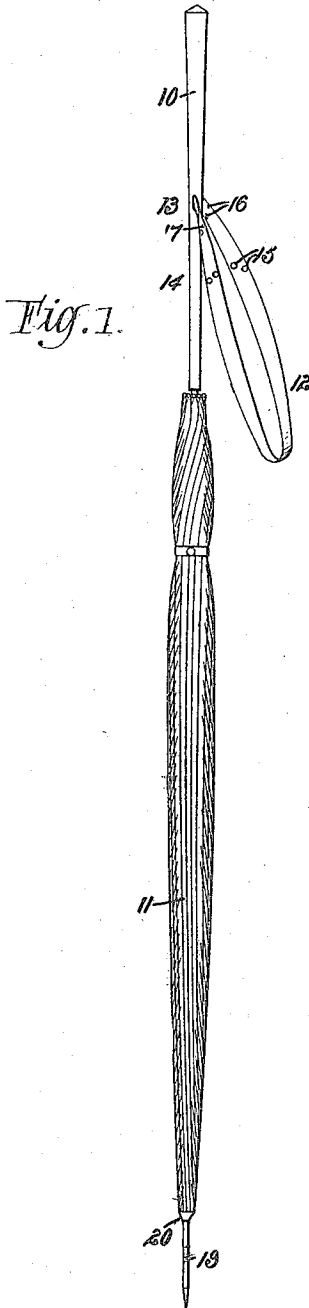
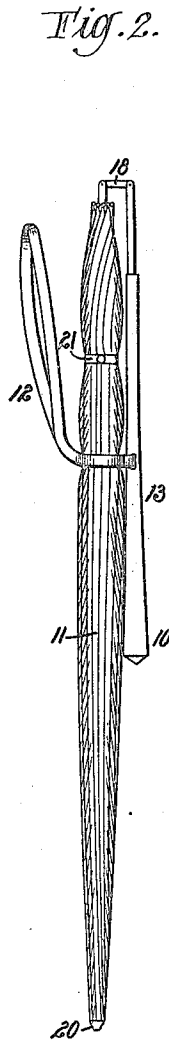
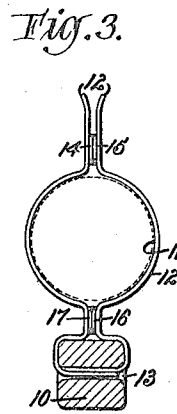
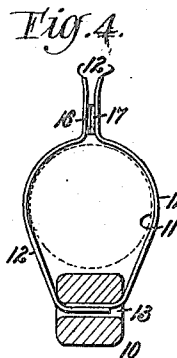
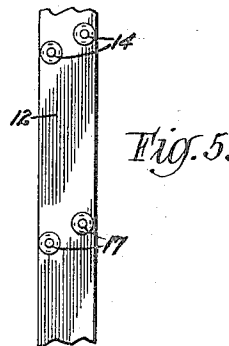


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY J. COLEMAN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Carrying-Loop for Folding Umbrellas, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

Among the principal objects which the present invention has in view are: to provide means for carrying an umbrella without encumbering the hands of the user; to hold the handle of a folding umbrella in juxtaposed relation to the rolled fabric of the umbrella when in folded position; to provide means for carrying folded umbrellas when disposed in the folded position; and to provide additional loops for constricting the folded fabric of the umbrellas.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a view of an umbrella of the character mentioned, having a carrying loop attached thereto, constructed and arranged in accordance with the present invention; Fig. 2 is a view showing the umbrella in folded position, the loop being arranged for carrying; Fig. 3 is a detail view on an enlarged scale, showing a fragment of a loop constructed in accordance with the present invention, as held in the handle of an umbrella; Fig. 4 is a similar view, showing a modified form of the loop; Fig. 5 is a detail view on an enlarged scale, showing a fragment of the material from which the loop is constructed, having fastening devices arranged in the preferable order for forming the constricting rings.

The umbrella shown in the drawings is what is known as a folding umbrella, and is of conventional construction. The object of the invention is primarily to hold the handle 10 close to the folded fabric 11 of the umbrella. A purpose of the present invention is to overcome the objection incident to the conventional construction, whereby the handle is loosely connected with the body of the umbrella, and swings away therefrom in an independent and disagreeable manner when the umbrella is folded, as shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings. To avoid this, the handle 10 is secured by a flexible loop 12 to the body of the fabric 11.

Preferably, the loop 12 is constructed of a suitable fabric, the ends of which are joined and inserted within a perforation 13

with which the handle 10 is provided. The loop 12 is furnished with male and female snap fasteners 14 and 15, respectively. The fasteners 14 and 15 are so placed on the loop 12 that they may be secured on the side of the folded fabric 11 removed from the handle 10 in its folded position. A restraining ring is thus formed at the inner end of the loop 12, to hold the fabric 11 and handle 10 in juxtaposed relation.

Between the fasteners 14 and 15 and the outer end of the loop 12, an arm-hole is formed, whereby the loop may be passed over the arm of the person carrying the umbrella, to be suspended therefrom; or, if desired, the outer end of the loop 12 may be secured to some portion of the dress or garment of the person carrying the umbrella.

In the preferred form of the loop, a second set of male and female snap fasteners, indicated by the numerals 16 and 17, respectively, are provided to hold together the material of the loop 12 between the handle 10 and the folded fabric 11, as best seen in Fig. 3 of the drawings. Between the fasteners 14, 15 and the fasteners 16, 17, a constricting ring is formed, for reducing or restraining the body of the folded fabric 11.

The loop 12 may be constructed to any desired length. Care should be taken to have the loop sufficiently long so that when the handle 10 is disposed with reference to the body of the fabric 11, as shown in Fig. 2, the loop may be passed over the knuckle link 18 of the umbrella structure. The loop may be formed from any suitable material, such as silk, ribbon, leather, or light chain.

When provided with a loop such as herein described, the operation of arranging and adjusting a folding umbrella is as follows: From the position shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings, the handle 10 is drawn away from the folded fabric 11, until the ferrule top 19 passes within the crown ring 20, and the knuckle link 18 is lifted clear of the central containing rod forming the umbrella cane. The handle 10 and the knuckle link 18 are then bent over until the said handle rests against the side of the folded fabric 11. The loop 12 is then passed over the link 18, to encompass the folded fabric 11. The fastener members 14 and 15 are then united to form a ring for holding the folded fabric 11 and the handle 10 in juxtaposed relation. If the loop 12 is provided with the fastener

members 16 and 17, disposed to be united between the folded fabric 11 and the handle 10, they are now united to form a binding or constricting ring for holding in folded position the fabric 11, augmenting thereby the binding effect of a strap 21, with which the conventional umbrella is provided. In this position, it will be found the loop 12 forms convenient means for carrying the umbrella in its shortened or condensed condition.

While I have herein described the loop 12 as secured to the umbrella handle by being passed through a perforation formed therein, I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself to such a construction, as this may be varied by such means as sewing the loop to the tasseled cord with which certain umbrella handles are provided, said cord being definitely in position on the handle.

Claims:

1. In combination, an umbrella, having a cane, a cover fabric adapted to fold upon said cane, and a handle pivotally connected

to said cane and adapted to be disposed in parallel relation with said cane; a carrying loop formed of flexible material and secured on said handle, adjacent the free end thereof, said loop being elongated to be passed over the pivoted end of said handle; and fasteners mounted on said loop forming in service a small binding ring for said cover fabric.

2. In combination, an umbrella having a cane, a cover fabric adapted to fold upon said cane, and a handle pivotally connected to said cane and adapted to be disposed in parallel relation to said cane; a carrying loop formed of flexible material and secured on said handle, adjacent the free end thereof, said loop being elongated to be passed over the pivoted end of said handle; fasteners mounted on said loop for holding in folded relation said handle and said fabric; and other fasteners mounted on said loop for uniting the sides thereof intermediate said handle and said fabric.

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