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FIG. 1.

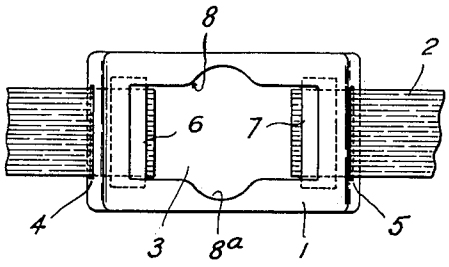


FIG. 2.

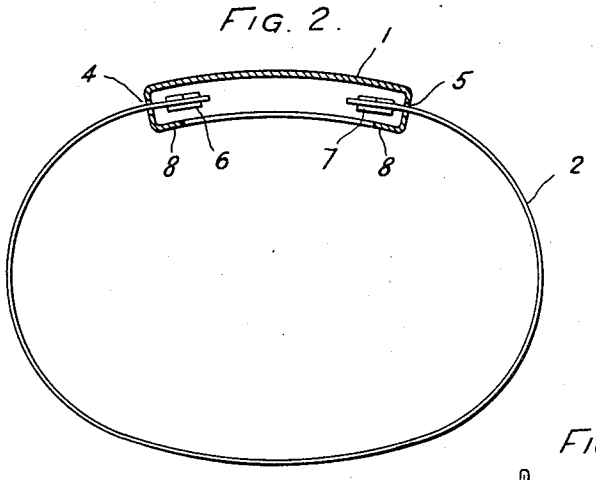


FIG. 2a

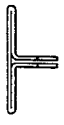
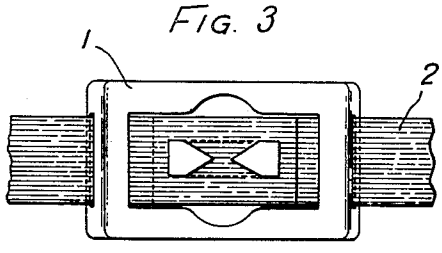


FIG. 3



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This invention relates to an improved identification device for attachment to umbrella or walking sticks, the object of the invention being to provide an improved device for carrying the name and address of the owner of the article and, in the case of umbrellas, also for holding the free ends of the ribs when the umbrella is closed.

The device consists of a trough-like or box-like receptacle of metal or other suitable opaque material adapted to accommodate a label or a folded sheet of paper or the like bearing the name of the owner of the article and any other information, and a strip of elastic material of which the ends are detachably connected with the said receptacle, said strip forming with the receptacle a closed loop, part of which is extensible and elastic.

One embodiment of the invention is shown in the accompanying drawing, wherein

Fig. 1 is a plan view of a device embodying the invention.

Fig. 2 is a sectional view taken longitudinally of Fig. 1.

Fig. 2[a] is an end view of a clip for securing the ends of the elastic strip against detachment from the device, and

Fig. 3 is a view, similar to Fig. 1, showing a modified form of the means for securing the ends of the elastic strip against detachment from the device. As therein shown the receptacle takes the form of a box-like member 1 of metal or other suitable opaque material and a strip of elastic material 2 which, together with the receptacle, forms a closed extensible loop which can be slipped on to the stick of an umbrella or on a walking stick.

The ends of the elastic strip are secured to the receptacle 1 in any suitable manner, but preferably in such a way as to permit of adjustment of the closed loop, so that it can be fitted to sticks of different diameters.

As shown in the drawing, the ends of the elastic material 2 are threaded through slots 4 and 5 in the ends of the receptacle 1, and clips 6 and 7 are secured at or near the ends of the strip, these clips being of dimensions which prevent them passing through the slots 4, 5. A convenient form of clip is an ordinary paper fastener of the kind illustrated in Fig. 2[a], the pointed ends of which are passed through the material and are then opened to secure the fastener to the strip.

The receptacle 1 has an opening 3 on its under side through which a sheet of paper or the like bearing any desired information is introduced into the receptacle, the sheet of paper being folded to suitable dimensions, so that it will be retained in the receptacle when it is inserted under the edges or flanges 8 on the under side of the receptacle. To facilitate the insertion and withdrawal of the label or folded strip these flanges are recessed as shown at 8[a] to give access to the edge of the label or folded paper.

Obviously the receptacle may be of any other suitable form than that shown, and its outer surface may bear a suitable inscription directing attention to the label or paper contained in the receptacle.

A modified construction is shown in plan view in Fig. 3 of the accompanying drawing. In this case the receptacle 1 is itself threaded upon the strip of elastic material 2 and the two ends of the latter are brought together preferably within the limits of the receptacle 1 and secured to each other, as by means of a suitable fastener such as shown in the drawing, or of the kind shown in Fig. 2[a], the length of the strip or the amount of overlap of its ends being selected to suit the particular umbrella or stick to which it has to be applied. In this case the elastic strip serves to retain the label or folded sheet of paper within the receptacle, and further the receptacle protects the connection of the two ends of the strip when this connection is made within the limits of the receptacle.

Usually the extensible elastic strip is of the fabric or material which is known commercially as elastic, but it may be of any other suitable elastic material, or it may be of metal in a suitable form, such as a helically coiled spring in the form of a closed ring.

I am aware that an identification device for attachment to umbrellas and walking sticks has been proposed comprising in combination an elastic ring or spring clip device adapted to engage detachably around the shaft of the umbrella or stick, a separate tag flexibly or hingedly attached to the ring or clip device so as to be adapted to hang therefrom or to be raised, and an identification card or tablet carried upon one side of the tag, and I make no claim to such a device.

I claim:—

1. An identification device for umbrellas or the like, comprising a box-like receptacle of opaque material having a recess in one of its faces to receive a label and having a slot in each of its ends communicating with said recess, an elastic strip having its terminal portions extending, respectively, through said slots, and means detachably carried by said strip within said recess and

preventing the withdrawal of the terminal portions thereof through said slots.

2. An identification device for umbrellas or the like, comprising a box-like receptacle of opaque material having an opening on its under side to receive a label and having a slot in each of its ends, the longitudinal edges adjacent the opening being recessed to afford access to the longitudinal edges of the label, an elastic strip having its end portions extending respectively through said slots, and means detachably carried by said strip within said receptacle and preventing the withdrawal of the end portions of the strip through the said slots.

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