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FIG. 1.

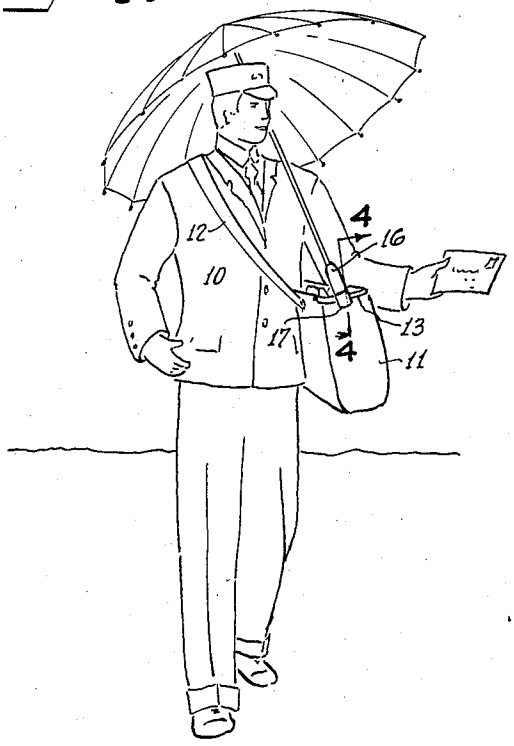


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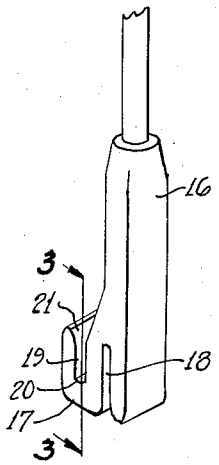


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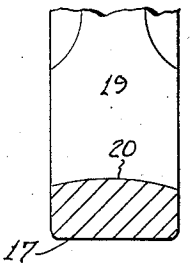


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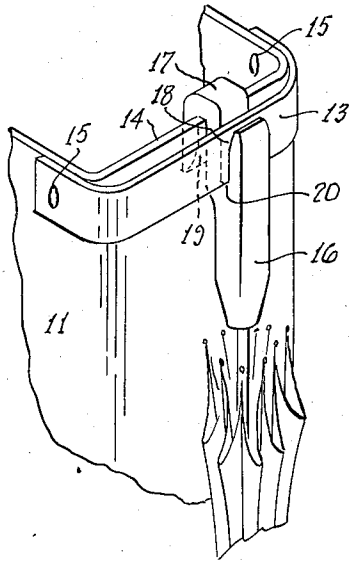
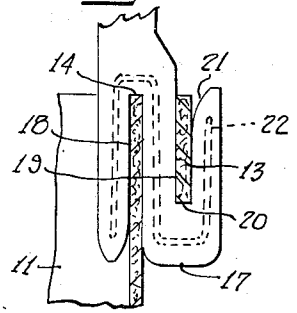


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This invention relates generally to umbrellas, and particularly to an umbrella handle.

The main object of this invention is to construct an umbrella handle specially adapted for use by letter carriers.

The second object is to construct an umbrella handle by means of which an umbrella may be suspended from a mail bag when not in use or can be supported upon the edge of the bag when in use.

The third object is to construct an umbrella handle which will firmly attach a letter carrier's umbrella to his mail bag in either a raised or lowered position giving him full use of his hands for the handling of the mail.

These and other objects are accomplished in the manner set forth in the following specification as illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:

Fig. 1 is a view showing the device applied to a mail bag.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the device showing a portion of the umbrella handle.

Fig. 3 is a section taken along the line 3—3 in Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a section taken along the line 4—4 in Fig. 1.

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary perspective showing the closed umbrella suspended from the mail bag.

Similar numerals refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

Referring in detail to the drawing, there is shown a letter carrier 10 whose bag 11 is provided with a shoulder strap 12 by means of which it is carried. The bag 11, such as is commonly used by letter carriers, is provided with a strap 13 at each end thereof along its upper edge 14, the straps 13 being attached to the bag by means of the rivets 15.

Referring more particularly to the improved handle, same will be seen to consist of a shank 16 having an enlarged head 17 in which is formed the upwardly extending slot 18 and the downwardly extending slot 19. The slots 18 and 19 are preferably rounded at their edges 20 and are also provided with flaring openings 21. The slots 18 and 19 are substantially parallel and of a breadth adapted to easily receive the edge 14 of the bag 11 or either of the straps 13.

In the use of the device when the umbrella is being carried to protect the user, the bag edge 14 is inserted in the slot 18 while the strap 13 occupies the slot 19. It can thus be seen that the handle can be adjusted laterally on the bag 11 but can not be moved vertically.

If it is desired to carry the umbrella in a lowered position, as shown in Fig. 5, the edge 14 is inserted in the slot 19 while the strap 13 occupies the slot 18. Here again the umbrella is adjustable in a lateral direction but cannot accidently become unhooked or lost.

In either the raised or lowered positions the bag 11 and the strap 13 tend to hold the umbrella against lateral swinging.

The handle is preferably made of a hard rubber which is slightly yieldable, and in some cases it will be found desirable to use a softer rubber and to employ a spring steel insert 22 to insure the proper strength and holding action for the handle.

I claim:

1. An umbrella handle having upwardly and downwardly extending slots formed therein, each of which is adapted to receive the material in the upper edge of a mail bag for the purpose of supporting said umbrella in a raised or lowered position.

2. An umbrella handle having upturned and downturned slots formed therein, the ends of said slots flaring outwardly, the bottom of each slot being transversely rounded.

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