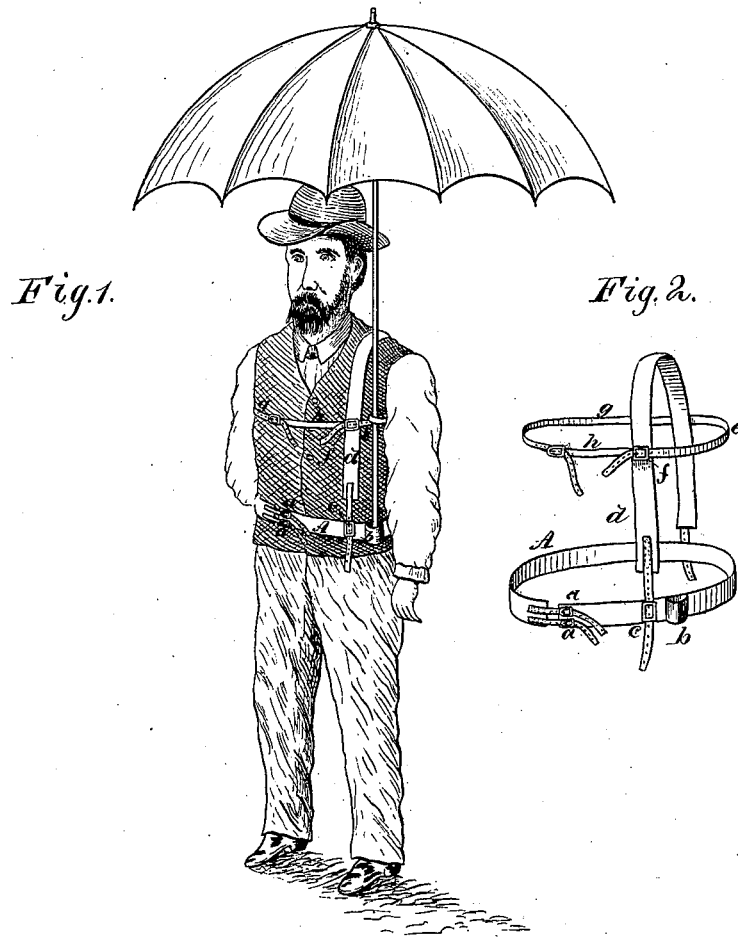


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IMPROVEMENT IN UMBRELLA-HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN H. BOWERS, of Cowan, in the county of Franklin and State of Tennessee, have invented a new and Improved Umbrella-Holder, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawings, forming part hereof, Figure 1 represents my improved umbrella-holder in use, and Fig. 2 is a detail view, showing the arrangement of the straps and buckles.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of my invention is to provide an umbrella-holder for the use of farmers and others, which will support the umbrella and permit of the free use of both hands.

In the drawings, A is a belt that surrounds the waist, and is provided with buckles *a* for drawing it together, and has attached to it a cup or socket, *b*, for receiving the lower end of the umbrella-staff. To the left-hand side of the belt, at the front and back, buckles *c* are attached for receiving the ends of a strap, *d*, that runs over the shoulder. To the back of this strap a strap, *e*, is secured, which runs around the body parallel to the strap A, and is received by the buckle *f*, secured to the front of the strap *d*. A strap, *g*, is attached to the back of the strap *d*, and runs around the body under the right arm, and is buckled to the strap *h*, that is secured to the strap *d* at or near

the point of attachment of the buckle *f*. The lower end of the staff of the umbrella is placed in the socket *b*, and the strap *e* is wound once around the umbrella-staff before being buckled.

This improved device holds an umbrella securely, and admits of a free use of both hands, and enables a person to work under a hot sun or during a rain without giving the umbrella any special care or attention.

I am aware that it is not new to support an umbrella from the person by two shoulder-straps, a belt, and a chest-strap, and such I do not claim. In this case, when these shoulder-straps are tightened, the belt cannot be raised or lowered without interfering with the chest-strap, while the fastening of the shoulder-straps to the chest-strap causes a strain across the chest and a heat that are very objectionable. My use of a single shoulder-strap connected with the belt avoids these objections.

What I claim as new is—

An umbrella-holder having a single shoulder-strap fastened to the belt and inclosed by the chest-strap, as and for the purpose specified.

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Witnesses:

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