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54 Tubular magazine for firearms.

57 A magazine for a firearm (12) includes at least one tubular member (14,16) for receiving a plurality of cartridges. The tubular member (14,16) is displaceably mountable on the firearm (12) to permit displacement between an in-operative position for receiving fresh cartridges and an operative position for dispensing cartridges from the tubular member (14,16) into a barrel (40) of the firearm. A gate member (22) is pivotally mounted at an open end (14.1,16.1) of the tubular member (14,16) and has a protuberance (28.1,28.2) in the path of an end cartridge to inhibit ejection of the cartridge from the tubular member. The gate member (22) co-operates with a loading mechanism of the firearm (12) and is operable to displace the gate member (22) out of such path.

