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UMBRELLA CASE.

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FIG. 1.

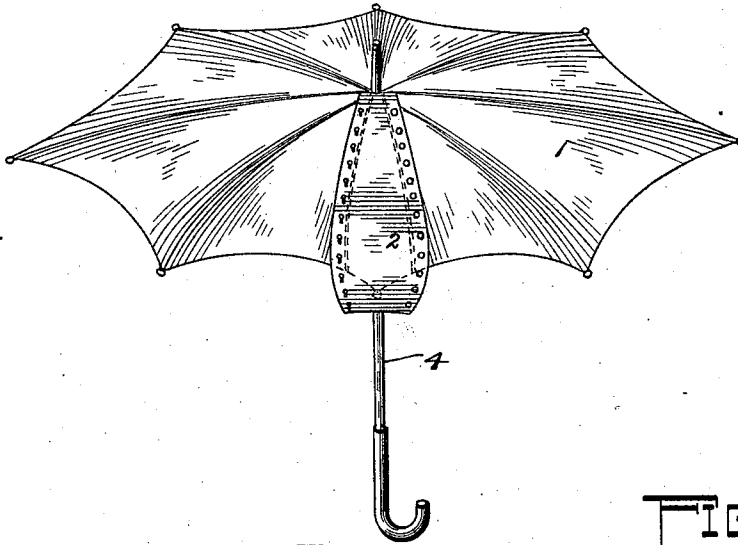


FIG. 2.

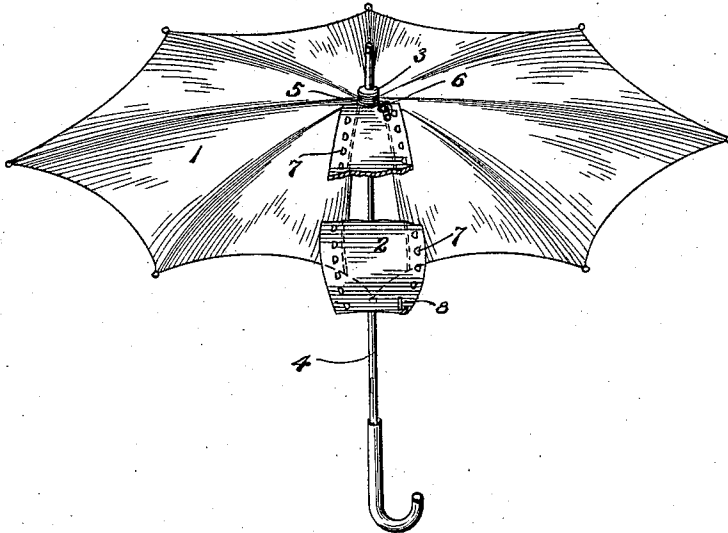
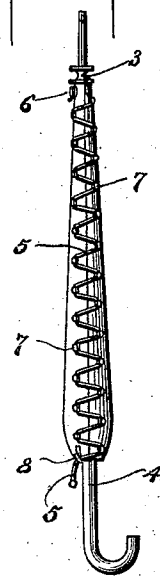


FIG. 3.



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UMBRELLA-CASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EUGENE TURNER LAWRENCE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Poughkeepsie, in the county of Dutchess and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Umbrella-Case, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to cases or covers for umbrellas and parasols to protect the same when folded and not required for immediate use.

The purpose of the invention is to combine with the cover a strip which when the umbrella is folded will envelop the cover and protect the same from dirt, wear, and injury, the said strip having suitable fastenings at its opposite edges for securing the edge portions of the strip after the latter is folded about the umbrella or parasol when closed.

For a full understanding of the merits and advantages of the invention reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings and the following description.

The improvement is susceptible of various changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages thereof, and to a full disclosure of the invention an adaptation thereof is shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a parasol or umbrella of ordinary construction, showing the invention applied, the parasol being open. Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1, showing the strip forming the case set into a slit or opening in a side portion of the cover and supplied with a lace and suitable fastenings, as lacing-studs, to cooperate therewith, a portion of the strip being broken away. Fig. 3 shows the umbrella or parasol illustrated in Fig. 2 folded and the case enveloping the cover and stick.

The numeral 1 represents an umbrella or parasol of ordinary construction, and 2 indicates the strip to be wrapped about the cover when the umbrella is folded, and which constitutes the case or protector. This strip may be of enamel-cloth, canvas, or any textile fabric suitable for the purpose, and is secured to a side portion of the cover and extends from the stick to the edge of the cover

and slightly beyond the said edge, so as to inclose the projecting ends of the ribs, as shown most clearly in Fig. 3. This strip gradually widens from the stick as it approaches the edge of the cover to correspond to the tapering form of the umbrella or parasol when folded and rolled.

The strip may be attached directly to the cover by stitching or otherwise, as shown in Fig. 1, or the cover may have a slit or opening and the strip may be inserted and applied as a gore. In either case the stitching is located at a distance from the edges of the strip, leaving the edge portions loose and of sufficient width to overlap, whereby provision is had for completely inclosing the umbrella even though the edges of the strip are not drawn closely together.

Fastenings of any suitable description are applied to the edge portions of the strip, and may be in the shape of separable buttons, as shown in Fig. 1, or a lace and lacing-studs, as shown in Fig. 2, or of any form generally employed for securing garments and wearing-apparel of various description.

By the employment of fastenings making use of a lace the strip can be secured more or less tightly about the folded umbrella or parasol, thereby making provision for the increase of bulk or size of the umbrella, when folded, due to repeated use. A spool 3 is fitted to the projecting end of the stick 4, and the lace 5 is wound thereon, so as to be out of the way when the umbrella or parasol is hoisted or when it is not desired to connect the edges of the case. A holder 6, being a coil of spring-wire, is secured to the umbrella adjacent to the spool to provide a convenient means for fastening the loose end of the lace after winding the latter upon the spool. Lacing-studs 7 are located along the edges of the strip, and the lace is engaged therewith to secure the case about the umbrella when the latter is folded. A spring-holder 8 is located at the outer end of the case to receive the loose end of the lace after the edges of the case have been connected.

By having the case permanently attached to the covering of an umbrella or parasol it is always at hand to protect the article when not required for immediate use, and it will be a reminder of the purpose for which it is

designed and will result in prolonging the life and usefulness of the umbrella or parasol to which it is applied. The end portion projecting beyond the edge of the cover will inclose the projecting ends of the ribs, and the outer fastenings along the edges will converge, so as to enable the projecting end portion to be snugly fitted about the terminal portions of the ribs, as clearly indicated in Fig. 3.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

1. The combination with an umbrella or parasol, of a strip located to one side of the stick and extending therefrom to an edge of the cover, and secured to the latter along its edges, and having fastenings throughout the length of the said edges to connect the latter and form a case when the umbrella is closed, substantially as described.

2. The combination with an umbrella or parasol, of a strip extending from the stick to an edge of the cover and secured a short distance from its longitudinal edges to the said cover so as to form loose edge portions which are brought together and overlap to form a case when the umbrella is closed, and fastenings along the edges of the strip to secure the said edges together, substantially as specified.

3. In an umbrella or parasol, the combination of a strip extending from the stick to and beyond an edge portion of the cover and secured at its edges to the said cover, and having its projecting end portion formed with converging edges, and fastenings along the longitudinal edges of the strip to secure the said strip about the covering and ribs of the umbrella when closed, substantially as set forth.

4. The combination with an umbrella or

parasol, of a strip permanently applied to the cover thereof and having its edge portions loose and its outer portion projecting beyond the edge of the cover, and fastenings applied to the edges of the strip, the fastenings on the outer end portion of the strip converging, substantially in the manner set forth for the purpose described.

5. The combination with an umbrella or parasol, of a strip permanently applied to the cover thereof and having fastenings along its edges, and a lace adapted to cooperate with the said fastenings to secure the strip about the umbrella or parasol when folded, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

6. In an umbrella or parasol, the combination with a strip applied to the cover thereof and having fastenings along its edges, of a lace to cooperate with the fastenings of the strip, and a spool fitted to the projecting end of the stick and adapted to have the lace wound thereon when not in use, substantially as set forth.

7. The combination with an umbrella or parasol, of a strip attached to a side portion of the cover thereof and having fastenings along its edges, a lace to cooperate with the fastenings of the strip to secure the edges thereof when brought together, and holders at opposite ends of the strip to secure the loose end portion of the lace, substantially as set forth for the purpose described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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