

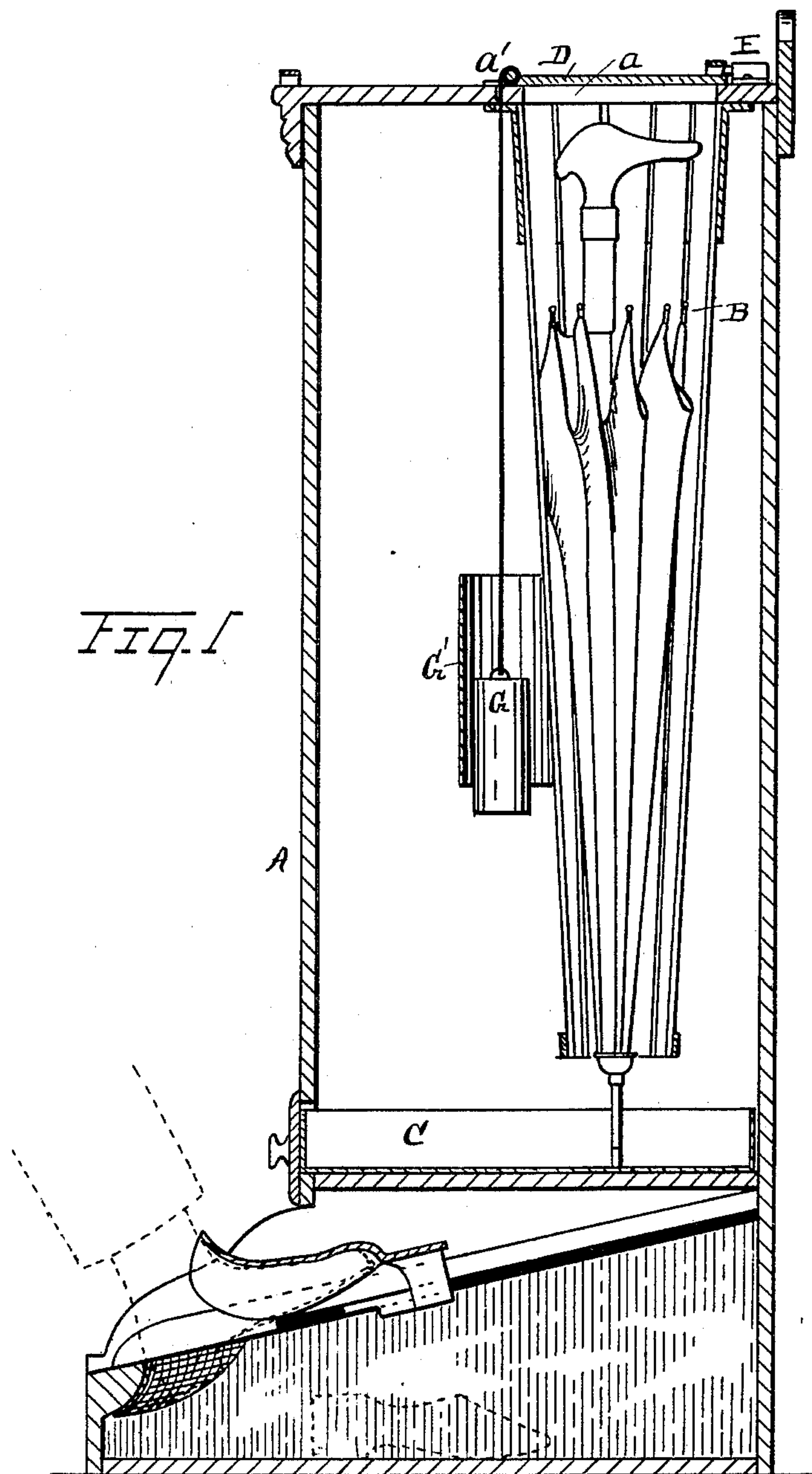
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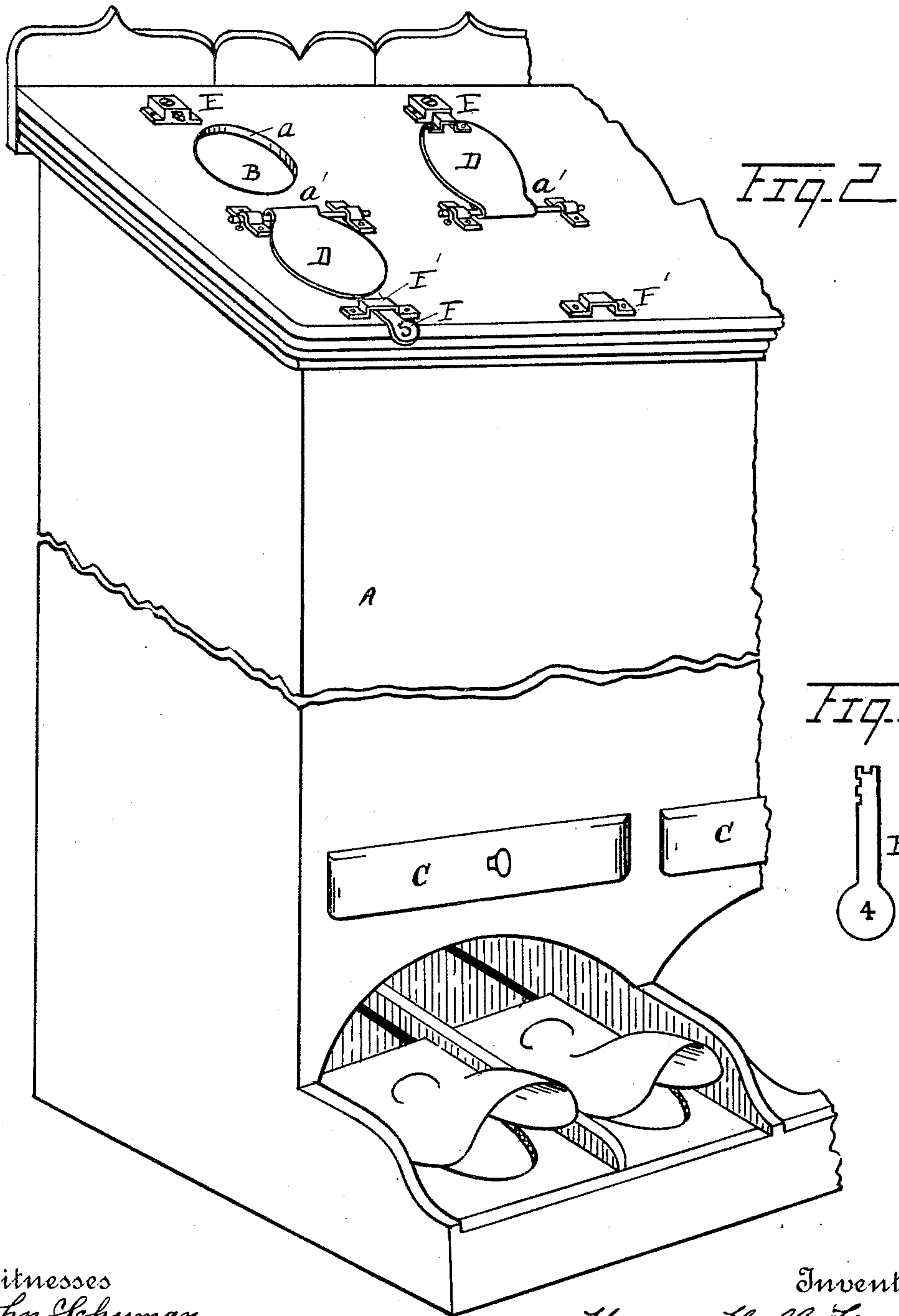
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UMBRELLA-CASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRY HALL FREER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pontiac, county of Oakland, State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Umbrella-Cases; and I declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it ap-
10 pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

My present invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in an umbrella-
15 case; and it consists of the devices and appliances, their combinations and arrangements, as hereinafter specified and claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

20 Figure 1 is a vertical section embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a view in perspective, and Fig. 3 a separate view of a key.

The great desirability of having a convenient and secure receptacle for umbrellas in
25 many public places—such as hotels, restaurants, opera-houses, and the like—is evident.

My invention is designed to provide a neat, convenient, and economical piece of furniture to fully meet this need in a simple, ready,
30 and efficient manner.

To this end A represents any suitable inclosing case, which may be made of any desired form to suit a given locality where such a device may most conveniently be located.

35 Within said case are engaged one or more receivers B, tubular or otherwise in shape, in which an umbrella may be deposited. These receivers are preferably made of open-work to allow a free circulation of air to dry the
40 umbrella when wet. The receivers may, as shown, taper downward. At the lower end of the receivers or immediately beneath the same the case is preferably provided also with a drip-pan C, which may have a removable engagement in said case. The receiver
45 is intended to be of sufficient height to contain the entire umbrella within the same. The case is provided with an orifice a in the top thereof communicating with each re-

50 ceiver. This orifice is provided with a cover

D, engaged upon the case, said cover having a hinged or jointed connection a' to the case at one side of said cover, so that it may be turned back as a lid upon the top of the case when the receiver below is not in use and be
55 thrown in the opposite direction to cover the receiver when the latter is in use. When not in use the cover of the individual receiver is thrown open and held open by a suitable device until its use is desired. I prefer that the
60 case shall be provided with a lock E for each cover. A numbered key F may be inserted under a suitable strap F' and upon the edge of the cover to hold it open when not in use. The cover is also made self-acting in one di-
65 rection when free to move in any suitable manner. When an umbrella has been inserted into the receiver, the owner of the umbrella puts the key into his pocket, which serves as a check, as well as to unlock the re-
70 ceiver.

I do not limit myself to any special manner of making the covers self-acting. As shown, however, they are each provided with a counter-weight G, connected therewith. The
75 weight may be also inclosed as in a case G' to prevent any rattling of the weight. For many locations the foregoing would be found sufficient where umbrellas only were to be cared for. Where, however, it is desirable also to
80 provide a receptacle for overshoes, rubbers, and the like, I design to construct the base of the case A with reference to this end. In an opera-house, for example, the device may be constructed of any desired dimensions,
85 with a series of receivers B and their self-acting covers. In a hotel the boot-jack attachment will be found desirable. This boot-jack attachment, to which I make no claim, is simply herein illustrated in order to show
90 the practicability of adding to the umbrella-case such a contrivance.

The whole device is serviceable, and the case may be made of cabinet or other work and made as ornamental as may be desired. 95

What I claim as my invention is—

1. The combination, with a vertically-extended umbrella-receiver B, open at its extremities, of a case A, supporting said receiver therein and provided with an opening into 100

- the top of the receiver, a cover engaged upon
the case to close said opening in the case and
into the upper end of the receiver, and a drip-
pan located beneath the lower extremity of
5 the receiver removably engaged in said case,
said case and cover entirely inclosing and
concealing said receiver, and an umbrella lo-
cated therein when the cover is closed, sub-
stantially as described.
- 10 2. The combination, with a vertically-ex-
tended umbrella-receiver B, open at its ex-
tremities, of a case A, supporting said receiver
therein and provided with an opening into
the top of the receiver, a self-acting cover en-
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the case and into the upper end of the receiver,
a drip-pan located beneath the lower end of the
receiver removably engaged in said case, a lock
for said cover, said case and cover entirely
inclosing and concealing said receiver, and 20
an umbrella located therein when the cover
is closed, substantially as described.
- In testimony whereof I sign this specifica-
tion in the presence of two witnesses.
- HARRY HALL FREER.
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