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UMBRELLA-COVERS.

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Fig. 1.

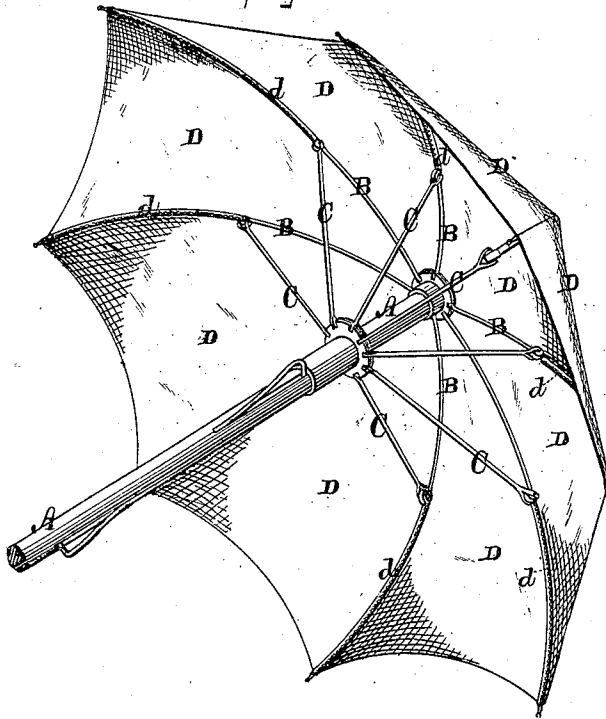


Fig. 2.

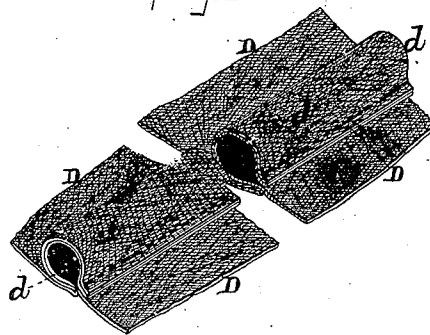


Fig. 3.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN UMBRELLA-COVERS.

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### *To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN C. HURCOMBE, of the city of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Umbrella-Covers; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an umbrella containing my improvement. Fig. 2 is an enlarged perspective view of one of the seams of the cover, showing the sleeve or pocket for the reception of a rib; and Fig. 3 is a cross-section of the same.

Letters of like name and kind refer to like parts in each of the figures.

The design of my invention is to provide means whereby the ordinary sewed cover of an umbrella may be more securely attached to or upon the frame; and to this end it consists in a cover for umbrellas, provided with sewed pockets or sleeves for the reception of the ribs, which pockets are formed by seaming said cover at suitable points, substantially as and for the purpose hereinafter specified.

In the annexed drawing, A represents the handle, B the ribs, and C the braces that compose the frame of an umbrella of usual construction, upon which is secured a cover, D, that is constructed in the ordinary manner from sections, each of which corresponds to and covers the space between two contiguous ribs. The edges of the sections are connected together by sewing; but instead of the usual

form of seam, the joined edges are folded backward and then stitched, as shown in Fig. 8, so as to form a pocket, *d*, outside of the seam, which pocket has such size as to enable it to contain one of the ribs B.

No more time is required for the construction of one of these covers than is necessary for those of ordinary construction, the only increase in the cost of the finished article being due to the additional material required for the pockets, which increase is merely nominal, while a material increase is effected in the strength and durability of the umbrella over those of ordinary construction, in which the cover is attached to the ribs by sewing said parts together at two or more points. Another advantage obtained is in the prevention of the wear of the cover by the ribs, the former being shielded by the pockets, which cause two thicknesses of cloth to be interposed between said cover and ribs.

Having thus fully set forth the nature and merits of my invention, what I claim as new is—

A cover for umbrellas, provided with sewed pockets for the reception of the ribs, which pockets are formed by seaming said cover at suitable points, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 28th day of June, 1876.

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