columns of cartridges cannot readily be made to continue upwardly through a double column portion of a magazine. Such double column magazines or portions of magazines are required so as to fit the magazine well of a firearm within the M4/M16 family of weapons, whose interface dimensions for the magazine fit have been recommended as a NATO standard.

[0010] In view of the foregoing, it would be beneficial to provide an improved box magazine, such as a box magazine that has increased capacity and/or enhanced reliability with respect to contemporary magazines.

SUMMARY

[0010a] According to a first aspect, there is provided a magazine comprising: two followers; two springs adapted to move the followers; and wherein the followers and the springs are adapted to facilitate merging of substantially four columns of cartridges into substantially two interlocked and staggered columns of the cartridges to accelerate movement of the cartridges and to mitigate a force required for stripping the cartridges from the magazine; wherein the two followers are adapted to nest at least partially together; and wherein the two springs are adapted to nest at least partially together.

[0010b] According to a second aspect, there is provided a magazine comprising: two followers adapted to nest at least partially one within the other; and two springs are adapted to nest at least partially one within the other.

[0010c] According to a third aspect, there is provided a magazine comprising: a housing; two followers adapted to nest at least partially one within the other; a dividing wall having a bottom and adapted to separate cartridges into two sets thereof; wherein the dividing wall is held to the housing only at the bottom of the dividing wall; and wherein the followers are adapted to receive the dividing wall therethrough.

[0010d] According to a fourth aspect, there is provided a method for providing cartridges to a firearm using a magazine, the method comprising: moving cartridges away from a bottom end of a housing of a magazine and toward a top end of the housing substantially opposite the bottom end using a first spring disposed in the housing and an outer follower disposed in the housing; moving the cartridges away from the outer follower and toward the top end of the housing using a second spring disposed in the housing and an inner follower disposed in the housing; wherein the inner follower is adapted to nest at least partially within the outer follower; and wherein the second spring is adapted to nest at least partially within the first spring.

[0011] According to an embodiment, a high capacity box magazine is provided. The high capacity box magazine typically requires less frequent magazine changes than conventional lower capacity box magazines. Nested followers and nested springs may facilitate the advancement of cartridges within the box magazine to a firearm in a manner that substantially maintains the reliability of a conventional lower capacity box magazine without requiring significantly greater length in order to accommodate the increased capacity.

[0012] According to an embodiment, a magazine may comprise two followers and two springs that are adapted to move the followers. The followers and the springs may be adapted to facilitate merging of substantially four columns of cartridges into substantially two interlocked and staggered columns of the cartridges, such that movement of the cartridges is accelerated and such that a force applied by the cartridges that inhibits stripping is reduced, as discussed herein.

[0013] According to an embodiment, a magazine may comprise a housing adapted to facilitate merging of substantially four columns of cartridges into substantially two interlocked and staggered columns of the cartridges. Movement of the cartridges may be accelerated such that a force applied by the cartridges that inhibits stripping is reduced.

[0014] According to an embodiment, a magazine may comprise two followers adapted to nest at least partially one within the other. The two followers may cooperate to define a single follower assembly that functions as a single follower. The two followers may separate such that one of the two followers continues to function as a follower after separation.