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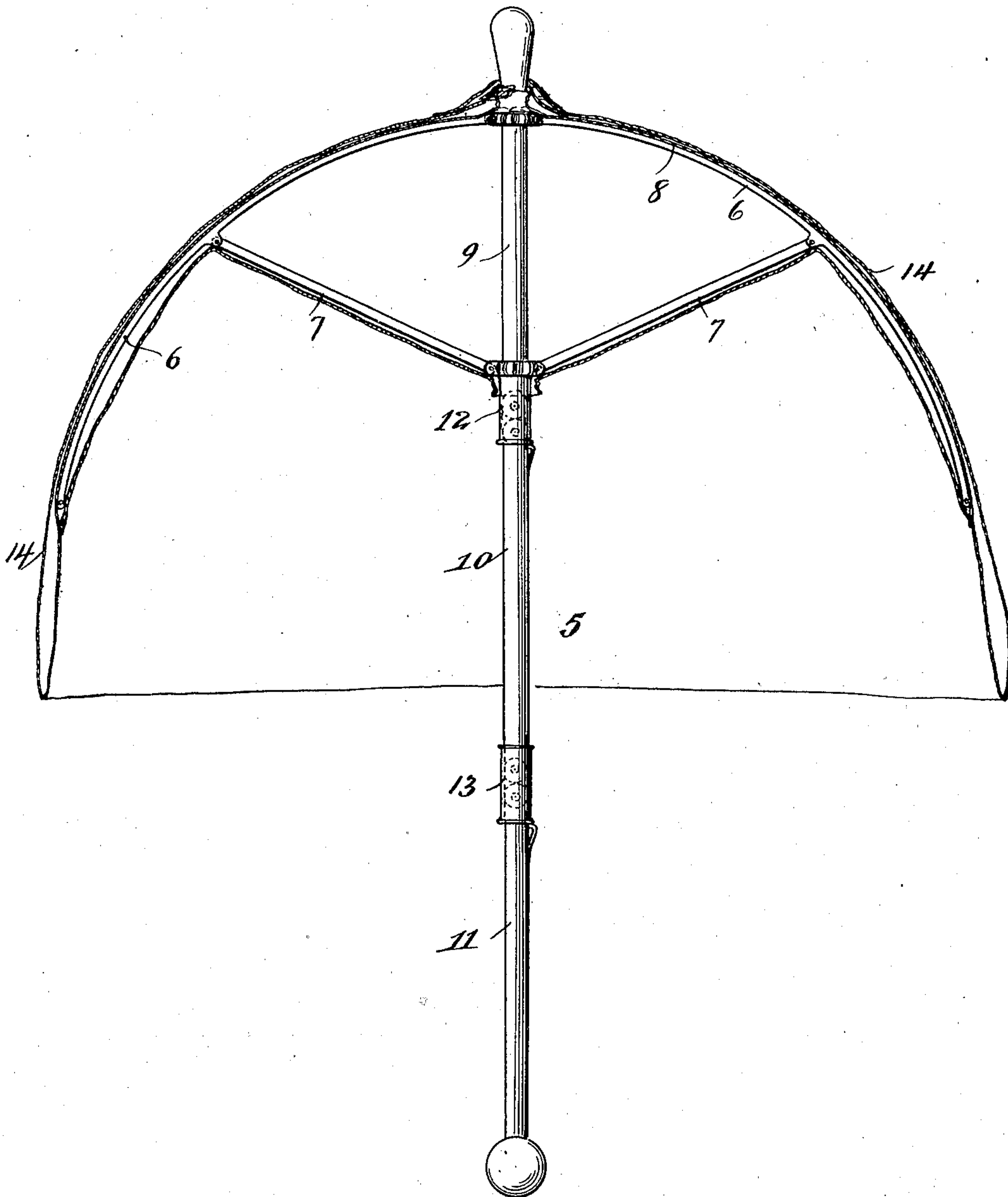
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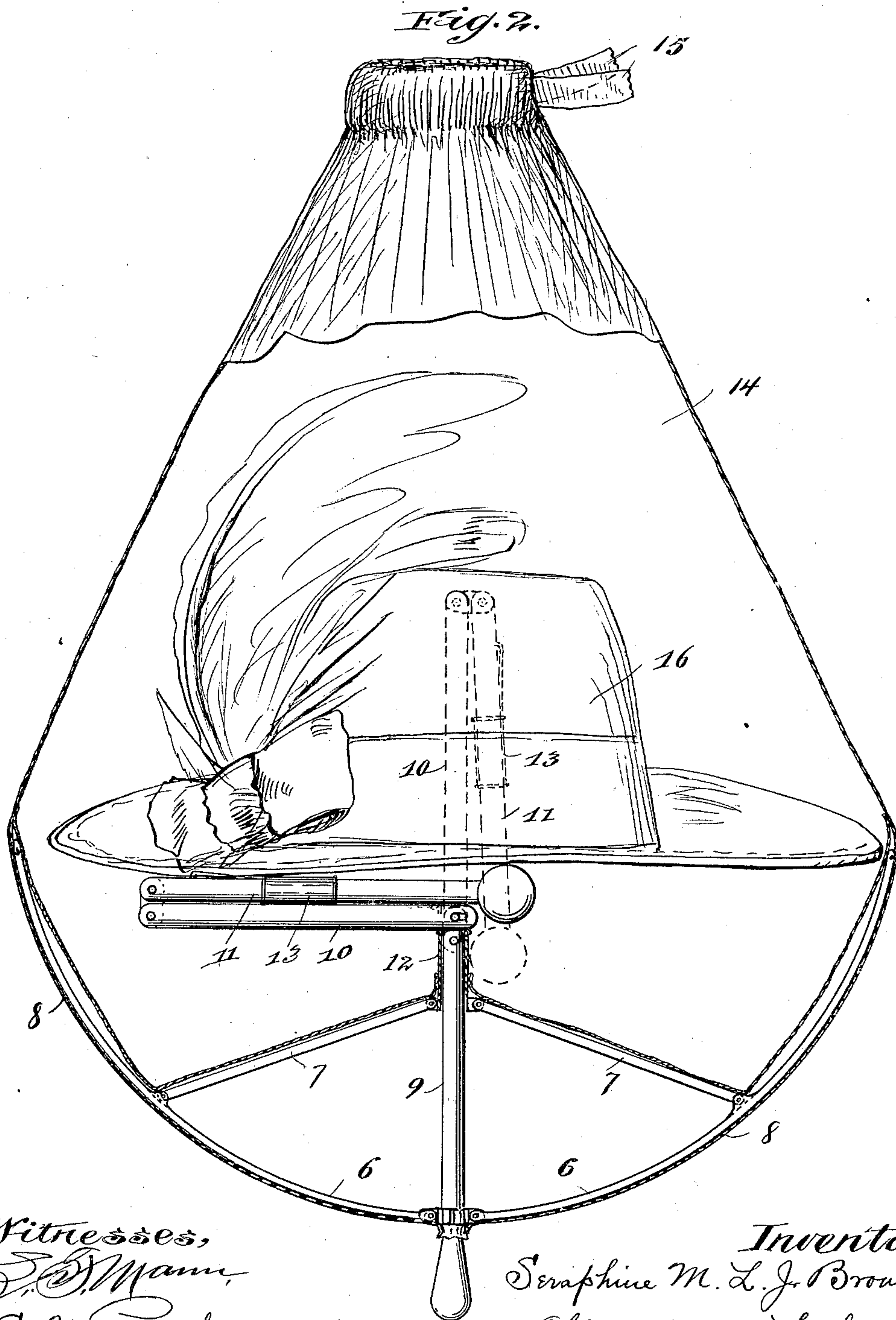
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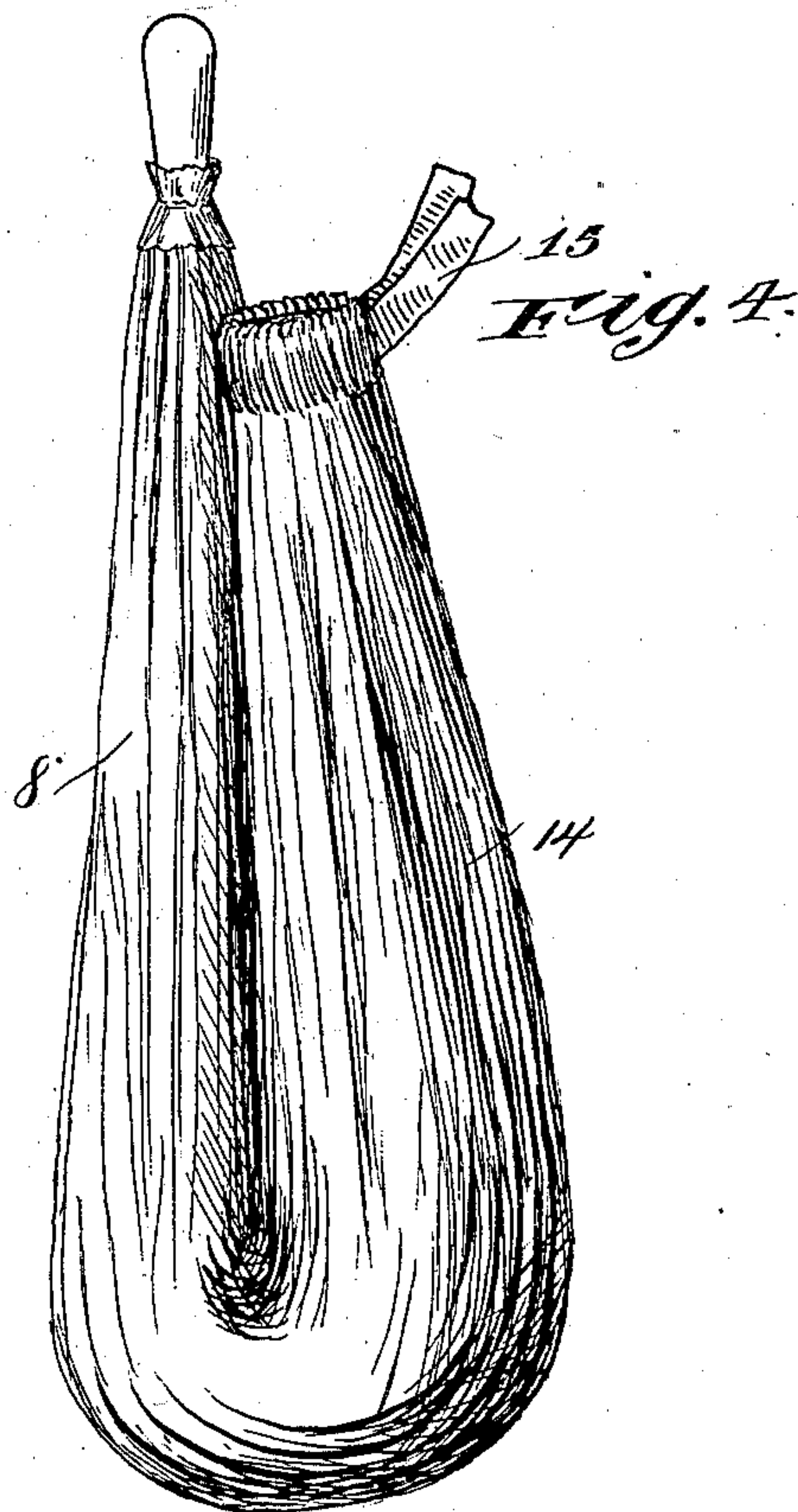
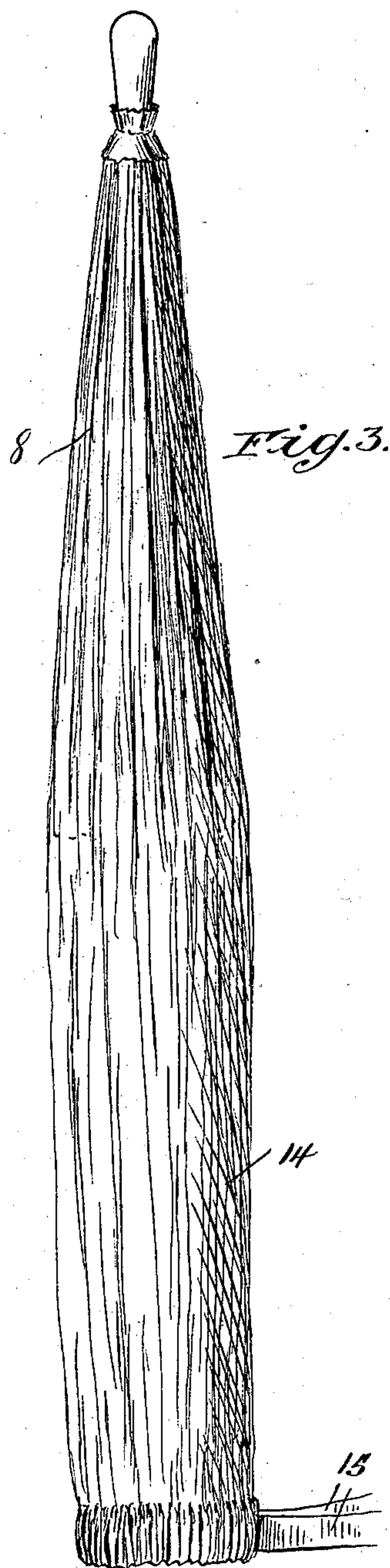
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SERAPHINE M. L. J. BROWN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, county of Cook, and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combination Parasol and Hat-Carrier, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to devices for carrying ladies' hats, bonnets, or other small articles of a light and fragile nature in a safe and convenient manner; and the primary object of my invention is to provide a device which shall not only be practical and efficient for the purpose mentioned, but shall in its structure and organization be capable when not employed as a carrier of fulfilling another useful function, as a parasol or sunshade.

Many parasols are now constructed with jointed collapsible masts, whereby the parasol when collapsed may be reduced to a very small compass for greater convenience in carrying the same when not in use. My invention contemplates such a modification of the construction of the ordinary lady's parasol as permits the same to be conveniently utilized as a carrier for hats, bonnets, small parasols, and the like, thus increasing the utility of the article by employing the same in a relation and for a purpose for which by its peculiar structure it is excellently adapted.

To this end my invention, generally stated, resides in the combination, with a parasol, of an extensible hood secured to the periphery of and in effect forming an extension of the shade and adapted to constitute, with the latter, a bag for the reception of articles to be carried and when not thus employed to be disposed over and parallel with the outer surface of the shade, thus not interfering with the function of the parasol as a sunshade.

My invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a vertical sectional elevation of my invention, showing the same employed as an ordinary parasol or sunshade. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the device in inverted position and adapted to serve as a hat or other receptacle. Fig. 3 is a vertical elevation showing the device collapsed and with the hood in its dropped position, and Fig. 4 is a view simi-

lar to Fig. 3 and showing the extended hood portion folded up alongside the shade portion to reduce the compass of the device when the same is not employed either as a sunshade or as a receptacle.

Referring to the drawings, 5 indicates as an entirety the mast, 6 the ribs, 7 the braces, and 8 the cover of an ordinary parasol. The mast of the parasol is made in three jointed sections, (indicated by 9, 10, and 11,) the joints between the sections being adapted to be covered by sleeves or ferrules 12 and 13 when the mast is extended, all as is old and well known in parasols of this type.

The parasol is provided with the usual cloth cover 8; but instead of terminating the same at the lower or free extremities of the ribs 6 I provide a cylindrical extension of the cover in the nature of a cloth skirt, this skirt being designated as an entirety by 14 and being made of a considerable length, so that when the parasol is closed or collapsed the lower extremity of the skirt will preferably be below the handle of the mast or stem. The outer portion of the skirt 14 is preferably shirred or gathered, as shown, and provided with a suitable gathering ribbon, tape, or cord 15, whereby the open end of the skirt may be drawn together and closed in the manner usual with ordinary clothes-bags and analogous receptacles.

The operation and advantages of my invention will be readily apparent from the foregoing description, but may be briefly stated as follows:

When the device is to be used as an ordinary parasol or sunshade, the gathered end of the skirt is opened and the skirt is drawn back to overlie and cover the canopy 8, said skirt being necessarily turned inside out in this operation. The parasol is then opened or spread and the folded handle extended, as shown in Fig. 1, the open gathered end of the skirt being drawn and tied around the masthead of the parasol, as plainly indicated in said figure. When the parasol has been thus spread, the skirt 14 overlies the canopy 8 and being secured in such position by the attachment of this gathered end to the masthead it is out of the way and does not interfere with the use of the device as a sunshade, but, on the other hand, increases its effectiveness for

such purpose by practically doubling the thickness of the canopy, and thus more effectively excluding the rays of the sun and protecting the user therefrom.

5 When the device is to be used as a carrier or receptacle for a hat, bonnet, or similar article, the gathered end of the skirt is opened and freed from the masthead, the skirt being then drawn down from over the canopy, which
10 operation may be performed either when the canopy is spread or collapsed, but preferably and more easily when in the latter condition, and by then spreading the canopy and folding down the sectional handle to occupy the
15 position shown in Fig. 2 a convenient bag or receptacle is provided for the reception of any article, as a hat 16, to be carried therein. The effectiveness of the device as a carrier for such an article as a lady's hat or bonnet
20 is increased by the fact that the frame of the canopy portion of the device, within which the hat or bonnet is principally contained, being of considerable stiffness and strength affords to that extent an effective protection
25 for the fragile contents against injury from accidental contact with external objects, while the skirt portion 14, serving in this relation as a hood, effectively protects the contents from dirt or moisture, the whole being conveniently suspended and carried from the
30 gathering cord or tape 15.

When the device is not in use either as a sunshade or as a carrier, it may be conveniently reduced to a small compass by collapsing the canopy and handle and then folding
35 the gathered end of the skirt, so as to make the same lie alongside and substantially parallel with the canopy portion, as shown in Fig. 4, whereupon the entire device may readily be disposed and carried in an ordinary
40 coat-pocket.

From the foregoing it will be readily seen that by my invention I provide a simple and convenient device which is quickly and eas-

ily convertible to fulfil either of two important functions and which when not employed for either function is capable of being reduced in size to occupy a comparatively small space.

Believing myself to be the first to combine the functions of a sunshade and a carrier in
50 a single device of this nature, I wish it to be understood that my invention covers, broadly, a combination device of this character and is not limited to the precise form, proportions, or relative arrangement of the elements shown
55 and described, except in so far as the same may be made the subject of specific claims.

I claim as my invention—

1. A parasol or sunshade having a foldable sectional mast, in combination with a cloth
60 skirt in the form of an integral cylindrical extension of the canopy, whereby the parasol, when inverted, may serve as a receptacle or carrier for hats and the like, substantially as described. 65

2. A parasol or sunshade, having a foldable sectional mast, in combination with an integral cylindrical cloth skirt secured to and constituting an extension of the canopy, the
70 said skirt being shirred or gathered at its outer open end and provided with a gathering cord or tape, substantially as described.

3. As an article of manufacture, a combined sunshade and hat-carrier, the same comprising in combination a parasol having a fold-
75 able sectional mast and an integral cylindrical skirt connected with and forming a continuation of the canopy of the parasol, and at its outer open end extending beyond the handle of the mast when the latter is extended, and at such open end being shirred
80 and provided with a gathering-cord, substantially as described.

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