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Fig. I.

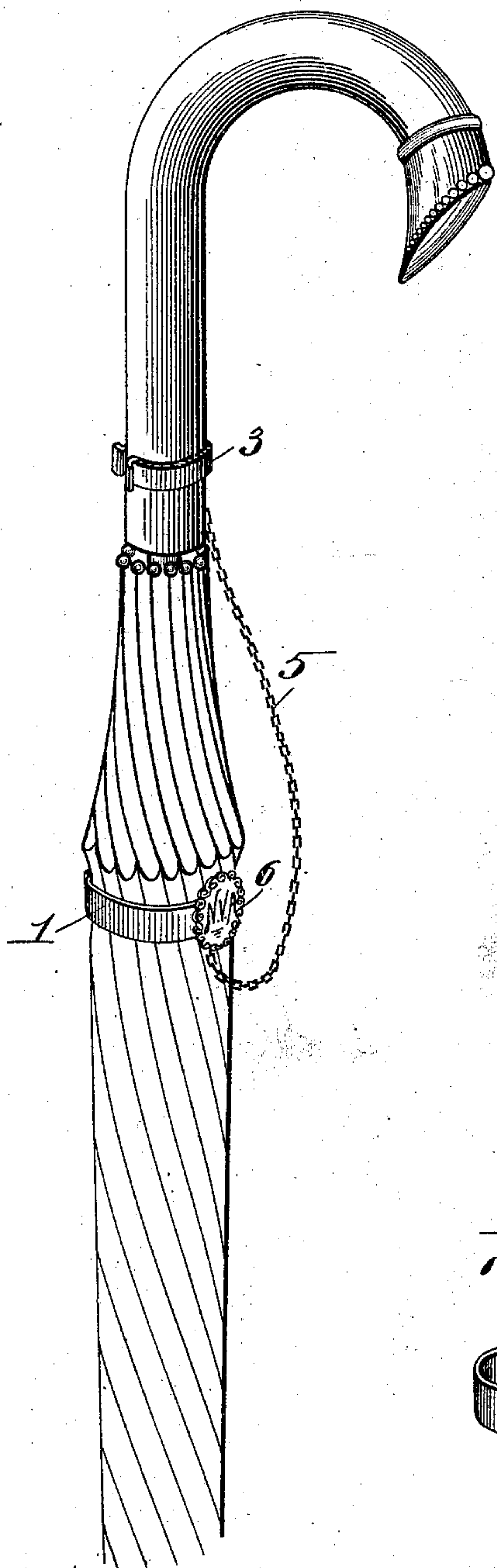


Fig. II.

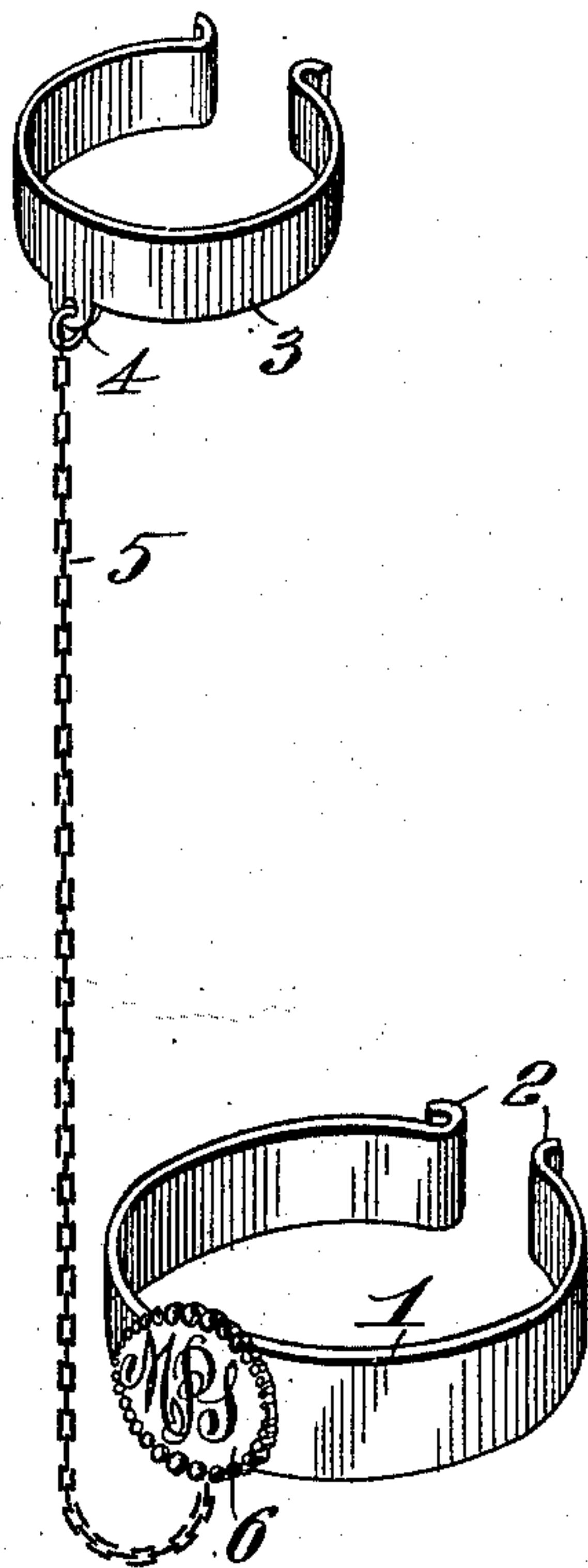
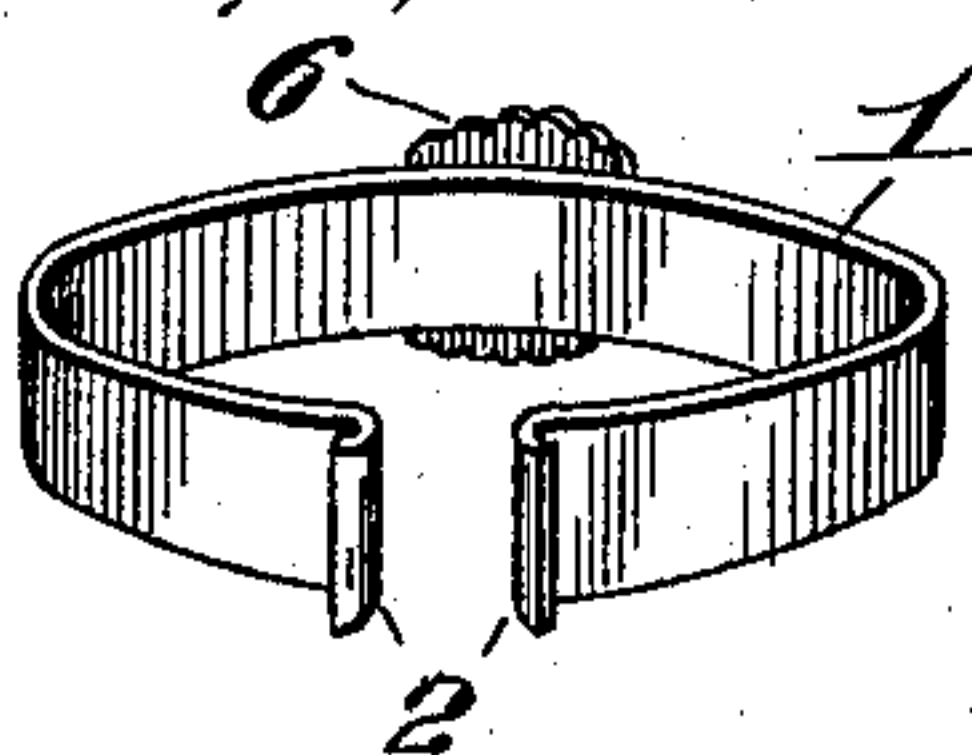


Fig. III.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY J. F. KREKEL, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Umbrella Folders and Holders, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

My invention relates to that class of devices shown and described in Letters Patent No. 534,744, issued February 26, 1895, to Charles W. Guenther.

The object of the present improvement is to provide a simple and efficient article of the character named that may be readily applied to an umbrella to hold it in rolled condition and which is of inexpensive construction and ornamental when applied to the umbrella.

The invention consists in features of novelty hereinafter fully described and pointed out in the claim.

Figure I is a view showing an umbrella with my improved folder and holder applied thereto. Fig. II is a perspective view of the folder and holder. Fig. III is a perspective view of a folder and holder ring as used where the supporting ring and chain shown in Figs. I and II are dispensed with.

1 designates a ring of spring material, adapted to be applied to the cover of an umbrella to hold said cover in rolled condition, as it is seen in Fig. I. The ring 1 may be of any suitable spring material—such as metal, hard rubber, or celluloid—and it is of open form and provided with outturned ends 2.

The ring may be used in the form shown in Fig. III, in which it constitutes simply an open band to encircle the roll of the folded umbrella, or it may be provided with means for supporting it when the umbrella is opened

and in use. The supporting means consists of a spring clip-ring 3, adapted for application to the handle of the umbrella and provided with an eye 4, that receives a chain 5, which leads to and is connected to the folding and holding ring 1, as seen in Figs. I and II.

In applying either of the forms of folding and holding rings to the umbrella they are preferably placed over the tip of the umbrella and gradually moved toward the umbrella-handle on the cover of the umbrella, during which time the umbrella is rotated or the ring is revolved on the cover, so as to produce a rolling of said cover into the condition seen in Fig. I. When the ring has been moved to the upper end of the rolled cover, it holds said cover compactly, and where the form of device shown in Figs. I and II is used the clip 3 is then applied to the umbrella-handle and is in a position to serve, with the chain 5, as a support for the ring 1 when it is removed, which removal may be readily accomplished by grasping the ring and withdrawing it from the cover, the elasticity of the ring permitting such withdrawal readily. While the umbrella is in use the ring may hang suspended by the chain 5 beside the handle of the umbrella.

6 designates an ornamental plate applied to the ring 1, on which the initials, monogram, or name of the owner of the umbrella may be engraved in an ornamental manner.

I claim as my invention—

In an umbrella folder and holder, the combination of an open spring-ring, a clip-ring adapted for application to the umbrella-handle, and a chain connecting said rings, substantially as described.

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