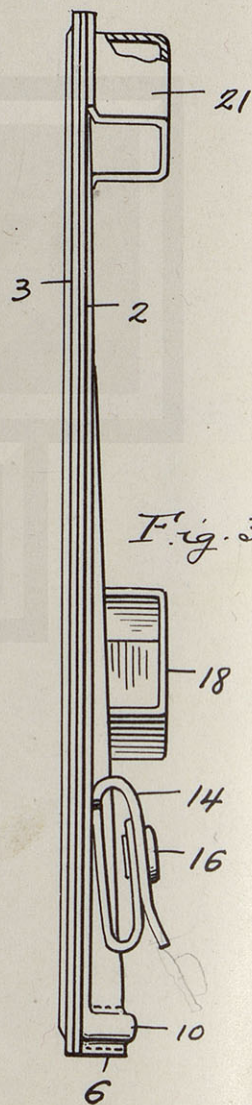
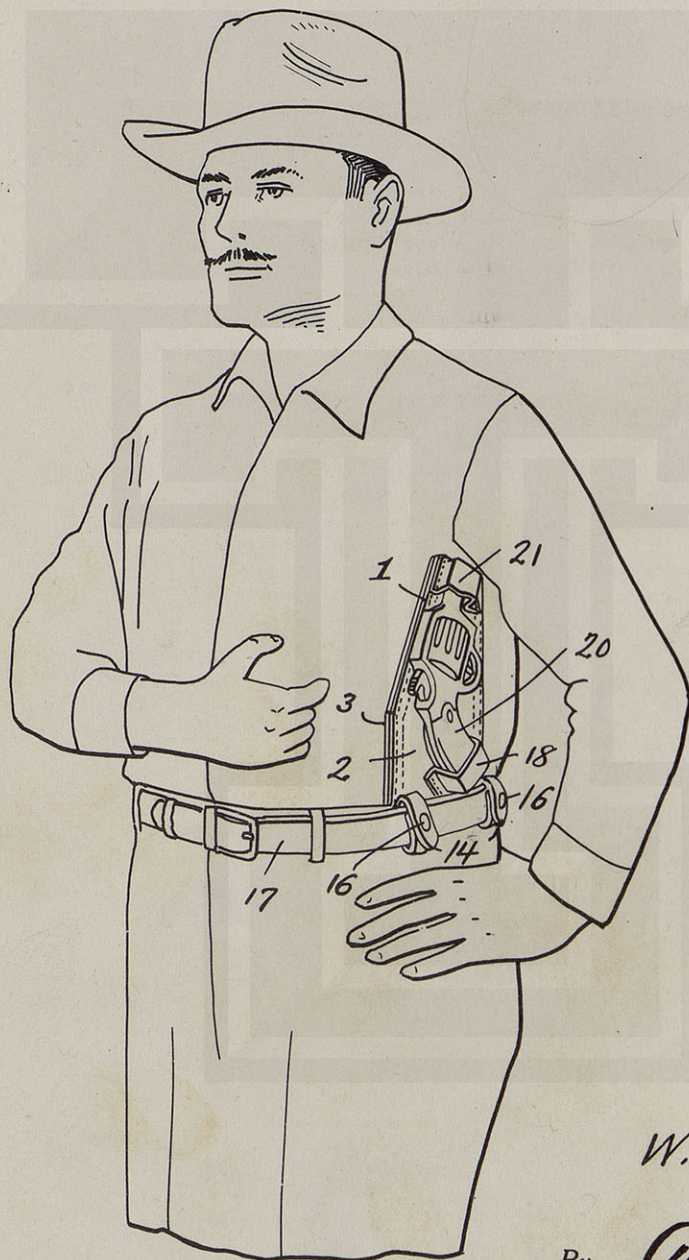


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HOLSTER

William J. Myres, El Paso, Tex.

Application March 13, 1939, Serial No. 261,595

2 Claims. (Cl. 224-2)

My invention relates to improvements in pistol holsters of the underarm type.

The invention is designed with the particular purpose in view of providing a holder of the type indicated which may be worn under the arm with comfort and support the pistol within quick and easy reach without the use of the uncomfortable shoulder strap hampering movement of the arm under which the holster is worn.

Another object is to provide a holster of the type for the purpose above set forth and which is adapted for carrying the pistol high above the waistline and for support by the usual pants belt close to the side of the wearer.

To the accomplishment of the above, and subordinate objects presently appearing, a preferred embodiment of my invention has been illustrated in the accompanying drawings, set forth in detail in the succeeding description and defined in the claims appended hereto.

In said drawings:

Figure 1 is a view in perspective illustrating my improved holster attached to the body of a wearer and with a pistol in the holster.

Figure 2 is a view in front elevation, partly broken away, of the holster detached and drawn to an enlarged scale.

Figure 3 is a view in edge elevation looking at the front edge of the holster.

Figure 4 is a view in transverse section taken on the line 4-4 of Figure 2, looking in the direction indicated by the arrow, and

Figure 5 is a view in side elevation of the reinforcing frame.

Referring to the drawings by numerals, the holster of my invention comprises a pair of complementary front and rear elongated sections 2 and 3, respectively, preferably of leather stitched together around the edges thereof by a double row of stitching, as at 4 and 5, and of a shape to provide the holster with a lower straight end 6, a right angularly related rear edge 7, an obtuse angled front edge 8 of which substantially the lower half is at a right angle to the lower end 6, and an upper edge 9 inclining downwardly from the front edge 8 to the rear edge 7. The overall length, or height, of said holster 1 is such that when worn under the arm it will extend approximately from the waistline to within a short distance of the armpit, it being understood that the holster will be made in different sizes as required.

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11, of resilient metal, conforming in shape to that of the holster 1 but open at its upper end, as at 12, to provide for flexing of the holster from the lower end 6 upwardly out of a normal transverse curvature so that said holster may conform to the body. Preferably the lower end of the frame 11 is bowed outwardly, or forwardly, to impart to said end a concavo-convex shape whereby it will conform to the curvature at the waistline.

Adjacent to the lower end of the holster a pair of open belt loops 14 are secured thereon, as by stitching 15, said loops being on the front face of the front section 2 and provided with glove fasteners 16 for securing the lower end of the holster to a pants belt 17. Above the belt loops 14 a short strap 18 is secured at its ends and one side, as by stitching 19, to the front face of the front section 2 in rearwardly and upwardly inclined position, said strap forming a loop-like pocket having a closed bottom for receiving the butt end of the pistol grip 20 inserted therein rearwardly and downwardly. At the upper end of the holster 1 a similar strap 21 is stitched at its ends, as at 22 to the front face of the front section 2 and to extend across said end 9 in a downwardly and rearwardly inclined position, said strap 21 forming an open bottom pocket having a closed upper end and extending across said end 9 in downwardly and rearwardly inclined position for conveniently extending the muzzle end of the pistol barrel upwardly into the same.

In wearing the described holster 1, it is attached to the pants belt 17 with its lower end between the belt and the body of the wearer whereby it is held in upright position against the side of the torso by the belt and without drawing the latter so tight as to be uncomfortable.

Because of the described curvature of the lower end of the said holster 1 and the flexibility of the holster above said end, resulting from having the upper end of the frame 11 open, the holster 1 is adapted to conform to the side of the torso so that it will fit comfortably against the same. The described opposite inclination of the straps 18 and 21 provide for quickly inserting the pistol grip 20 and the muzzle end 22 of the pistol into the same and for quickly drawing the pistol as will readily be seen.

The foregoing will, it is believed, suffice to impart a clear understanding of my invention without further explanation.

Manifestly, the invention, as described, is susceptible of modification without departing from the inventive concept and right is herein re-

served to such modifications as fall within the scope of the subjoined claims.

What I claim is:

1. A pistol holster comprising a belt strap to
5 be worn around the waist, an elongated pad-like
pistol carrier of semi-flexible material having a
lower end slidably attached to said strap at the
rear side of the latter for strapping of said car-
rier to the body of the wearer in upstanding
10 position flat against the side and under the arm
of the wearer and for adjustment along said
strap to vary the under-arm position thereof,
and a pair of upper and lower strap-like pistol
keepers extending transversely of the carrier
15 and secured to the front face of the carrier ad-
jacent the upper and lower ends thereof, said
keepers providing upper and lower pockets open-
ing toward each other for receiving the
muzzle and pistol grip ends of said pistol, re-
spectively, said keepers diverging forwardly to
20 facilitate insertion of said ends of the pistol
therein.

2. A pistol holster comprising a belt strap to
be worn around the waist, an elongated pad-
25 like pistol carrier of semi-flexible material hav-

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and pistol grip ends of said pistol, respectively,
said keepers diverging forwardly to facilitate
insertion of said ends of the pistol therein, and
15 a rod-like frame of resilient metal embedded
in said carrier and extending along the lower
end and side edges of the carrier to reinforce
the same against tilting away from the wearer
above said strap, said frame being open at the
20 upper end of the carrier to permit the latter
to twist above the strap and thereby conform
to the body of the wearer.

WILLIAM J. MYRES. 25

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON

File Number:

55912/872

June 30, 1936.

District Director of
Immigration and Naturalization,
Jacksonville, Florida,
Galveston, Texas,
El Paso, Texas,
Los Angeles, California.

SUBJECT: REVOLVER HOLSTER - BORDER PATROL - SOUTHERN BORDER

It is hereby ordered that the holster specified herein, known as the Myres Border Patrol holster, be worn by Border Patrol officers on the southern border when they are in uniform and carrying the Border Patrol Service revolver.

This holster may be purchased from any manufacturer, so long as it is made according to specifications.

SPECIFICATIONS

1. A belt holster to fit the Colt, new Service Model, caliber .38, revolver having a 4 inch barrel.
2. Open top style.
3. Made to be worn on the right hip, and suitable for use on a Sam Browne belt.
4. To be equipped with a guard strap 5/8" in width, fastened at back of holster with a rivet, and passing over gun hammer behind hammer spur, and fastening to outside of holster by a glove snap. Rivet should not pass through the outer surface of belt loop.
5. Belt loop of holster to be equipped with three (3) heavy glove snaps on under side to allow holster to be removed from Sam Browne belt without having to remove belt from around the waist or, in the option of the purchaser, belt loop to be of a single piece without snaps.

6. Holster to be made of highest grade cowhide taken from the back of the hide. Cowhide to be 10 ounces weight and bark tanned.

7. Belt loop and guard strap to be of same quality leather as the holster proper.

8. Holster must fit revolver snugly and exactly, without undue looseness, and without binding at any point. An upward pressure of 6 pounds should suffice to clear the revolver from the holster.

9. Holster must fit the revolver so that the fingers may easily be wrapped around the grip of the weapon without interference from the belt loop.

10. Holster must be so constructed as to allow the thumb to be placed on the hammer of the revolver while the gun is in the holster.

11. Holster must be hand stitched, the thread must be waxed flax thread of a six cord twist.

12. The holster shall be dropped below the Sam Browne belt to facilitate rapid drawing of the revolver.

13. The belt loop shall measure 6 inches, the measurement to be taken from the top of the belt loop to the top of the holster-wall, in front.

14. The belt loop shall be made to fit a Sam Browne belt having a width of 2".

15. To provide the holster with rigidity so as to assure a smooth draw, and to permit of shaping to conform to the shape of the hip, there shall be sewn, between the belt loop and the holster, between the layers of the leather, a sheet of 20 gauge steel.

16. To increase the holster's rigidity and prevent binding of the trigger guard, the cylinder and the gun barrel, there shall be sewn into the back seam of the holster from top to bottom, a leather welt not less than, and approximately, 3/8" in width, and 1/4" in thickness.

17. To eliminate binding of the gunsight and to serve as partial support for the weight of the gun, the bottom of the holster shall be constructed of a flat piece of leather the shape of a closed horseshoe having the following dimensions: 1-7/8" in length by 1" in width at the widest places. This piece shall be hand stitched neatly to the bottom of the holster.

18. The holster shall have an overall length of 11-1/4".

19. The holster-well at the front (barrel side) shall measure 6-1/8" inside measurement.

20. The holster-well at the back (trigger side) shall measure 6-1/2" outside measurement.

21. At the top, the holster shaped to fit the revolver, shall measure exactly 3-7/8" across the open mouth of the holster.

22. The top of the holster should be cut down so as to allow ready access to the trigger while the gun is in the holster.

23. The holster shall hang on the Sam Browne belt with the gun barrel inclined to the rear at an angle of approximately 15 degrees.

24. The belt loop shall be not less than 3" in width at the narrowest place.

25. Holster shall be dyed Cordovan brown, to conform to the color of the Sam Browne belt.

A sample of this holster is on file in the Central Office, and will be loaned for a reasonable length of time to any manufacturer desiring to inspect same, in the order in which such requests are received in the Central Office.

By direction of the Commissioner:


EDW. J. SHAUGHNESSY
Deputy Commissioner.

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Received from W. J. Myers
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September 8, 1937

Mr. William J. Myers,
El Paso, Texas,
U.S.A.

Dear Sir:-

Owing to the time limit in which you have to file your canadian Patent application, viz. October 1st, 1937, we take the liberty of enclosing herewith the necessary forms and we would ask you to sign same and return to us with your remittance of \$25.00.

Upon receipt of same we shall immediately file the application IDENTICAL TO YOUR GRANTED UNITED STATES PATENT, and forward the Official Filing Receipt and serial number to you.

Hoping we may have the pleasure of an early reply, we are,

Yours very truly,

STUART PATENT COMPANY,

A. G. Stuart, President,

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CLARENCE A. O'BRIEN
and
HYMAN BERMAN

Adams Building, 1333 F Street
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Sept. 8, 1937.

Mr. W. C. Roche
Attorney-at-Law
Suite 910 Bassett Tower,
1305 First National Bank Bldg.,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Mr. Roche:

In re: William J. Myres

We are enclosing herewith client's patent which grants him protection in the United States but grants him absolutely no protection whatsoever in foreign countries such as Canada and Mexico, our two neighbors.

If upon consideration client believes the invention adapted to Canada and Mexico, we do not believe that it is his intention to donate the invention to the manufacturers and people in those countries. We would like to assist him as much as possible in obtaining the additional monopoly to which he is entitled.

Since client has taken out this U. S. patent through our office and its issuance practically means but little prosecution of a Canadian application, we can afford to prepare, file and prosecute client's Canadian application to a conclusion before the Examiner for the comparatively small fee of \$90.00.

If client will let us have a remittance of \$25.00 on account at this time we will be glad to prepare the Canadian application and forward the same to you for his signature. Promptly upon the return of the application with the balance of fees the same will be placed on file in Canada.

The same service in Mexico would be \$165.00. All foreign applications must be filed before Oct. 1, 1937. Upon request we will send you a power of attorney to be signed by client to be returned to us with the total fee.

Awaiting instructions, we remain

Cordially yours,
Clarence A. O'Brien and Hyman Berman

By Clarence A. O'Brien (Signed)

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September 15, 1937

Messrs. S.D. Myres Saddle Co.,
Box 1505,
El Paso, Texas, U.S.A.

Gentlemen:- Attention Mr. Wm. J. Myres.

We thank you for your favour of the 14th, inst., and wish to confirm our advertised price for filing Canadian Patent application identical to your granted United States Patent, viz. "HOLSTER" No. 2,092,222, as follows:-

Preparation of specification, claims and 1 sheet of drawings.....	\$10.00
Government filing fee.....	15.00

TOTAL.....\$25.00

Within six months from the date of allowance or approximately one year from the date of filing there is a Government final and Attorney issuing fee of \$25.00. When a Canadian Patent is allowed it is valid for seventeen years.

Should extra drawings be required there is a nominal charge of \$9.00 per sheet.

Under the new Canadian Patent Act all cases have to be filed in Canada within one year from the date of filing in any other country, or, before the issue of the Patent in any other country, therefore, as your case was filed in the United States on October 1st, 1936, application will have to be made in Canada on or before October 1st, 1937.

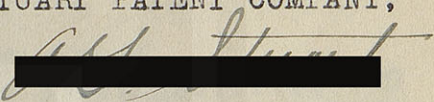
Messrs. S.D. Myers Saddle Co.

When instructing us to proceed we shall be pleased to receive the return of the Petition forwarded to under date of September 8th, signed and dated, also your remittance of \$25.00. Immediately upon receipt of same we shall file this case and the Official filing receipt and serial number will be forwarded to you in due course.

Hoping we may have the pleasure of hearing from you at an early date, we are,

Yours very truly,

STUART PATENT COMPANY,


A. G. Stuart, President,

AGS/IL

W. C. ROCHE
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW

SUITE 910 BASSETT TOWER
~~ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW~~
EL PASO, TEXAS
Telephone Main 321

September 15, 1937.

Mr. William J. Myres,
c/o S. D. Myres Saddle Co.,
526 E. Overland St.,
El Paso, Texas.

Re: Holster Patent Serial #103,607
Patent No. 2092,222

Dear Mr. Myres:

Attached hereto please find patent in the above entitled matter, which grants you patent protection in the United States for a period of seventeen years, said patent having been issued under date of September 7, 1937.

Relative to patent protection on the patented holster that you intend to manufacture, the proper notation to be stamped on the holsters covered by this patent is as follows:
"Patented Pat. No. 2092,222."

Also, for your information I am enclosing copy of letter received from Mr. O'Brien bearing date September 8 referring to patent protection in Canada and Mexico.

Yours very truly,

WCR:EM
Enclosures.

To the Commissioner of Patents
Ottawa, Canada.

The Petition of (a).....

whose permanent address is (b).....

sheweth:-

1. THAT (c).....

made the invention entitled (d).....

which is described and defined in
the attached specification.

(e) 2. THAT the right to obtain a patent on such invention
has been assigned or transmitted to Your Petitioner as appears from
the document submitted herewith.

3. THAT Your Petitioner verily believes that the said
invention was not known or used by others before it was invented
as aforesaid and will neither have been in public use or on sale
in Canada, nor have been described in any patent or in any publica-
tion printed in Canada or in any other country more than two years
prior to the presentation or filing of this petition.

(f) 4. YOUR Petitioner requests that this application be
treated as entitled to priority as follows, having regard to the
following applications for patent heretofore made in other coun-
tries: (g).....

5. THAT Your Petitioner hereby appoints.....
of..... in the province of..... to
represent him and stand in his place and stead for all purposes of
THE PATENT ACT, 1935, including the service of any proceedings taken
under any provision of the said ACT.

6. THAT Your Petitioner appoints.....
whose address is.....
to amend the specification and drawings, receive the patent and
generally to act as Your Petitioner's attorney in the prosecution
of this application, with full power of substitution in the premises.

7. THAT the allegations made in this petition will in
due course be verified on oath as required by THE PATENT ACT, 1935.

YOUR Petitioner therefore prays that a patent may be
granted to him for the said invention.

(h) SIGNED at.....
this..... day of..... 19.....

Signature of Applicant.

(a) Full name of applicant.

(b) Full Post Office Address.

(c) Name of inventor and his address.

(d) Title of invention.

(e) This paragraph to be struck out if made by inventor.

(f) This paragraph to be struck out if priority not claimed.

(g) Specify the applications relied upon and indicate to which of the claims now made

(h) If the Petition is signed by a Corporation it must be executed under Corporation

September 14, 1937

Stuart Patent Company
273 Bank Street
Ottawa, Canada

Gentlemen:

Attention: Mr. A. C. Stuart, President

We have your favor September 8, touching patent issued William J. Myres.

We are not clear from your letter and information furnished how much would be the cost of securing a Patent or protecting the Patent we now have from the Canadian Government. We understand that fees would be \$25.00. We would like to be advised if there would be any other additional price in having this Patent perfected in Canada. In another words, we want to know exactly what we could depend as to price to complete the entire transaction.

A quick answer will be appreciated.

Yours very truly

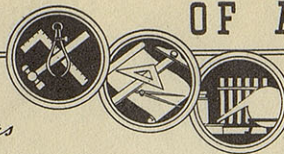
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September 8, 1937

Mr. William J. Myres
El Paso, Texas

Dear Mr. Myres:

Your patent #2,092,222 on a Holster has been examined. If you wish to realize the invention's full value with the least possible delay, it should be submitted to the whole of its logical market at the outset and all possible competition created. The enclosed booklet gives particulars. Meanwhile, to leave yourself free to choose among competitive offers, we suggest that you not accept any early proposals or contracts you may receive.

The Chartered Institute was formed by inventors themselves that they might have a reliable organization with the most efficient facilities possible for handling new ideas. The sales plans followed are based on over twelve years of successful experience in selling inventions -- proof of which will be supplied you upon request.

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Sincerely yours,

CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF
AMERICAN INVENTORS

By

Secretary

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On Selling Your Invention

SOME CAUTIONS

The urgent need of inventors for an effective economical plan for selling their new ideas has led many promoters and agents to bring forward various plausible, so-called sales procedures. For each inventor to test these out for himself would cost hundreds of dollars and months of time. Obviously, then, the logical course is for inventors to organize, pool their experiences and hand on the accumulated information to new inventors. For some years members of the Chartered Institute of American Inventors have taken a leading part in such investigations and tests. The procedures described below are typical.

An agent writes the inventor and asks if his patent is for sale. It probably is, and the agent promptly offers to undertake its marketing on a straight commission of from 3% to 5%. He submits a contract in which the invention is valued at, say, \$75,000, whereas the inventor might be glad to get one-tenth that amount. Not a penny does the agent ask in advance—at the outset. Safeguards are conspicuously thrown around the inventor—this to divert attention from the fact that the contract does not bind the agent to spend a dollar of real money on the sales effort. After the agreement is signed, comes the "touch"—a letter explaining that sales efforts are starting very promisingly, with prominent manufacturers interested, etc., but that an "engineer's report," "patent abstract," "industrial survey," or some such fancifully named document, is urgently needed to clinch the sale. The inventor has, of course, no such document on hand and, in his inexperienced eagerness to get the "big money," will frequently pay the promoter \$25 (sometimes reduced to \$10) for the document. Once the agent gets the cash, he makes

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one or two brief reports as a "gesture," such as "the manufacturer is no longer interested;" then forgets the transaction as speedily as the victimized inventor will allow him.

When the inventor finds that the agent is "through," he may himself try out the document on a manufacturer. Then it is that its utter worthlessness becomes evident. **The modern executive does not need, and will not trust, an obviously superficial compilation by unknown persons. He will get all the information he requires from sources he knows and trusts, such as his own engineers, sales manager, patent counsel, etc.**

Promoters of patent expositions, congresses of inventors, model and drawing exhibits, etc., have a different technique but the same money objective. Presumably it is to divert attention from their profitable personal enterprise of sub-letting display space at high rates that some of the promoters pose as the national and official representatives of inventors generally, although actual adherents are but a scant 1%. Exhibitors can only be disappointed, for hardly any plan could be more futile for selling inventions. Scarcely one executive in a position to purchase patents would ordinarily be found among the type of entertainment seekers who attend such shows. We have yet to learn of a single bona fide sale of patent rights made to a manufacturer at such gatherings. A business executive must be approached at his main office, where he may consult with his technical advisers.

Lack of space prevents our describing other futile and objectionable procedures, but full particulars will be found in the folder, "Sales and Advertising Schemes," one of the 17 service items you will receive immediately you become a member of the Institute.

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W. C. ROCHE
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW

SUITE 910 BASSETT TOWER
EL PASO, TEXAS
September 7, 1940

Mr. W. J. Myres,
El Paso, Texas

Re: W. J. Myres Patent
Serial No. 261595

Dear Mr. Myres:

I am enclosing herewith Letters Patent just received from the United States Patent Office on your pistol holster, same being in accordance with your application filed on March 13, 1939, said patent being dated September 3, 1940 for the term of seventeen (17) years from said date.

Very truly yours,

[Redacted signature]

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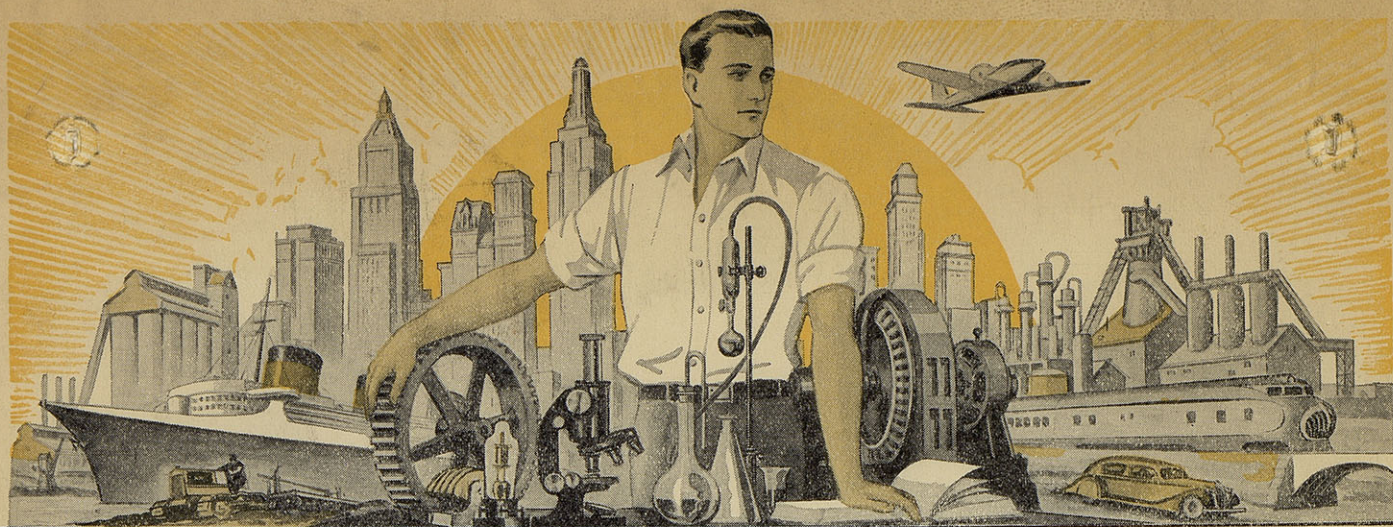
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HOLSTER,

set forth in the annexed Specification.

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SPECIFICATION.

To All Whom it May Concern:

BE IT KNOWN That I, W. J. Myers,
a
citizen of the United States
residing at El Paso,
in the county of El Paso,
and State of Texas,
have invented new and useful
improvements in HOLSTER,
of which the following is a specification:

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are formed from leather.

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One of the folds, for example the fold 15 of the loop 13 has a part removed to provide a slot with which the other fold, for example the fold 16 of the loop 13 forms an elongated socket 17.

Secured to the fold 15 of the loop by rivets or other suitable fastening means 18 is a plate 19 preferably of metal, and this plate at its lower end is provided with an enlarged substantially circular opening 20 with which merges one end of a vertical slot 21 that has projecting laterally therefrom a vertical series of relatively spaced bayonet slots 22, the apertured and slotted portion of the plate 19 being disposed over the pocket 17 as shown.

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Referring to the drawings by reference of numerals it will be noticed that No. 1 represents any conventional type holster. Number 2 represents the belt loop stitched to the holster. Number 3 represents the metal plate inserted between the belt loop and the holster leather "in the red". Number 4 represents leather welt stitched between holster leather at the enclosure. No. 5 represents bottom leather enclosure.

The primary object of this invention is to make improvement on previous holsters worn or suspended from the belt. By - A, giving a quicker and smoother draw by letting holster drop lower from belt with an extended belt loop numeral 1.

B, the extended belt loop has previously been used but has been unsatisfactory because of its looseness allowing the gun when in holster to flop thus giving an unfixed and uncertain position of the gun.

C, The principle item in my improvement is shown by numeral, 3. The metal plate inserted between layer of leather between belt loop and

holster proper. This metal plate can be made any shape to conform to the shape of the holster used. Metal to be of such weight that will not bend easily but can be formed to fit the gun and the contour of the body of the carrier. Metal to be of sufficient length to give stiffness to belt loop from belt to holster. This is the one part that goes so far to make the holster a very practical one for use on any belt, particularly on the Sam Browne belt.

D. leather welt inserted between holster enclosure, numeral 4 is very important for stiffening of holster. It also allows opening for trigger guard making snugger fit and ~~eliminates~~ eliminates binding at trigger guard.

E. numeral 5 represents the enclosure at bottom of holster. This is a flat piece of leather shaped similar to an enclosed horseshoe and stitched flush with the bottom of the holster.

The Myres Border Patrol Holster was designed through the cooperation of the Border Patrolmen and the S.D. Myres Saddle Co. to give Officers wearing Sam Brown belts the same advantage of a quick draw as other known quick draw holsters have. It is a common known fact that a holster hung high on a Sam Brown belt is very difficult to make a quick draw from thus placing that Officer in a dangerous position should that time occur where a quick draw is necessary. To drop the conventional holster on a long flap from Sam Brown belt also presents difficulty in the fact that the holster is in now way fixed, by this we mean that it flops and is not in the same position at any two different times. An Officer wearing this type holster and reaching for his gun may miss the first grab or should he not miss the holster belt loop being long and flabby sometimes locks gun in holster for "just that split second" which means the difference between life and death in a gun fight. This has been given little thought by High Officials but the man wearing the gun and the one having that close call has worried many times about just such faulty holsters.

We have contacted these men and have worked out with them a holster which gives them protection in such close calls.

The above is mentioned to give a conception of the difficulty experienced by Officers carrying JUST ANY KIND OF HOLSTER.

We will now try to outline the features of the Myres Border Patrol Holster and give details why it is much safer, comfortable, convenient and longer life than any other pistol holster ever designed.

First let us take up the material used in this holster. It is of the very finest cowhide available. Made of 10oz. stock and only of very firm leather taken from the back of a hide. This is very important from the standpoint of wear and more important from the standpoint of a lasting fit. All leather have some stretch in them and if firm stock is not used it is only a matter of a short time until the holster is so loose for the gun. This loose fit is very undesirable as ~~the~~ a too loose holster could cause a gun to be lost or there is a very slight possibility where revolver is used that the cylinder could become slightly turned thus causing a mechanical failure of the gun.

Second we take up the finish. The holster can be dyed brown, cordovan or black. At this point would like to mention also that the leather can be water-proofed which is very desirable for any holster that is to be carried in all kinds of weather. We usually give the holster a finish coat of lacquer which helps to preserve the wearing qualities. The above are minor details which helps to make the difference between a good and just an ordinary holster.

Third we will take up the style and construction of holster. This is naturally the most difficult point to explain to properly bring out the fine points that makes this a really great holster.

At just a glance this holster looks the same as many others now in use, but on close examination we find many improvements. Let us take the conventional holster and add a few refinements such as will be shown by a rough sketch. ~~XXXXX~~

In sketch # 1, I am leaving off the belt loops so as to more clearly bring out the features of the holster itself. Welt A, is a thick piece of leather about one-half inch wide stitched between holster both back and front. The purpose of this welt is to stiffen holster from top to bottom and also to give a wide opening at the top for the trigger guard of the pistol to slip into. This is one feature that will go farther in making the proper fit in long life of holster than any other item. It eliminates the binding of the gun at the trigger-guard.

Next we take up trigger opening, B. This opening should be low cut and large enough to allow finger to go into trigger-guard of gun without drawing gun from the holster. In making a quick draw it is necessary to place finger on trigger and cock gun as draw is being made. In order to do this it is necessary to have ample opening in holster for finger to enter trigger-guard. This opening should not be too large for to do so would expose some of the working parts of the gun to the weather and also let trigger-guard on the outside of holster through trigger-guard opening of holster. To have proper fit at this opening there should be no play between holster welt, A, at trigger-guard and front of holster at the gun sight, C.

Next we take up sight location, C. The holster is so designed that a gun with raised back sight will slip into holster just to the sight. That is, the rear sight is just left outside the holster. Most of these sights have sharp edges and have a tendency to hang or drag. This soon cuts out the holster at this point and slows the draw. To remedy this we cut holster low enough in front to let sight ride just outside the holster.

Next is lock strap, D. All pistols with short barrels have a tendency to jump out of the holster when jolted. To avoid this

we bring a strap from the rear of the holster over pistol trigger and fasten it with a glove snap to the side of the holster, this holds the gun secure in the holster and does not interfere with a quick draw. By ~~knocking~~ tripping glove button snap with finger the strap is loosened at one end thus leaving the gun accessible for quick draw.

Bottom of enclosure of holster, E. The bottom of the holster is closed with a piece of leather being stitched in as shown in sketch, this feature is primarily to keep the gun from being forced too deep in the holster thus causing a binding of the gun at various points. Oft times a holster is forced out of shape by the gun barrel not reaching the bottom of the holster.

Next we will take up that part of the holster that suspends the holster from the belt. Although the feature just mentioned go to make up a fine holster ~~these~~ they are of no value unless the holster is properly hung on the belt. We believe that in our method we have worked out an unsurpassed design. I will draw sketch and attempt to make this construction clear.

Part, A, shown in sketch # 2 is 20 gauge sheet iron cut the shape shown and placed between layer of loop leather, part B, and holster leather. This metal is the principal part in the success of the holster, it is inserted to stiffen the leather from the Sam Brown belt to holster and also to give shape to leather loop making proper hang from belt. This metal is so shaped to hold top part of holster away from body giving clearance between body and handle of gun. This clears all the interference this clears all interference of the gun from the hand making the draw.

With reference to stitching of leather loop below Sam Brown belt will say that when belt is inserted in holster loop there is a fairly tight fit. This fixes the holster in one position and this position is held constant with reference to the Sam Brown belt. The Officer going after his gun will find it in the same place and position every time he makes a grab for it.

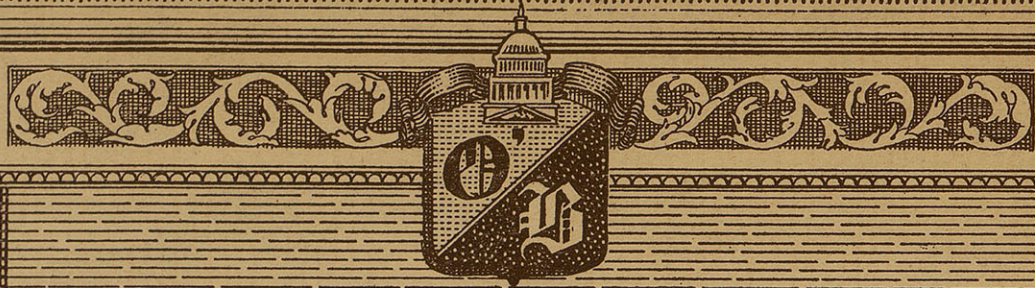
In order for the gun to be accessible and the draw not to be awkward, it is necessary to drop the holster some two inches below the bottom of the Sam Brown belt. To make this distance constant lets say drop holster below Sam Brown belt a distance where the top of welt, A, shown in sketch # 1 will be four inches from top of Sam Brown belt. This places the gun low enough for a comfortable draw and at the same time does not drop it so low that it will interfere with the carriage in reference to setting in an Automobile or on a Motorcycle. This distance has been carefully worked out and it is our belief that it is correct for any man using this holster. The great difficulty with other type holsters, that drop from the Sam Brown belt, is the unfixed position of the same. There is no stiffness to the holster loop thus causing uncertainty of position of the gun when in the holster. The flabbiness will cause a folding of leather at the holster loop and the hanging of the gun in the holster which impairs quickness of the draw.

Many holster of the above style are made of one piece leather where leather loop is constructed to just fold back. This large piece of leather necessitates part of holster being cut from the belly part of the hide. This belly part is very flexible and is not desirable to have in a holster of first quality. Most cutters place this ~~flap~~ flabby part of the hide in the belt loop which should never be done on this type of holster. The belt loop on this holster should have the best leather in order to hold the holster in a firm position.

Leather loop, B, in sketch # 2 is cut from good firm leather and is stitched to holster on rear side. This gives three thicknesses of leather and the stiffness of a metal plate to make the holster stiff at the back. The metal is shaped to throw handle of pistol away from body.

The angle of swing can be varied to suit the individuals desire but it would be our suggestion that the pistol should hang with the barrel of gun pointing backward at an angle of about fifteen degrees with reference to the horizontal. This gives the gun a natural flow from the holster as it is drawn.

The holster when properly fitted is as snug as if it had been moulded. It holds pistol securely in place but with the least upward motion it readily releases. All the ~~work~~ sewing is necessarily done by hand to get the results desired. Lost motion in the holster queers the very purposes of the holster and that for which it was designed and made.



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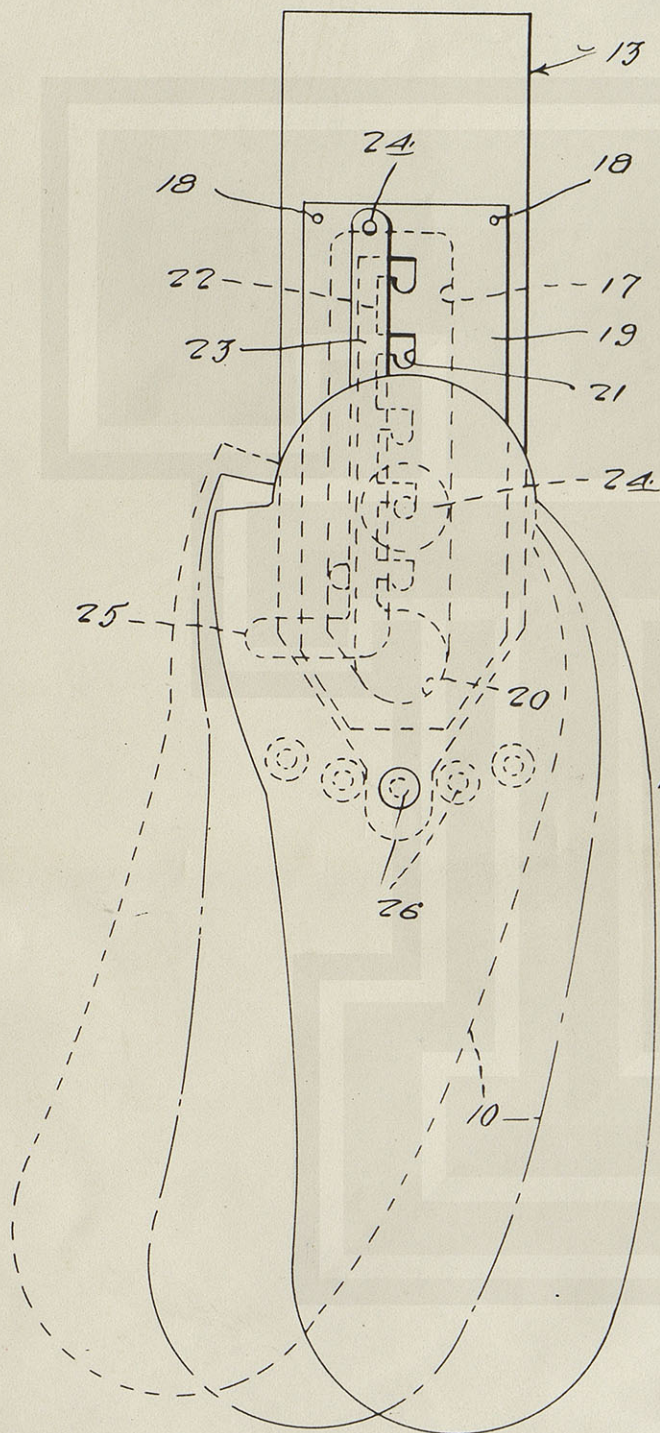


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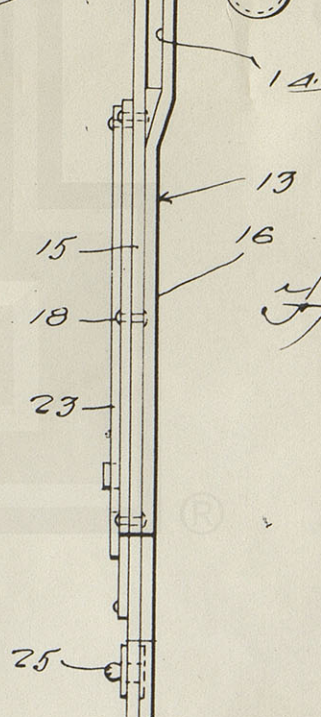
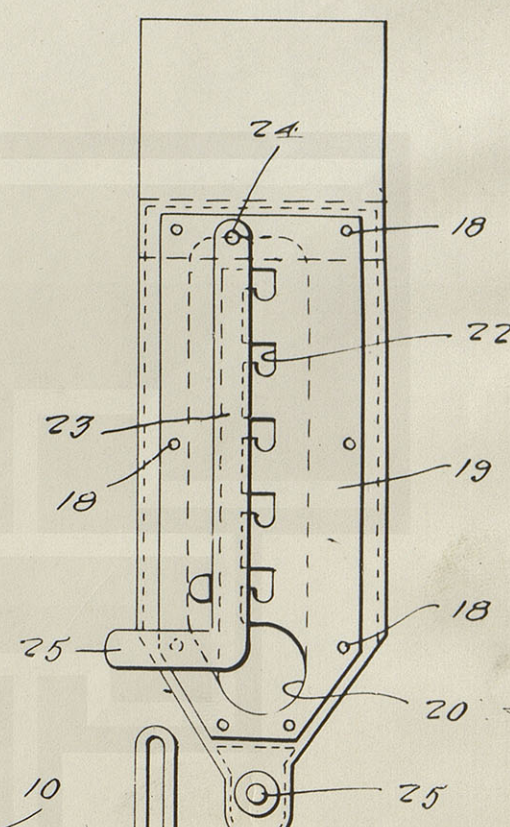


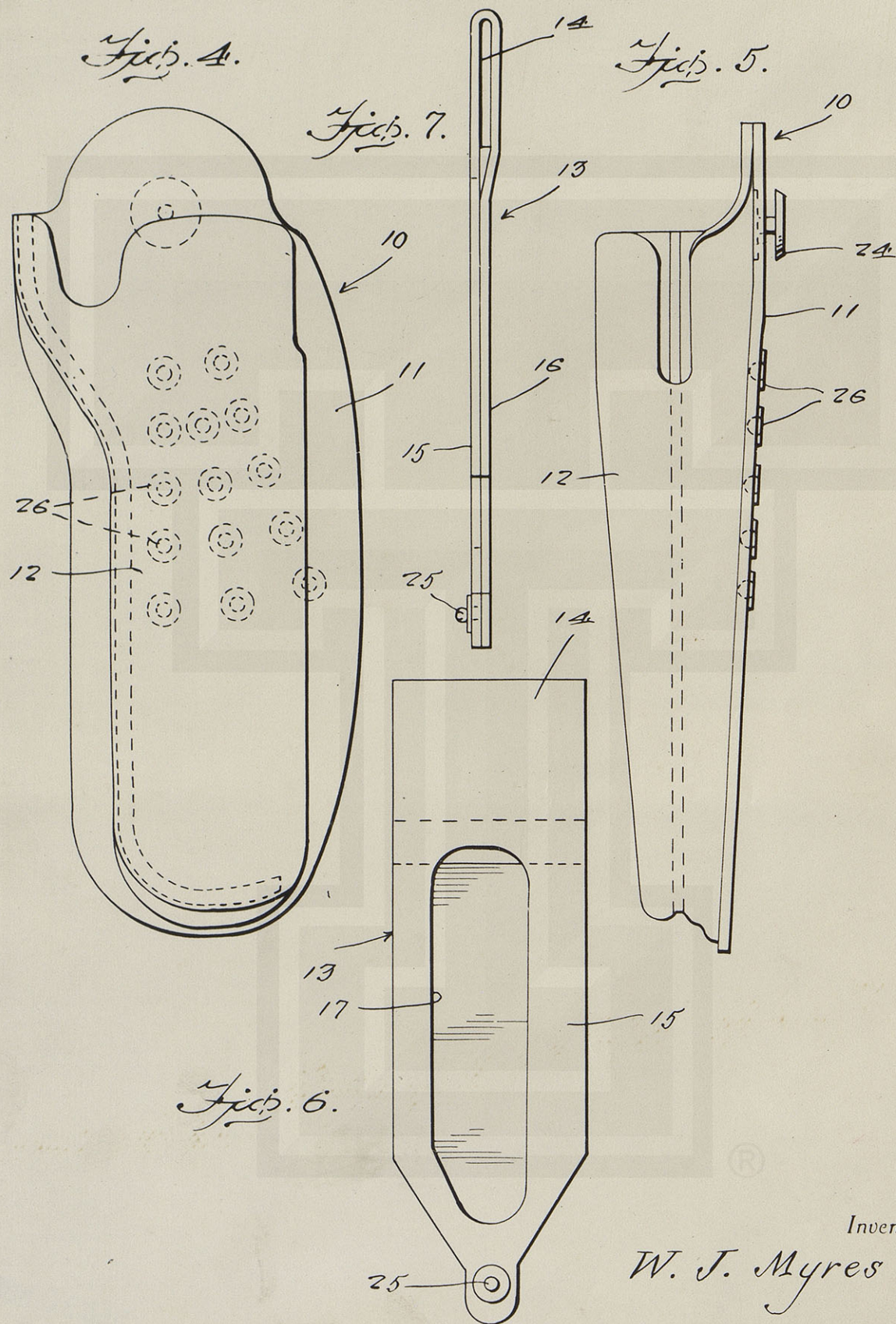
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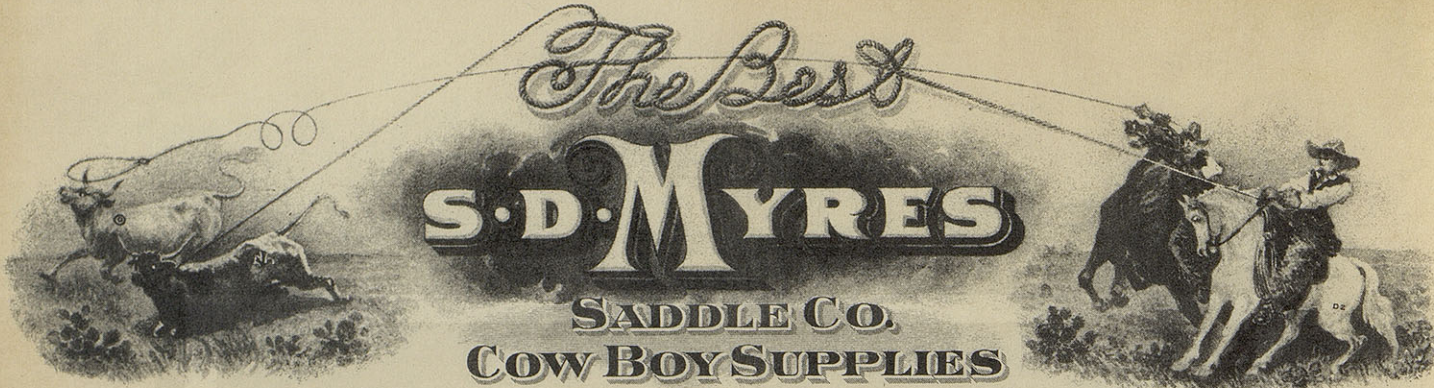
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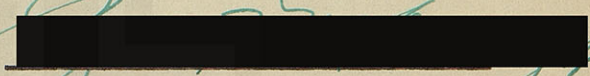
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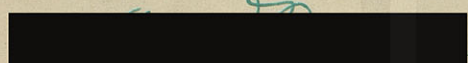
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