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(54) **Pistol safety holder.**

(57) The holster makes it possible to prevent a stranger from seizing the weapon by drawing it without authorization from the holster worn by the interested person.

It comprises a pivotable cover (B) hinged at its one end (8) and able to cover, in its protective position, at least the hammer of the weapon. Said cover is pulled by a spring (5) to be brought to its open position, i.e., of release of the weapon, by turning in the direction opposite to that in which the grip (9) of the weapon is located.

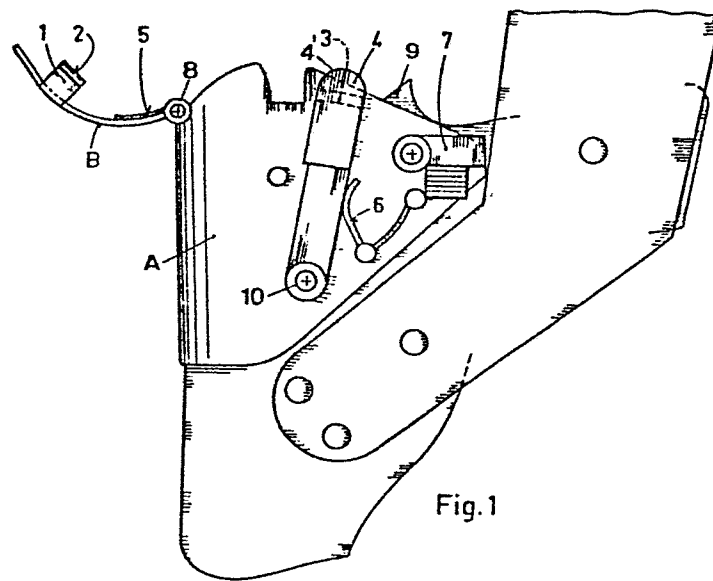
Said cover exhibits an appendix (1) solid with a right angle flange (2) which in the protective position engages quickly in an annular groove (3) of a fast-action lever (4) located on the inside of the holster, or next to the body of the person wearing it.

A spring (6) pulls said lever (4) to its locking position.

A further pivoted safety lever (7) prevents fast-action lever (4) from being moved from its locking position to open position.

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Pistol safety holder

This invention has as its object a pistol safety holster, making it possible to prevent a stranger from seizing the weapon by drawing it without authorization from the holster worn by the interested party.

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It does not appear to the owner of this invention that holsters exist which are able to perform this task and which, at the same time, allow a safe and fast drawing of the weapon.

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The holster in question is characterized by protective elements able to prevent a stranger from seizing the weapon by drawing it without authorization from the holster, immediate-action elements enabling the person wearing the holster to  
15 draw the weapon quickly and grip it, and safety elements able to prevent an incorrect functioning of said protective and action elements.

For greater clarification, the accompanying drawing represents  
20 a preferred nonlimiting embodiment of the holster according to this invention.

- Fig. 1 shows it in a side view, with the protective cover open.

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- Fig. 2 shows it partially, still in side view, with the cover closed, i.e., in the position protecting the weapon and with the various elements in their safety position;

30 - Fig. 3 is the cross section of the fast-action lever made according to the design indicated in Fig. 2.

With reference to the various figures:

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the holster comprises part A preferably of metal that can optionally be covered with leather or equivalent material, and protective cover B, hinged at 8 to A, which in its closed position, shown in Fig. 2, protects the hammer 9 of the weapon, preventing drawing of said weapon by a stranger.

Solid with protective cover B, pulled in open position by spring 5, is appendix 1, exhibiting right angle flange 2 that is inserted into groove 3 of fast-action lever 4, hinged at 10, when the lever is in its vertical safety position.

Lever 4 is pulled by spring 6 to be brought into its vertical position.

Head 4' of lever 4 is rounded so that when cover B is brought from its open position (Fig. 1) to closed position (Fig. 2), right angle flange 2 first encounters said rounded part 4', moves the top of lever 4 toward the right, as shown in Fig. 1 and loads spring 6, until said flange 2 encounters groove 3 and penetrates into it.

In this position, lever 4 can spring back to the vertical position (Fig. 2), i.e. the position of locking of cover B and therefore the safety position.

To release cover B, when the person wearing the holster wishes to free the weapon and draw it from the holster, it suffices to act with a finger by moving lever 4 to the right (Fig. 1) until right angle flange 2 is released from groove 3, allowing spring 5 to cause the pivoting of the cover to its open position.

To prevent accidental movement of lever 4 a safety device is provided consisting of additional lever 7, which is pivoted into the position shown in Fig. 2 when it is desired to lock

said lever 4.

It should be noted that the various safety devices consisting of lever 4, with its groove 3, appendix 1 with right angle  
5 flange 2, spring 6 and lever 7, are placed on the inside wall of holster A, or next to the body of the person wearing the holster, so that they are not accessible to strangers.

Action by the interested party to release the weapon is there-  
10 fore very fast: it is necessary to pivot lever 7 and act on lever 4 by pushing it to the right (Fig. 1) so that cover B, pulled by spring 5 can spontaneously spring to its open position (Fig. 1).

15 The same device is also provided for pistols with an inside hammer. In this case, the cover will be made to confine the back part of the slide.

The shape of the various parts can vary, in a manner compatible with what is claimed, without going outside the scope of  
20 protection of the patent.

Claims

1. Pistol safety holster, making it possible to prevent a stranger from seizing the weapon by drawing it without authorization from the holster carried by the interested party, characterized by protective elements (B = 1, 2, 5) able to prevent the stranger from seizing the weapon by drawing it without authorization from holster (A), by immediate-action elements (1, 2, 3, 4, 6) enabling the person wearing the holster to draw the weapon quickly and to grip it, and safety elements (7) able to prevent an incorrect functioning of said protective and action elements.

2. Holster according to claim 1, wherein said protective elements comprise a pivotable cover (B) hinged at its one end (8), able, in its protective position, to cover at least the hammer of the weapon; said cover being pulled elastically by a spring (5) to be brought into its open position by turning in the direction opposite to that in which the grip of the weapon is located.

3. Holster according to claims 1 and 2, wherein said immediate-action elements comprise an appendix (1) solid with said cover, an appendix ending in a right angle flange (2) engaging in a curved groove (3) of a manual fast-action lever (4), a lever placed between the holster and the body of the person wearing the holster, i.e., next to the body of the person; a spring (6) acting on said lever thrusting it in its position of engagement with said right angle flange (1, 2).

4. Holster according to claims 2 and 3, wherein the head (3') of said fast-action lever (4) is curved so that the right angle flange (2) of appendix (1), striking said curved part, moves the lever a certain angle and loads spring (6) which pulls the lever before entering in curved grooved (3) made

in the lever itself, after which the lever can spring back to its initial position, locking the cover.

- 5 5. Holster according to claims 1, 2, 3 and 4, wherein said safety elements comprise a safety lever (7) hinged at its one end and manually operated so as to be brought into such a position as to lock said fast-action lever (4), preventing it from turning to release pivotable cover (B).
- 10 6. Holster according to claims 1 to 5, wherein it is covered with leather or equivalent material, at least in its stationary part.

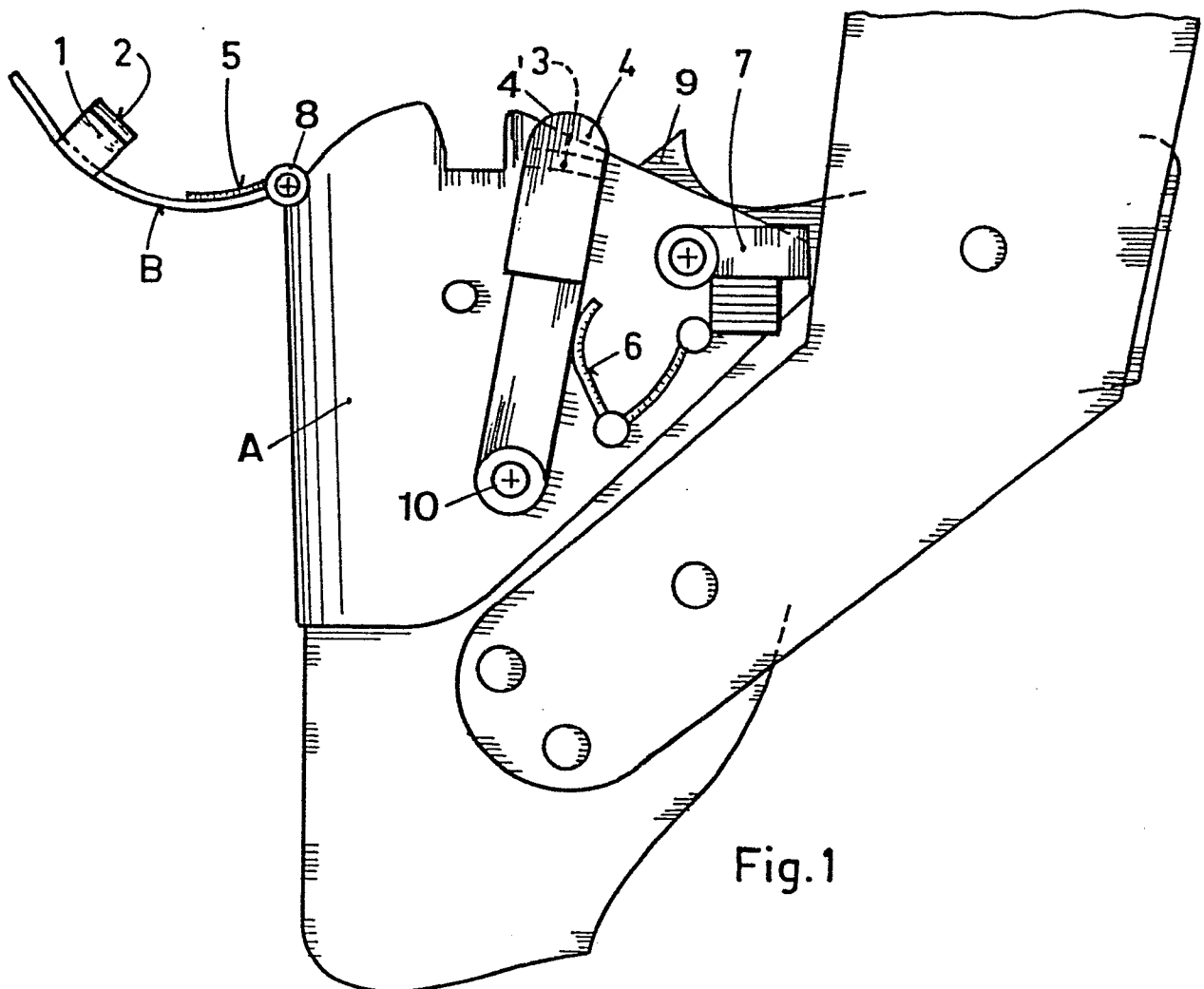


Fig.1

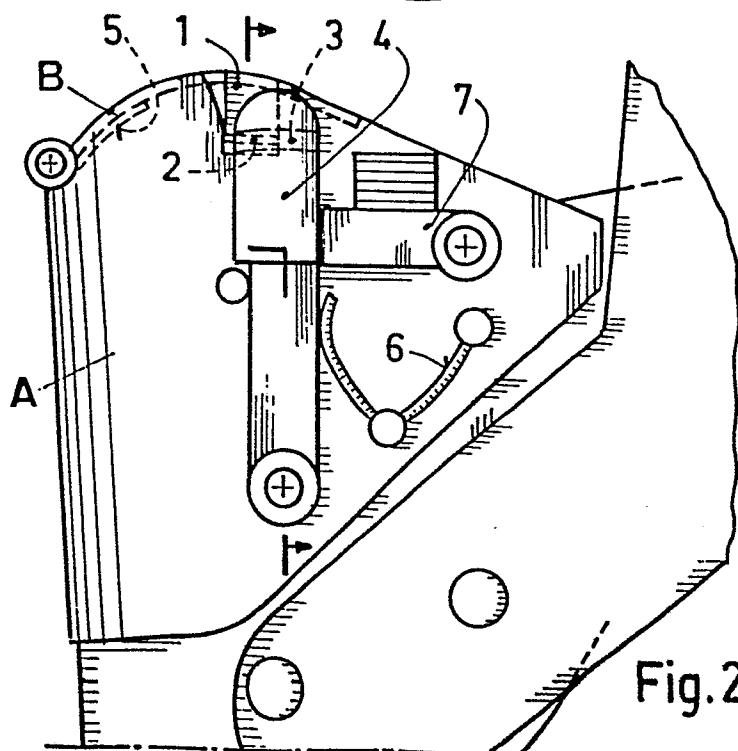


Fig.2

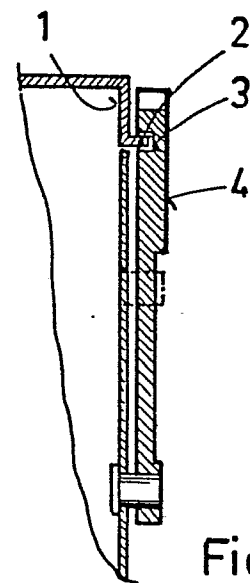


Fig.3