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FIG. 1.

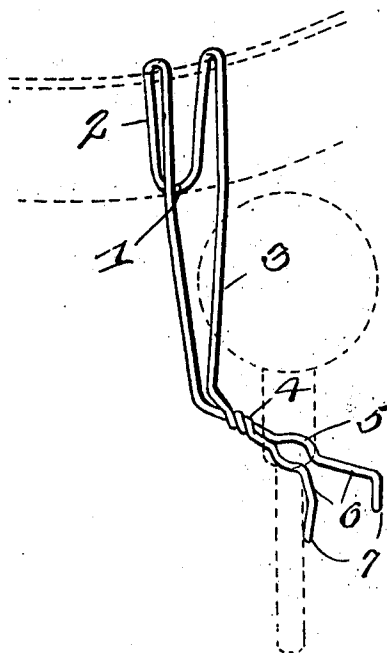


FIG. 2.

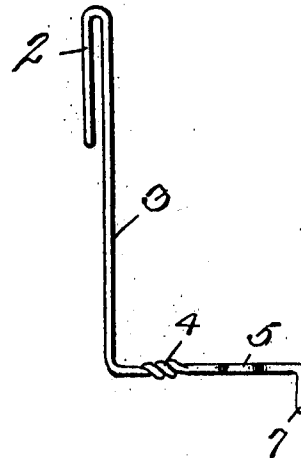
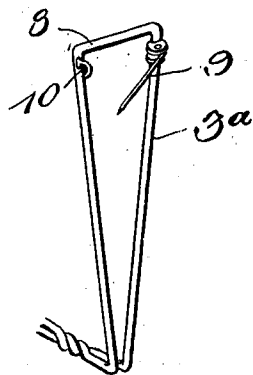


FIG. 3.



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To all, whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL E. BENNETT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Williamsport, in the county of Lycoming and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Umbrella-Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

10 It is commonly known that the carrying of an umbrella in closed position is often occasioned by inconvenience, owing to the fact that both hands and arms cannot be left free for various required purposes, and it is either necessary to tuck the umbrella under one's arm or to hold it in one hand, thereby rendering useless one hand or at least one arm, or requiring that the umbrella be dispensed with entirely for the time being.

20 With a knowledge of these conditions, my invention has for its primary object a simple and durable article of manufacture which may be easily secured to a portion of a person's wearing apparel, the device being provided with a clip in which the stick or rod of the umbrella may easily be inserted and held securely therein, thereby leaving both hands and arms free. And the invention also aims to generally improve devices of this class so as to render them more useful and commercially desirable.

30 With these and other objects in view, as will more fully appear as the description proceeds, the invention consists in certain constructions, arrangements and combinations of the parts that I shall hereinafter fully describe and claim.

40 For a full understanding of the invention, reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawing, in which,

45 Figure 1 is a perspective view of one form or embodiment of my invention. Fig. 2 is a side view thereof, and, Fig. 3 is a fragmentary view of another form of the device.

50 Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and designated in the accompanying drawing by like reference characters.

55 In that embodiment of my invention illustrated in Fig. 1, my improved umbrella holder is formed of a single piece of spring wire of suitable size and strength, the same being doubled upon itself at a middle point

to form the U-shaped bill 1 of a hook 2, the wire being returned upon itself at both sides of the bill 1 and the ends being continued in converging relation to each other to form the elongated and tapering shank 3. At the end of the shank 3, the two portions of the wire are twisted or intertwined any desired number of turns, as indicated at 4, are then separated and bowed slightly outward to form a socket 5, and are then diverged laterally, as indicated at 6, being finally bent downward at their extremities, as indicated at 7. The twisted portion of the device, together with the members that form the socket 5, are extended substantially at right angles to the shank 3.

60 From as much of the description as has preceded, in connection with the correlated views of the accompanying drawing, the operation of my improved umbrella holder will be apparent.

65 In the practical use of the device, the hook 2 is engaged over the upper edge of a waist belt or the like with the clip projecting outward, whereby the rod of an umbrella may be easily slipped in between the diverging extremities of the clip and find lodgment in and be held by the socket 5. Whenever it is desired to use or manually hold the umbrella, it is only necessary to draw the rod outwardly from the socket.

70 In that form of the invention illustrated in Fig. 3, the wire shank, there designated 3^a, is provided at one end with a cross bar 8 instead of a hook 2, and one member of the shank has pivotally connected to it, a pin 9 which is designed for engagement in a keeper 10 formed on the other member of the shank. As is manifest, this form of the device is especially adapted to be secured to a skirt or other article of wearing apparel, while the form first described is designed for engagement with a waist belt.

75 It will be seen that I have provided a simple and efficient device for use in holding umbrellas. As the device is designed to engage the steel rod just underneath the handle, it is evident that the handle will not be injured or marred in any way by the use of the device, making it entirely unobjectionable where the handles of umbrellas are relatively expensive. Furthermore, as the socket in which the rod is engaged, stands out from the shank, it is obvious that it will hold the umbrella spaced from the garments of the owner and not interfere with walking.

And furthermore, it will reduce the liability to lose umbrellas, because, for example, one using my improved holder, can sit down in a street car or similar vehicle with his or her hands free and arise without any attention being paid to the umbrella, with the latter always at hand retained in the socket of the device.

What I claim is:—

10. As a new article of manufacture, the herein described umbrella holder, consisting of a single piece of wire bent upon itself at a middle point to form the bill of a hook, the wire being returned upon itself at both sides.

of the bill and the ends continued in converging relation to each other to form an elongated and tapering shank and thence bent at right angles and twisted together, the ends of the wire being bowed outwardly, thence diverged, and formed with angularly disposed extremities, as and for the purpose set forth. 15 20

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

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