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UMBRELLA MARKER

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Fig. 1

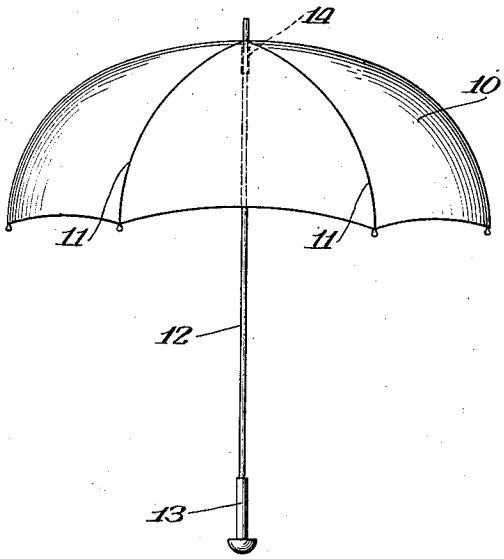


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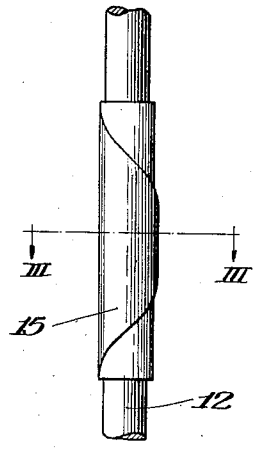


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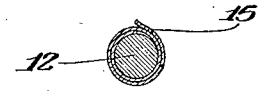


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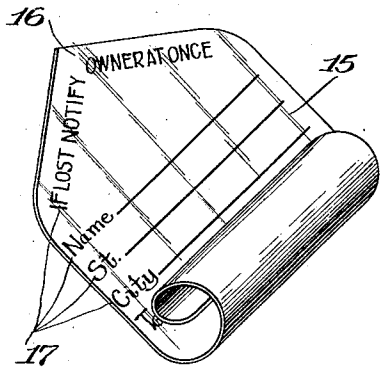


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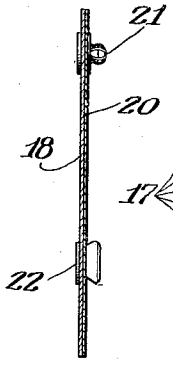
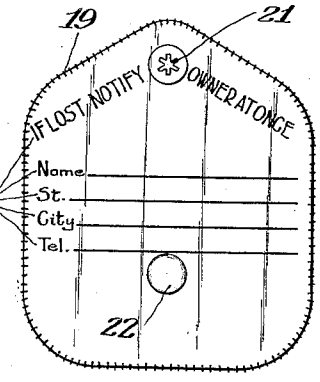


Fig. 5



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This invention relates to an umbrella marker adapted to be placed on an umbrella for purposes of identification and proof of ownership.

It is an object of this invention to provide an improved marker which is so formed as to be readily applied to and removed from an umbrella rod and is made opaque in character and inconspicuous to avoid attracting premature attention thereto. The marker of this invention comprises a device adapted to be wrapped around an umbrella rod and be retained in position by the inherent resiliency of the material.

It is another object of this invention to provide an improved and simplified marker of the type described that can be inexpensively manufactured and easily applied to umbrellas.

Other and further important objects of this invention will be apparent from the disclosures in the drawings and specification.

This invention (in a preferred form) is illustrated in the drawings and hereinafter more fully described.

On the drawings:

Figure 1 is an elevation of an umbrella to which has been applied a device embodying the features of this invention, as shown in dotted lines.

Figure 2 is a fragmentary portion of the umbrella rod showing the application of one embodiment of this invention.

Figure 3 is a section on the line III—III of Fig. 2.

Figure 4 is a view of the marker of Figure 2 partially unrolled to disclose the identifying indicia.

Figure 5 is a plan view of a modified form of this invention.

Figure 6 is an edge view of the form shown in Figure 5.

As shown on the drawings:

The umbrella outlined in Figure 1 comprises a cover 10 having ribs 11 and a supporting central rod 12 terminating in a handle 13. In this figure a marker is shown in dotted lines at 14 to indicate the preferable location, although it may be positioned almost anywhere along the length of the rod 12.

Two embodiments of the present invention are illustrated on the drawings, that of Figures 2 to 4 being formed from a springy material 15 that can be initially formed into a roll to envelope the rod 12 and remain in place due to its own spring-like character. An example of such a material is opaque celluloid moulded into sheet form and rolled up while rendered plastic in any convenient manner, as by heating. This flat sheet like stock is first cut to rectangular shape with a flap-like extension 16 to assist in later unwrapping the roll and has suitable indicia 17 printed thereon as a guide for entering the owner's name, address and other data, and is then formed into a roll as previously mentioned, the material having sufficient resiliency to permit unwrapping thereof as shown in Fig. 4, preliminary to writing in the required data and placing the marker on the rod 12. It is to be understood that the marker has to be held open as it tends to snap back into its rolled up form as soon as released.

In the second embodiment of this invention, shown in Figures 5 and 6, an outer cover 18 of material such, for example, as various kinds of cloth or leather substances, is secured in any suitable manner as by stitching to an inner lining 20, carrying the printed indicia 17 as before. The two parts of a snap fastener 21 and 22 are so placed on the marker that they align for inter-engagement when the marker is wrapped around the rod 12.

Mention has been made herein in regard to the opaque nature of the materials used. While this is not essential, it is highly desirable to use such materials in preference to transparent ones in order to lessen the obviousness of the umbrella marker. A further advantageous feature would be to use an outer surface colored in imitation of the rod 12 to render the marker inconspicuous.

In the use of the marker of this invention the owner writes his identifying data on the inner surface and engages the marker on the rod 12 inside the cover where it is not visible to passers-by whether the umbrella is in use or closed. It will be evident that the marker can readily be removed from an umbrella

to prove ownership and can be applied to other umbrellas at pleasure of the owner.

I am aware that many changes may be made and numerous details of construction may be varied through a wide range without departing from the principles of this invention and I, therefore, do not purpose limiting the patent granted hereon, otherwise than necessitated by the prior art.

I claim as my invention:

1. A substantially tubular marker comprising a sheet of resilient material closely wrapped to form a plurality of complete convolutions and tempered to normally retain such shape, and being provided with an interior writing surface, the resiliency of the material and the wrapping thereof normally tending to cause the marker to curl about an object.

2. A substantially tubular marker comprising a sheet of resilient material closely wrapped to form a plurality of integral and overlying walls and tempered to normally retain such shape, said marker being provided with an integral interior writing surface.

3. A marker comprising a sheet of resilient material closely wrapped in several convolutions to form a tubular body and tempered to normally maintain such shape, the outermost end of said sheet being arranged to form a flap extending from said body to assist in unrolling said sheet.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name at Chicago, Cook County, Illinois.

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