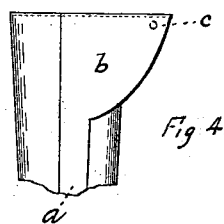
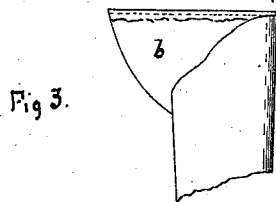
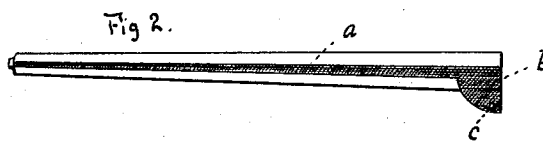
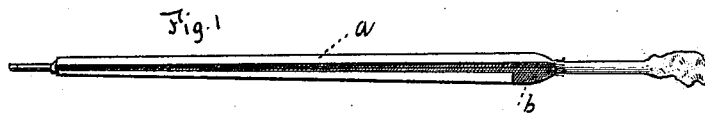


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM PENICK AVERETT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Danville, in the county of Pittsylvania and State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Umbrella Cases or Slips; and I do 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to the slips or cases that inclose umbrellas, these slips or cases being for the purpose of protecting the said umbrellas from dust and dirt, and also to conform the material of the umbrella closely to the staff, thus giving it a desirable form when closed.

It is a well known fact, especially among those who trade in umbrellas, that, as the article comes from the manufacturer, it is well and closely rolled, and the inclosing case fits very tightly. When showing the umbrella to customers, it is desirable to take it from the case, and to exhibit it in complete detail. In doing this, the umbrellas become unrolled, and it requires considerable skill upon the part of the clerk to re-roll them sufficiently tight to slip again into the case. It is necessary to fold the material of the umbrella into the same creases as at first, and even with the utmost care in so doing, the cases are often times torn. It is also well known that from the constant folding in the same creases, there results a tendency in the fabric to split or as it is called, "to cut." Furthermore, after the umbrella has reached the hands of the customer, the case or slip becomes useless for want of sufficient skill in the said purchaser to fold the umbrella close enough to permit reinsertion. It is also desirable that the umbrella when folded should be closely covered at the ends of the ribs near the handle.

The object of my invention is to provide an umbrella slip or case that will obviate all of these difficulties and that will conform to all umbrellas of the same length, but having varying diameters. I wish at the same time to provide ample means for properly cover-

ing the umbrella at the point where the extremities of the ribs meet the handle, all of which will be hereinafter definitely described. 55

In carrying out my invention, I provide a case or slip formed similar to those in general use, and of fabric best suited for the purpose; but instead of sewing the edges of the fabric into an unyielding seam, as is now the custom, I insert a strip of flexible or elastic material, as gauze, balbriggan or other suitable material. This strip may be of the same width its entire length, or may be narrowed toward one end to conform to the general shape of the slip or case; and in order to further protect the umbrella from dust, I provide at the top of the case, a flap which fastens closely about the handle of the umbrella. This flap is of an angular form, and is fastened to the elastic insertion near its top or if desired, may be a part of the said insertion. It is fastened by means of a button, stud, or other fastening device, and because of its form will lie close to the handle. 75

I will first describe my improved case or slip for umbrellas with reference to the accompanying drawings, and will then define the matter constituting my invention in the claim. 80

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents the slip or case as it appears when upon the umbrella and the flap buttoned or fastened. Fig. 2 represents the case or slip alone as it would appear were it flattened out upon a plane surface with the flexible insertion up. Fig. 3 represents the upper end of the case or slip, showing the inside of the dust-flap. Fig. 4 is the reverse of the latter figure and also shows the dust-flap. 90

The same parts are designated by the same letter in the several views.

a represents the elastic or flexible insertion that is placed in the seam of the slip, and which extends its entire length. This insertion may be made of gauze, balbriggan, or any other flexible material that may be deemed expedient. While this insertion may be of like width throughout its length, it is probably more desirable that it be narrowed toward one end in order to conform to the usual shape of slips and cases. 100

b is the dust flap. This is of an angular form, and is either attached at its edge to

the elastic insertion *a* or is an integral part thereof. This latter desirable form is the one shown in the accompanying drawings.

c is the fastening button, stud or other device upon the dust flap.

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

A new article of manufacture, comprising an umbrella case or slip, the closing seam of

which has an insertion of elastic fabric integral with which is a triangular dust-protecting flap, for the purpose and substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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