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Fig. 1.

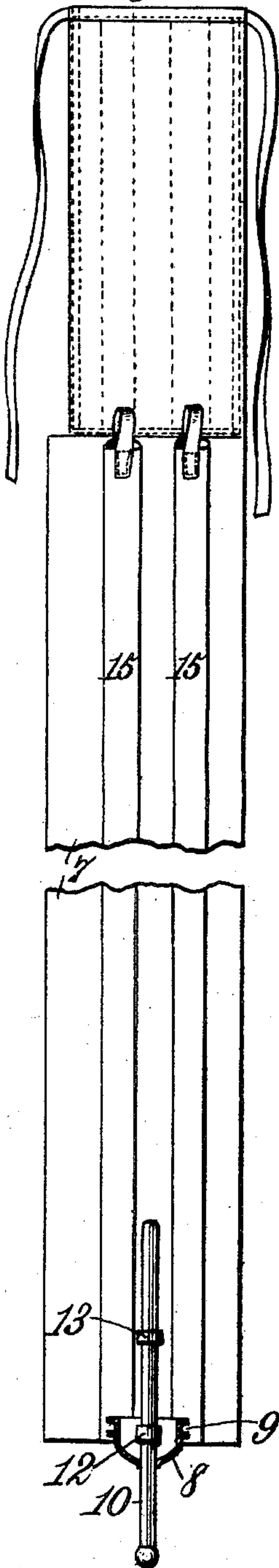


Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.

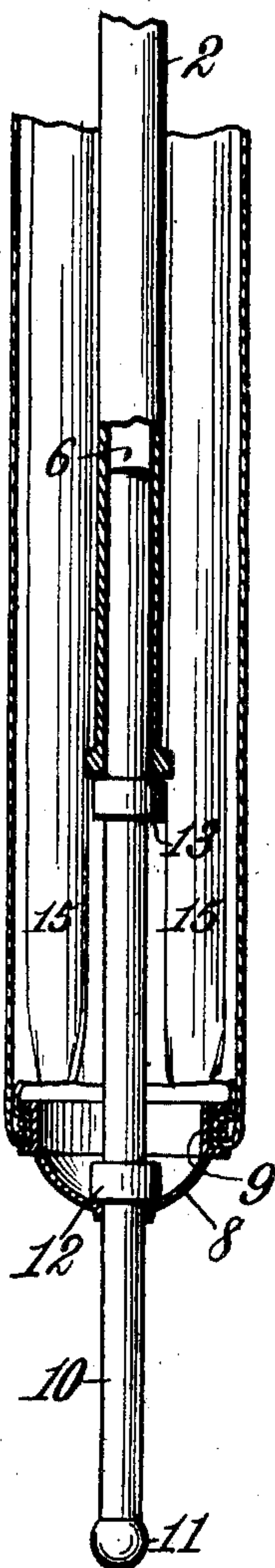


Fig. 4.

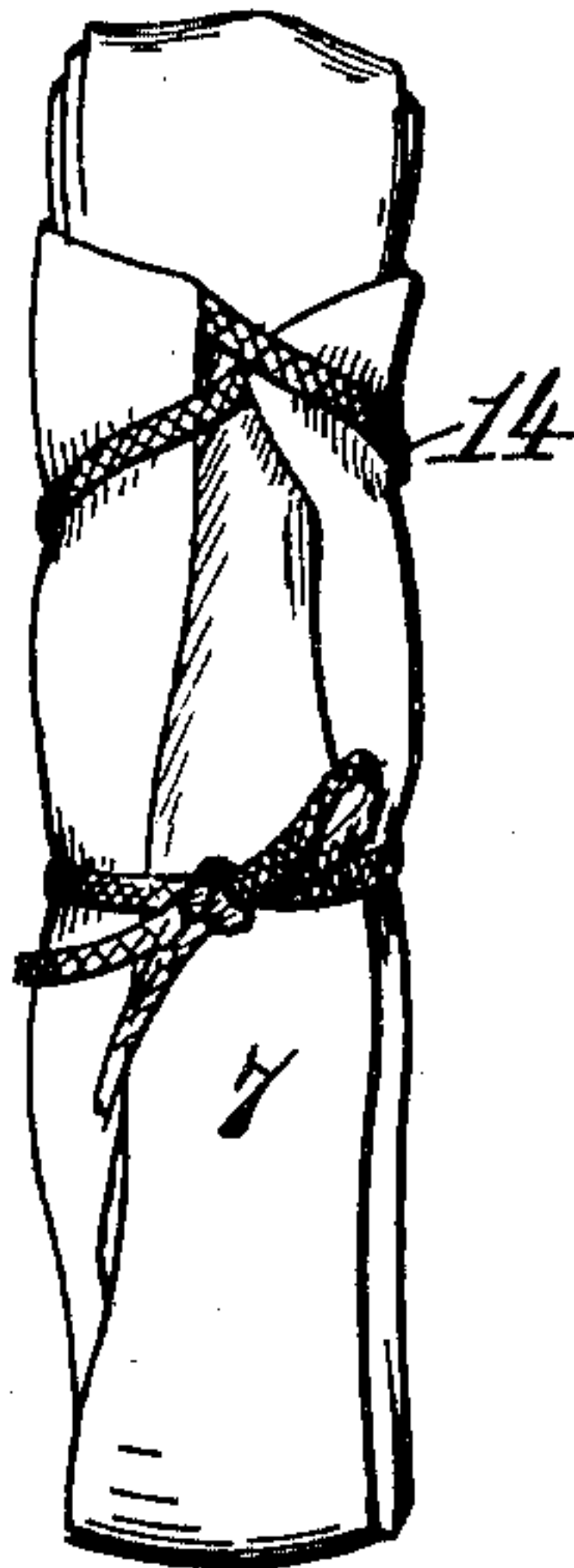
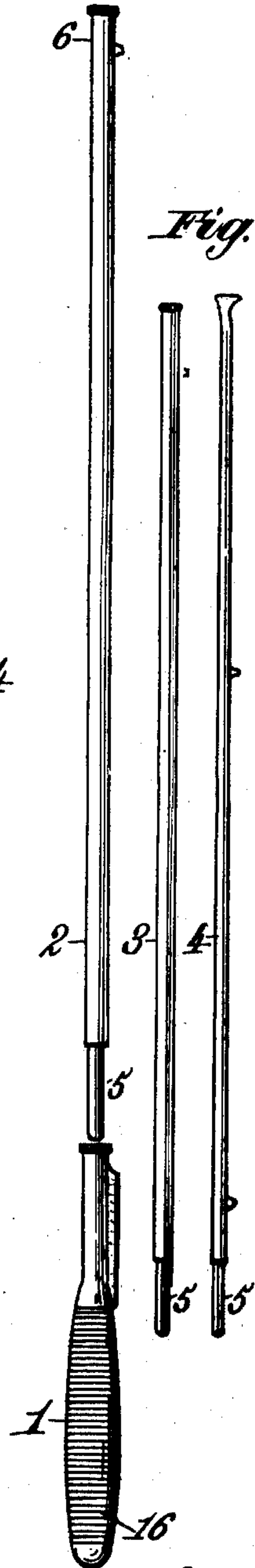


Fig. 5.



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CASE FOR FISHING-RODS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JESSE C. HERITAGE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin and State of Minnesota, have invented new and useful Improvements in Cases or Covers for Fishing-Rods, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved case or cover for fishing-rods, and has for its object to provide an improved case or cover so constructed that a jointed fishing-rod may, when unjointed, be compactly fitted in the case or cover and the parts secured together in such manner that the whole will closely simulate the appearance of an umbrella rolled up and fitted in an umbrella-cover, when the device may be used as a cane.

It also has for its object to provide an improved case or cover of the character referred to which may be folded up compactly in a small space in order that the same may be conveniently carried in the pocket when the jointed sections are used as a fishing-rod.

To these ends my invention consists in the features and in the construction and combination of parts hereinafter described, and particularly pointed out in the claims following the description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, wherein—

Figure 1 is a view of the case or cover laid open or before its longitudinal edges have been stitched together. Fig. 2 is a sectional elevation of the rod unjointed and fitted in the case or cover to simulate an umbrella. Fig. 3 is an enlarged sectional view of the tip end of the case or cover. Fig. 4 is a view of the case or cover folded up, and Fig. 5 is a view of the rod, the parts being shown unjointed.

In the drawings I have shown my improved case or cover in connection with a steel-rod fishing-pole, the rod consisting of a butt or handle portion 1 and three joints or sections 2, 3, and 4, each joint having a tenon 5 at one end, which fits in a socket 6 in the corresponding end of the adjacent section, as usual. The steel fishing-rod is of well-known construction and of itself forms no part of my invention, and it will be hereinafter ap-

parent that the invention is applicable to other kinds of fishing-rods.

The numeral 7 indicates the case or cover, consisting of a tubular casing of cloth or flexible fabric of any suitable material constructed similarly to an umbrella-cover and provided at its tip end with a ferrule 8. The ferrule consists of a round metallic disk centrally perforated and provided on its periphery with an annular groove 9. The ferrule may conveniently be formed of sheet metal and is attached to the case or cover by turning the latter inside out and securing its end in the groove 9 by a wrapping of thread or twine, after which the case or cover is turned or reversed to turn its proper side outermost. Loosely fitted in the perforation in the ferrule is a spindle or short steel rod 10, provided at its outer end with a knob or enlargement 11 and intermediate its ends with a collar 12, said knob and collar limiting the movement of the spindle in the ferrule and preventing the separation or detachment of the two. A collar 13 is also fixed on the spindle intermediate the inner end of the latter and the collar 12 and for the purpose presently explained. The opposite end of the case or cover is provided with a placket, as usual, to facilitate the insertion of the rod-joints, and has attached to its extreme end a tape or cord 14 for closing up the placket. Formed as usual on the inside of the case or cover are two longitudinal pockets 15 for the reception of the third joint and tip of the fishing-rod.

When the rod is to be used as a fishing-rod, the joints and butt or handle section are removed from the case and fitted together in the ordinary manner, when the case or cover may be folded up into small and compact form and placed in the pocket. When the rod is not in use as a fishing-rod, the third joint 3 and tip 4 are disconnected and slipped into the pockets 15, and the butt or handle section 1 and second joint are fitted together and inserted in the case or cover, the socket end 6 of the joint 2 being fitted over the inner end of the spindle 10, the end of the joint 2 fitting against the collar 13, which acts as a stop to limit the insertion of the spindle in the joint. The cover is then drawn up snugly about the joint

2 and is secured thereabout by means of the tying tape or cord 14, immediately beneath the grip 16 of the butt or handle section. The whole will then closely simulate the appearance of an umbrella rolled up and fitted in a cover and may be used as a cane. When the parts are thus collected together, the spindle 10 will project beyond the ferrule 8 as far as the collar 12 will permit and presents the appearance of the tip of an umbrella and serves as the ferrule end of the cane. By removing the butt or handle section and pushing in the spindle the package is shortened and may readily be packed away in a valise or traveling-bag. Moreover, by movably arranging the spindle in the ferrule in the manner shown and described the ferrule can be slipped down or out on the spindle to its outer end, so that the inner end of the spindle may be more readily exposed by gathering back the case or cover in order to facilitate fitting the spindle in the socket end of the second joint 2 to convert the rod and cover into an umbrella-cane.

I have shown and described a tying-string as being employed for securing the end of the cover about the handle portion of the rod; but it will be manifest that other fastening means may be employed for the purpose—such, for example, as a strap and buckle, a button, or the like.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A case or cover for fishing-rods, comprising a tubular flexible casing open at one end and provided at its other end with a ferrule, and a spindle fitted in said ferrule, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

2. A case or cover for fishing-rods, comprising

a tubular flexible casing open at one end and provided at its other end with a ferrule, and a spindle movably fitted in said ferrule, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

3. A case or cover for fishing-rods, comprising a tubular flexible casing open at one end and provided at its other end with a ferrule, a spindle movably fitted in said ferrule, and means for limiting the movement of the spindle in both directions, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

4. A case or cover for fishing-rods, comprising a tubular flexible casing, open at one end and provided at its other end with a ferrule, a spindle movably fitted in said ferrule and having an enlargement on its outer end and a collar fixed on its inner portion intermediate its ends, and a second collar fixed on the spindle intermediate its inner end and said first-mentioned collar, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

5. A case or cover for fishing-rods, comprising a tubular flexible casing open at one end and provided with fastening means, and having a ferrule fitted in its other end, said case or cover being provided with internal longitudinal pockets for the reception of the fishing-rod joints, and a spindle movably fitted in said ferrule, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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