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## ADJUSTABLE STOCK FOR FIREARMS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, OLIVER O. SCRIPTURE, of Prescott, in the county of Yavapai and Territory of Arizona, have invented a new and Improved Adjustable Stock for Firearms, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of the invention is to so construct the stock of a firearm that in a few moments it may be adjusted to suit a person having a long or a short neck.

A further object of the invention is to construct a stock of the above character in a simple, durable, and economic manner and so that the manipulation of the stock will be readily comprehended by any person of ordinary intelligence.

Another object of the invention is to provide an adjustable stock that will possess all the strength and rigidity of the ordinary stock.

The invention consists in the novel construction and combination of the several parts, as will be hereinafter fully set forth, and pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the improved stock. Fig. 2 is a plan view thereof. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal vertical section taken substantially on the line 3 3 of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a front end view of the pistol-grip section of the stock. Fig. 5 is a rear end view of the neck-section of the stock adapted to connect with the pistol-grip section. Fig. 6 is a transverse section taken practically on the line 6 6 of Fig. 2. Fig. 7 is a plan view of the rod adapted to connect the two sections of the stock, and Fig. 8 is a detail perspective view of an adjusting-nut used in connection with the said connecting-rod.

The stock A of the gun is divided into two sections. One section consists of a butt 10, provided with the usual shoulder-plate 10<sup>a</sup>, and a pistol-grip 11, if the stock is to be used upon a shotgun, and the other section consists of a neck 12, which is adapted for connection with the barrel or barrels and is to form a continuation of the pistol-grip section or the butt portion of the stock, according to

the character of stock to which the improvement is to be applied.

The forward end of the pistol-grip or rear section of the stock is provided with a concaved recess 13, in which recess a plate 14 is fitted, the plate extending over the top and bottom portions of the said pistol-grip section, as is shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3. This plate 14 is provided with transversely-located fine teeth 15; the teeth extending from end to end of the plate and from side to side of the same. The plate is provided with an opening that registers with a cavity 16, formed in the pistol-grip or equivalent portion of the stock at the concaved end 13, as shown in Fig. 2, and the butt portion of the stock and the connecting pistol-grip or equivalent section are provided with a longitudinal bore 17, that extends from the cavity 16 to and out through the shoulder-plate 10<sup>a</sup>; but the rear end of the bore 17 is enlarged, as shown particularly in Fig. 2, to receive a nut 18, (shown in detail in Fig. 8,) the said nut being preferably provided with a screw-head, which head, when the nut is in place, is countersunk in the shoulder-plate 10<sup>a</sup>, as is also shown in Fig. 2.

The rear end of the neck-section 12 of the stock, or that section to which the barrel or barrels are attached, is convexed or so shaped as to turn in the concavity 13 of the butt-section of the stock. A plate 20 is made to cover the convexed end portion 19 of the neck-section of the stock, and this plate is made to extend along the upper and lower portions of the said neck-section, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3. The plate 20 is provided with teeth 21, adapted to enter the spaces between the teeth 15 on the concaved plate 13, attached to the butt-section of the stock. An opening is made in the plate 20, as shown in Fig. 5, and said opening communicates with a cavity 22 in the rear end of the neck-section 12, as illustrated in Fig. 3, the cavity 22 in the neck-section being adapted to register with the cavity 16 in the pistol-grip portion of the body-section of the stock or equivalent extension of said butt-section, as is also shown in Fig. 3. A plate 23 is countersunk in each side of the neck-section 12 of the stock, being secured thereto in any suitable or approved manner, and these plates 23 occupy corresponding positions,

and their rear ends are provided with apertures, one of said apertures having a thread in its wall. A pivot-pin 24 is passed through the apertures in the plates 23, one end of said pivot-pin being threaded to enter the threaded aperture in one of the plates, while the aperture in the opposite plate is so shaped that the head at the opposite end of the pivot-pin may be countersunk therein, as illustrated in Fig. 6.

The two sections of the stock are connected by a rod 25. The forward end 25<sup>a</sup> of the rod is flattened, as shown in Fig. 7, and this end of the rod is adapted to be pivoted upon the pin 24 entering the cavity or recess 22 in the neck-section of the stock. The body of the rod, however, is made to pass through the bore 17 in the butt and pistol grip or extension section of the butt, and the rear end 25<sup>b</sup> of the rod 25 is exteriorly threaded to enter the threaded portion of the adjusting-nut 18 at the shoulder portion of the butt of the stock, as shown in Fig. 2. Under such a grouping of parts it is evident that by loosening or unscrewing the nut 18 from the rear end of the connecting-rod 25 a space will be provided between the opposing toothed plates of the two sections sufficient to admit of the butt-section of the stock being raised or lowered to suit the build of the person for whom the gun is intended, and after the proper adjustment of the stock has been effected by tightening up the nut 18 the two sections will be drawn together and the teeth of their opposing plates will be made to interlock and will be held firmly in interlocking position, thus rendering the sections of the stock as rigid and as durable as a one-piece or ordinary stock. It is furthermore evident that the stock of the gun need not necessarily be fitted to the user, since the user will be enabled to adjust the stock to suit himself.

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

1. The combination with the butt-section or rear section having a concavity at its forward end, of the barrel-section or front section having a convex rear end to fit the concavity of the butt-section, a transverse pivot in the barrel-section, a connecting-rod extending rearwardly through the butt-section and having a flattened front end mounted on said pivot directly, and means for moving said rod longitudinally to clamp the sections together.

2. The combination with the butt-section or rear section having a concavity at its forward end, of the barrel-section or front section having a convex rear end to fit the concavity of the butt-section, said convex and concave faces being formed with teeth adapted to interlock, a transverse pivot in the barrel-section, a connecting-rod mounted on said pivot directly and extending rearwardly through the butt-section, the rear end of said rod being screw-threaded, and a nut held to revolve on the butt-section and screwing on the rear end of the connecting-rod.

3. A gun-stock constructed in sections, one section being arranged to turn in the other, a convexed plate secured to one section, a concaved plate being attached to the other section, both plates being provided with teeth arranged to interlock, a connecting-rod pivotally attached to one section, and passed through the plates of both sections, and an adjusting-nut located at the shoulder portion of the rear or butt section, arranged to receive said connecting-rod, as and for the purpose set forth.

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