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Fig. 1

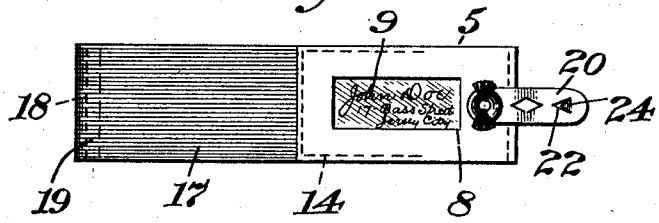


Fig. 2

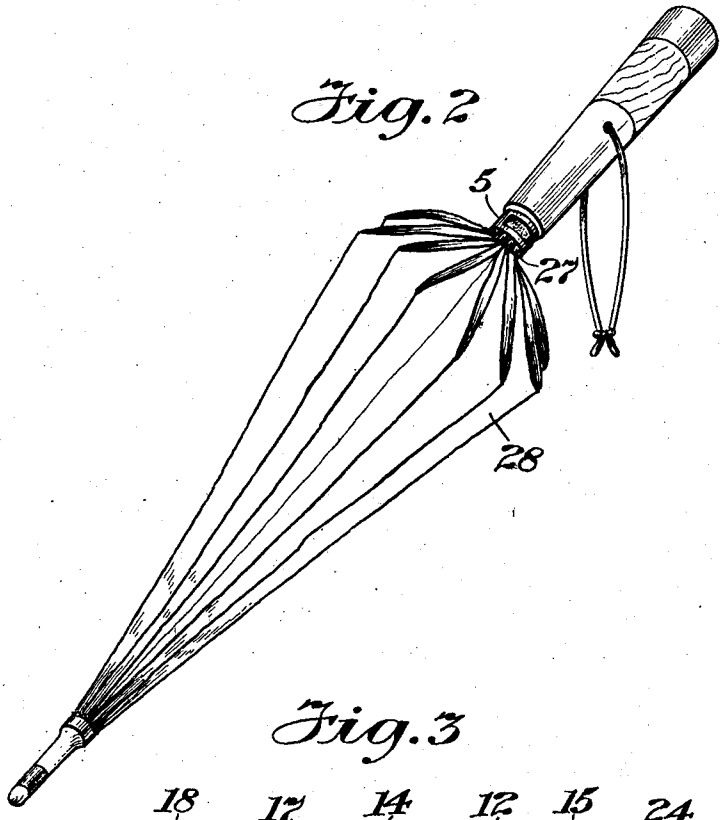


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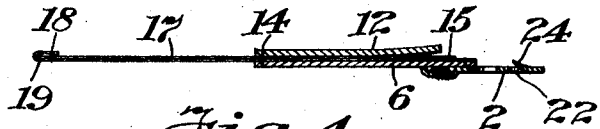
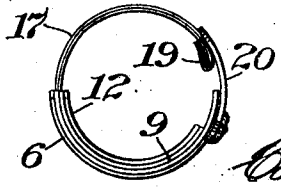


Fig. 4



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The present invention relates to means for the identification of umbrellas, parasols, and the like. The invention relates further to identification means which is adapted for securing together the ribs of an umbrella or parasol when in the closed position and for use in the arts generally. More particularly, the invention relates to a flexible and elastic band carrying a pocket with a window in in a wall thereof for the exposure of an identification card or the like, which band has at one end a backwardly extending prong adapted for engaging the band near its opposite end when the band is wrapped about the ribs of an umbrella or the like.

An object of the invention is to provide a quickly attachable and detachable means for securing the ribs of an umbrella in the closed position.

Another object of the invention is to provide a securing band for the ribs of an umbrella, which band carries means for identification of the umbrella and means for holding the identification means to the band.

Another object of my invention is to provide a band for securing the ribs of a closed umbrella in place which is of elastic material and is adapted to be used on umbrellas or parts thereof of various size.

Another object of my invention is to provide an elastic identification band having a quickly applicable and detachable securing means, which means is adapted when in the band securing position to be made more firmly secured by abrasions, bumps and knocks to which it might be ordinarily subjected when in use.

Other objects of my invention will be apparent from the specification and the drawings.

In the drawings forming part of this specification:

Fig. 1 is a face view of the securing band laid flat with the identification means exposed to view.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of a closed umbrella with the securing band about the upper ends of the ribs.

Fig. 3 is an edge view in longitudinal section of the band laid flat, and

Fig. 4 is an edge view of the band formed into a loop with its ends together and with securing means in engagement.

In the drawings the pocket 5 comprises the front wall member 6 having an opening 8 therein over which on the inner side is placed the window 9 of celluloid, oil silk or the like. The wall member 6 may be of leather or the like. To the back of member 6 is secured the back member 12 by means of the stitching 14 which extends along one end of members 6 and 12 and part way along both sides thereof, leaving one end of the member 12 movable from member 6, whereby an identification card, 15, may be inserted between them and into registry with said window 8.

The elastic band 17 is of woven elastic web and is secured between members 6 and 12 by stitching 14 and has its exposed end folded upon itself and secured in that position by the stitching 18 to form a reinforcement 19 of the band 17 at this part. To the opposite end of pocket 5 is secured the short metal strip 20 which has a V-shaped incision 22 cut therethrough with the apex of the V extending toward the pocket 5. The portion included between the sides of the V is pushed from the plane of strip 20 backwardly to form a prong or claw 24 which has its point extending toward the opposite end of the strap 17 and backwardly therefrom.

In use on an umbrella, for example, the band is wrapped around the handle of the umbrella or about the ends 27 of the closed ribs of the umbrella 28 as shown in Fig. 2 of the drawing, the elastic band being stretched when being applied and the prong 24 being pushed into the band 17 near the said reinforcement 19. The elastic, being then released in this position, will then draw the prong 19 further into the material of the band 17 and hold it securely in position. In this position knocks or bumps against the metal strip 20 will cause the prong 22 to become more firmly embedded in the strap 17.

It is to be understood that the identification band may be applied more or less permanently to the handle of the umbrella or to another article or it may be used for securing the umbrella when in the closed position. It is further to be understood that in

place of woven elastic web the strap 17 may be of other more or less elastic material.

What I claim is:

A wrapping device comprising an elastic band with a strip of metal attached to one end thereof and a pocket carried by said band with a window therein for carrying and exposing an identifying mark or legend, said strip of metal having a V-notch cut therein with a prong pushed out therefrom to form a hook for securing to said band.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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