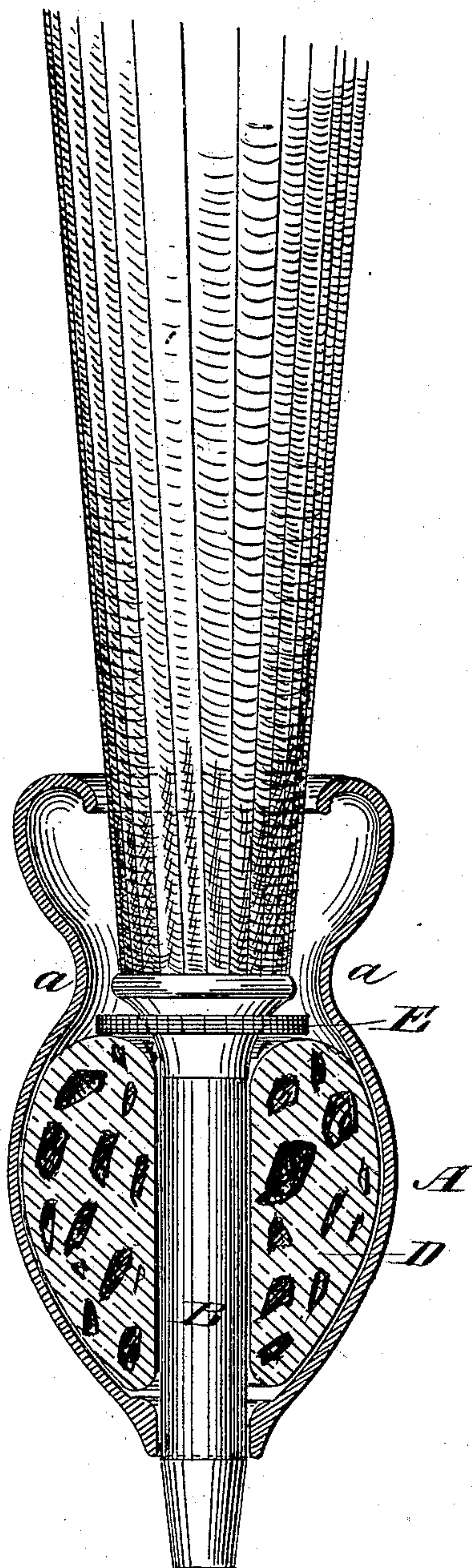


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES L. L. EMERY, of Biddeford, in the county of York and State of Maine, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Umbrella-Drippers, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to a portable means for catching the water dripping from a wet umbrella when closed.

The invention consists in a cup made of rubber and adapted to hold a sponge and to receive the lower end of the staff of a closed umbrella, so as to arrest and absorb the water dripping therefrom, and allow the umbrella to stand on the floor in an ordinary position without dripping from the ferrule.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawing, which represents a central vertical sectional view of my invention as applied to an umbrella for the purpose stated.

A represents a cup or vessel, made of rubber, shaped like a vase or urn. Its top or mouth is wide enough to easily admit the part of a closed umbrella nearest the ferrule, and in its bottom is a hole in which the ferrule portion of the staff B may fit tightly. The cup or vessel A is narrowed below its mouth, so as to form a neck, *a*, below which may be called the "body" or main portion of the cup. In this portion of the cup is placed a sponge, D, with a hole in its center to admit the staff B. Above the sponge and below the neck is a washer, E, of rubber or other suitable material.

The invention is applied to an umbrella by passing the ferrule end of the staff B through the mouth of the cup, the washer, the sponge, and the hole in the bottom of the cup. The sponge wipes the staff dry before the ferrule reaches

the hole, and then absorbs the wet which runs down from the closed umbrella, and the washer prevents the sponge from coming in contact with the cloth of the umbrella. The umbrella can then be allowed to stand on the floor without wetting or soiling it by dripping thereon.

The advantages of my invention are: It is simple, cheap, and easily made; it is readily attached to and detached from an umbrella, and can be easily cleansed and dried; it is portable and can be easily carried in the pocket, and it forms a desirable accompaniment to an umbrella in wet weather when attending a church or place of amusement, or under any circumstance where it is not practicable or desirable to place the umbrella in a tub or other vessel.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. As an improved article of manufacture, an umbrella-dripper consisting of the rubber cup A, provided with an opening in its upper and lower ends, and having its upper end below its mouth contracted to form the neck *a*, and the sponge D, arranged within the said cup, between the neck and its lower end, substantially as herein shown and described.

2. The combination, with the cup A, provided with the neck *a*, and containing the sponge D, of the washer E, arranged between the neck and sponge, substantially as herein shown and described, whereby the sponge is prevented from coming in contact with the cloth of the umbrella, as set forth.

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