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Fig. 2.

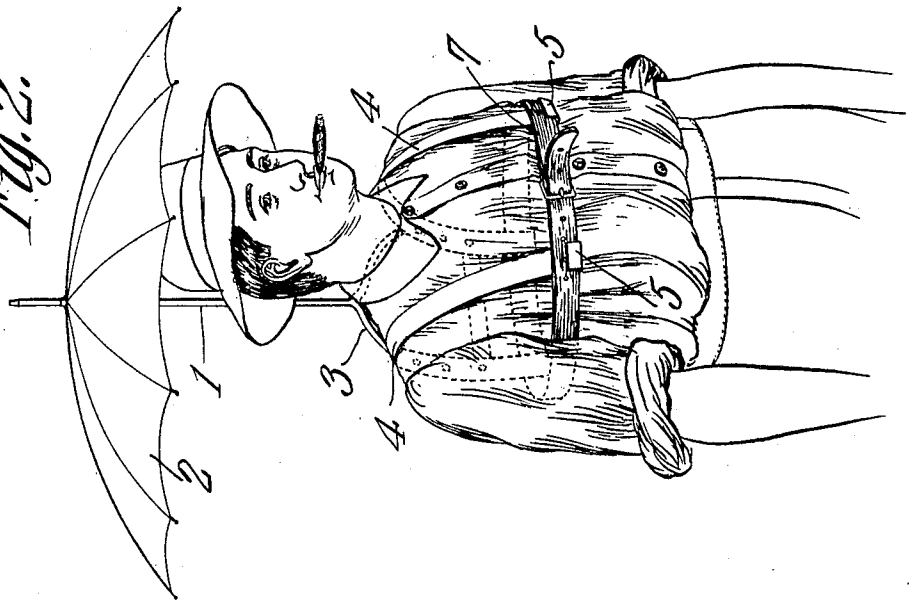
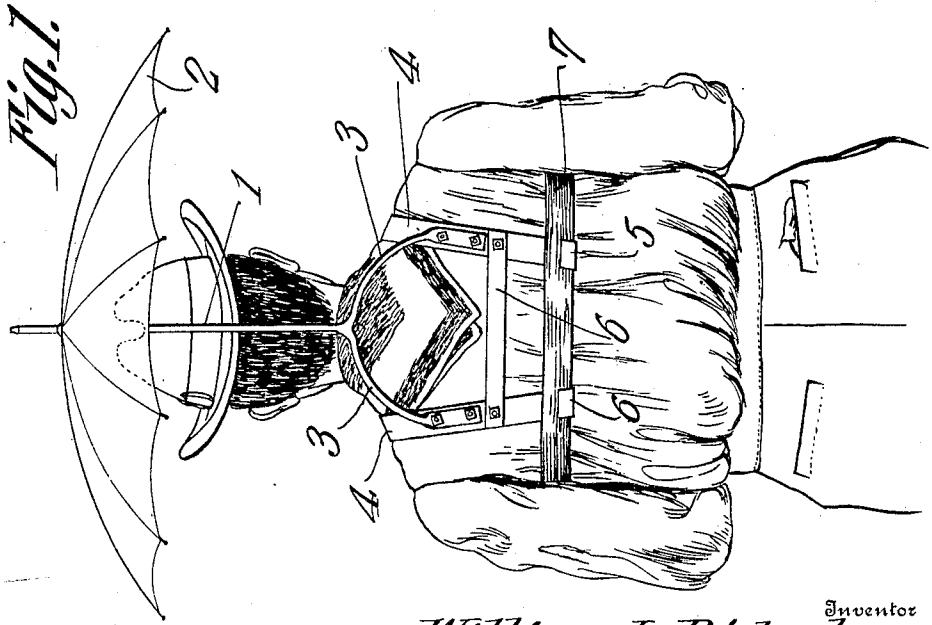


Fig. 1.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM L. RIDOUT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Luling, in the county of Caldwell and State of Texas, have invented a new and useful Sunshade-Gear for Personal Wear, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has relation to sunshade gears for personal wear and it consists in the novel construction and arrangement of its parts as hereinafter shown and described.

The object of the invention is to provide a gear of the character indicated which is adapted to be supported upon the shoulders of the wearer and the parts of which are so arranged as not to interfere with the stooping or bending movement of the body on the part of the wearer or to bind or interfere with the act of respiration.

The gear is especially adapted to be used by persons working upon farms and with this idea in view the parts are arranged so that the shoulders may be used for supporting or carrying implements on and the hands and arms of the wearer are left free and unobstructed, at the same time the free movement of the head is not interfered with nor is the vision obstructed and the parts are so arranged that the wearer may smoke and be at liberty to turn the head without danger of bringing an article held in the mouth in contact with any of the parts of the gear.

The gear consists primarily of a relatively rigid staff having at its lower end laterally disposed anticlinal branches. A shade is mounted upon the upper portion of the staff. Flexible metallic strips form saddles and are adapted to fit snugly over the shoulder of the wearer and the said strips terminate at their ends above the waist line of the wearer and are provided with curled extremities. The lower end portions of the said branches are attached to the rear portions of the said strips and a flexible metallic brace strip connects the rear portions of the first said strips together at a point below the points of attachment of the branches of the staff therewith. A belt surrounds the chest of the wearer and lies in the curled extremities of the said saddle strips.

In the accompanying drawings:—Figure 1 is a rear view of a person having the sunshade applied to his shoulders, and Fig. 2 is a front view of a person having the gear applied to his shoulders.

The sunshade gear consists of the staff 1 upon the upper end of which is mounted a shade 2. The lower end of the staff 1 is provided with the laterally disposed branches 3. The said staff 1 and its branches 3 are relatively rigid. The flexible metallic strips 4 form saddles and are adapted to fit snugly over the shoulders of the wearer. The lower ends of the said strips 4 terminate short of the waist line of the wearer and the extremities of the ends of the said strips are curled as at 5. A flexible metallic strip 6 serves as a brace for the strips 4 and is attached at its end to the rear portions of the said strips 4. The brace strip 6 is disposed transversely across the back of the wearer. The lower ends of the branches 3 are attached to the rear portion of the strips 4 at points above the points of attachment of the brace strip 6 with the said saddle strips. The belt 7 is adapted to pass around the chest of the wearer and lies in the curled extremities 5 provided at the ends of the saddle strips 4.

From the foregoing description it will be observed that a sunshade gear for personal wear is provided the parts of which are so arranged as not to interfere with the free stooping or bending movement on the part of the wearer and also that the wearer may turn the head at liberty without danger of encountering any of the parts of the gear at the same time the shade supporting parts are disposed at the back of the wearer and do not interfere with his scope of vision. As the branches 3 of the staff 1 are disposed or located below the upper line of the shoulders they are free and may be used for carrying implements such as an ax or a scythe thereon. As the strips 4 and 6 are flexible and fit snugly over the shoulder the resiliency of the said strips enable them to move during the act of breathing thus the proper function of the respiratory organs of the wearer are not interfered with.

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

A sunshade gear for personal wear comprising a relatively rigid staff having its lower end divided into laterally disposed anticlinal branches, a shade mounted upon the upper portion of the staff, saddles adapted to fit snugly over the shoulders of the wearer, and which are provided at their opposite ends with curled extremities, the lower

extremities of the branches of the staff being attached to the rear portions of the saddle, a flexible metallic strip connecting the rear portions of the saddles together at points below the extremities of the branches of the staff, and a belt adapted to have cast-off engagement with several or all of the curled extremities of the saddle.

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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