(No Model.)

E. A. STAUFFER.

HANDLE AND SOCKET FOR PARASOLS.

No. 595,218. Patented Dec. 7, 1897.

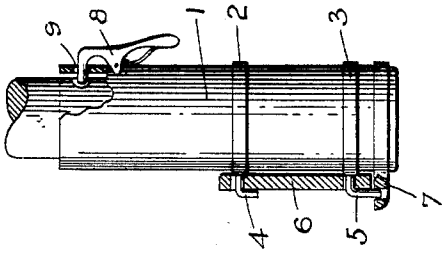


FIG. 2.

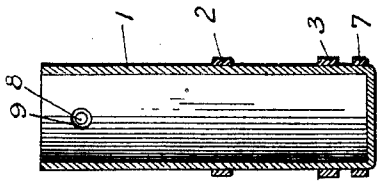


FIG. 3.

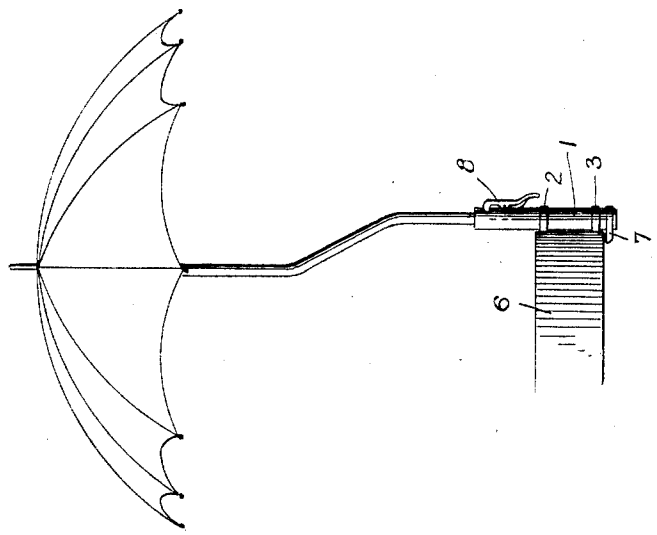


FIG. 1.

WITNESSES

"J. Frank Culverwell."

Ann Langston

INVENTOR

ELLA A. STAUFFER.

By John Middlebrook

Attorney

THE NORRIS PETERS CO., PHOTO-LITHO., WASHINGTON, D. C.

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

ELLA A. STAUFFER, OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

HANDLE AND SOCKET FOR PARASOLS.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 595,218, dated December 7, 1897.

Application filed March 25, 1897. Serial No. 629,134. (No model.)

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELLA A. STAUFFER, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Handles and Sockets for Parasols; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to improvements in sockets or supports for umbrellas or parasols, the object of the same being to provide such a device as can be applied to a belt or straps which pass over the shoulders.

The attachment is designed particularly for use by bicyclists to hold a sunshade or umbrella in order to leave the hands free to guide the machine.

With the above ends in view the invention consists in the construction of the socket and means for holding the same in engagement with the belt, including additional means for holding the umbrella in engagement therewith.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a side view showing the application of my invention. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the socket, the strap or supporting-belt being shown in section; and Fig. 3 is a sectional view through the socket.

My improved attachment consists of the cylinder or tube 1, which is closed at its lower end and is of such a size as to receive the end of the stick of an umbrella or parasol. This tube or cylinder is provided with bands 2 and 3, which are brazed or otherwise securely attached to the cylinder and are provided at the front side of the cylinder or tube with curved fingers 4 and 5, the outer ends of which depend. These fingers are adapted to be passed through openings in a belt or strap 6 and embrace each edge of said strap, the engagement being secured by a cap 7, which slides upon the tube or cylinder and has an opening to receive the lower end of the finger 5.

To the upper portion of the tube or cylinder is pivoted a spring-catch 8, the end of which passes through the opening 9 in the cylinder to engage a recess in the umbrella-stick and thereby hold the said stick in the socket. The umbrella-stick is preferably bent, as shown in the drawings, to properly locate the canopy above the head of the wearer.

Though I have shown the socket as applied to a belt passing around the waist, it is obvious that it could be applied to straps which pass over the shoulders, and when the socket is in place an umbrella can be quickly put into engagement with the same and will be securely held. When it is desired to remove the umbrella, it is only necessary to release the spring-catch 8 and draw the stick out of the socket.

The device herein shown and described provides a simple and effective means for supporting an umbrella, and is particularly adapted to the use of bicyclists, who need the use of both hands in properly controlling the machine.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

An attachment or socket for supporting an umbrella or parasol consisting of a tube or cylinder closed at its lower end, bands 2 and 3 rigidly secured thereto and provided with curved depending fingers 4 and 5, a cap or ring 7 sliding upon the socket and having an opening which is brought into engagement with the end of the finger on the lower band, and a spring-catch pivoted to the tube or cylinder, the latter having an opening through which the head of the catch passes to engage a recess in the stick of the umbrella or parasol, substantially as shown and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

ELLA A. STAUFFER.

Witnesses:

FRANCIS C. RUSSELL,

HENRY HORNER, Jr.