~~WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:~~ CLAIMS

1. 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.

2. The magazine of claim 1, wherein:

the substantially two interlocked and staggered columns comprise at least one of the cartridges in one column and at least ~~two~~ one of the cartridges in another column;

~~the two followers are adapted to nest at least partially together; and~~

~~the two springs are adapted to nest at least partially together~~.

3. The magazine of claim 1, further comprising a housing within which the followers and the springs are substantially disposed, the housing having a wider lower region and a narrower upper region.

4. The magazine of claim 1, further comprising:

a housing having a wider lower region and a narrower upper region;

a dividing wall having a bottom and adapted to separate the cartridges into two sets thereof in the lower region, wherein the dividing wall is held to the housing only at the bottom of the dividing wall;

wherein:

the followers comprise an outer follower and an inner follower and the inner follower is adapted to nest at least partially within the outer follower;

the inner follower is adapted to separate from the outer follower to enter the upper region of the housing;

the springs are adapted to nest at least partially one within the other; and

one of the springs is adapted to move the inner follower and the outer follower when the inner follower and the outer follower are in the lower region and the other of the springs is adapted to move the inner follower when the inner follower is in the upper region.

5. The magazine of claim 1, further comprising:

a housing;

a dividing wall, wherein the two followers are adapted to receive the dividing wall therethrough; and

wherein the housing, the followers, the springs, and the dividing wall are adapted to cooperate to merge the substantially four columns of cartridges into the substantially two interlocked and staggered columns of cartridges.

6. 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.

7. The magazine of claim 6, wherein the springs are round coil springs.

8. The magazine of claim 6, further comprising:

~~a dedicated spring for each of the followers;~~

a dividing wall;

wherein the followers are adapted to receive the dividing wall therethrough; and

wherein the two springs comprises a dedicated spring for each of the followers.

9. The magazine of claim 6, wherein:

a first one of the followers is an outer follower;

a second one of the followers is an inner follower;

the two springs comprise:

an outer spring adapted to move the outer follower;

an inner spring adapted to move the inner follower;

the outer follower is adapted to cooperate with the inner follower to support substantially four columns of cartridges when the outer follower and the inner follower are nested; and

the inner follower is adapted to support substantially two columns of cartridges when the outer follower and the inner follower are not nested.

10. The magazine of claim 6, further comprising:

a housing within which the followers are disposed, the housing having a first region that is adapted to hold cartridges in a substantially four across configuration and a second region that is adapted to hold cartridges in a substantially two across configuration;

wherein the two springs comprise an outer spring;

wherein the two springs comprise an inner spring;

wherein a first one of the followers is an outer follower;

wherein a second one of the followers is an inner follower;

wherein the outer follower is adapted to be moved within the first region by the outer spring and is adapted to cooperate with the inner follower to support substantially four columns of cartridges when the outer follower and the inner follower are nested; and

wherein the inner follower is adapted to be moved within the second region by the inner spring and is adapted to support substantially two columns of cartridges when the outer follower and the inner follower are not nested.

11. The magazine of claim 6, further comprising a housing adapted to mate to a substantially two column magazine well of a firearm and adapted to contain substantially four columns of cartridges.

12. 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.

13. The magazine of claim 12, wherein the housing comprises:

a first region that is adapted to hold cartridges in a substantially four across configuration;

a second region that is adapted to hold cartridges in a substantially two across configuration;

a tapered portion defining a transition between the first region the second region; and

wherein the dividing wall has an upper end proximate the tapered portion.

14. The magazine of claim 12, further comprising:

~~a plurality of followers and~~ a plurality of springs; and

wherein the dividing wall passes through the followers and the springs.

15. The magazine of claim 12, wherein the housing is 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.

16. The magazine of claim 15, wherein the substantially two interlocked and staggered columns comprise at least one of the cartridges in one column and at least one of the cartridges in another column.

17. The magazine of claim 15, further comprising:

~~two followers that are adapted to nest at least partially one within the other;~~

two springs that are adapted to nest at least partially together; and

wherein the followers and the springs are adapted to cooperate with the housing to merge the substantially four columns of cartridges into the substantially two interlocked and staggered columns of cartridges.

18. The magazine of claim 12, further comprising:

a top end of the housing and a bottom end of the housing substantially opposite the top end;

wherein a first one of the two followers comprises an outer follower movably disposed within the housing;

wherein a second one of the two followers comprises an inner follower movably disposed within the housing and adapted to nest at least partially within the outer follower;

a first spring disposed within the housing and adapted to move the outer follower away from the bottom end of the housing;

a second spring disposed within the housing and adapted to move the inner follower away from the outer follower and toward the top end of the housing, the second spring being adapted to nest at least partially within the outer follower; and

wherein the first spring and the second spring are adapted to expand to move the cartridges to a firearm.

19. The magazine of claim 18, wherein:

the housing comprises a tapered portion between the top end and the bottom end;

the housing is adapted to hold the cartridges within a first region of the housing substantially between the bottom end and the tapered portion, and hold the cartridges within a second region of the housing substantially between the tapered portion and the top end; and

the first region exhibits a greater width than the second region.

20. The magazine of claim 12, wherein the dividing wall is flexible and self centering.

21. 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 ~~outer follower~~.

22. The method of claim 21, wherein: