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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY FREDERICK ROLL, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, have invented new and useful Improvements in Parcel-Attaching Devices, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The present invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in a device or article adapted to be attached to parcels or the like for the purpose of preventing the same being lost or stolen.

As is well known, oftentimes people when traveling, especially on railway and street cars, lose valuable parcels and other articles—such as umbrellas, parasols, satchels, fans, pocket-books, and the like—chiefly from forgetfulness and neglect.

It is therefore one of the principal objects of my invention to devise a retaining means which may be attached to the person or some part of the clothing or wearing-apparel and to which device the article in question, such as an umbrella or parasol, is secured, so that if it should happen that the user of the retainer should attempt to leave the car without picking up the parcel he or she will be reminded of the neglect by experiencing a slight jerk or pull from the retainer.

A further object of my invention is to construct the device in question of any suitable material—such as a small silk-and-rubber cord, string, or braid of any desired shape, thickness, length, or color—which may be securely attached to the person or a part of the wearing-apparel, a parcel or other article being adapted to be secured to a small hook or clasp at one end of said cord, the other end being formed with an adjustable loop or the like to secure the cord and parcel to the user.

To the accomplishment of the hereinbefore-cited objects and others of a similar nature my invention consists in the peculiar construction, combination, and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter described in this specification, illustrated in the drawings, and set forth in the appended claim.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying

drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the figures.

Figure 1 is a view showing the manner of securing an article (in the present instance an umbrella) to the person by means of my improved device. Fig. 2 is a view of a device embodying my improvements.

Referring now to the drawings in detail and in particular to Fig. 2, the portion of the cord *a* carrying the clasp or snap-hook is doubled, as shown at *b*, and is provided with a slide, as at *c*, for the purpose of increasing or decreasing the size of the loop formed by the cord near the hook, the two ends being joined by a fastening-sleeve, as at *d*. The loop formed at the upper end of the main cord is also constructed in substantially the same manner and has a small ring *f*, adapted to prevent the slides from slipping off the cord, as the lower loop just described. The upper end of the cord is provided with a slide, as at *e*, similar to the slide *c*, this slide *e* serving to increase or decrease the size of the upper loop.

From the above description of the construction of my improvement the manner of employing and using the same will be readily apparent. The end of the cord which has the loop or slide formed thereon may be fastened to the fingers, the wrist, or the ankle of the person, this being easily accomplished by slipping the fingers and wrist through the loop and then pulling up the slide. The snap-hook or clasp at the other end of the cord is then secured to the cord or wrapping of the parcel, or in the case of an umbrella or pocket-book to the ordinary fastening-straps thereon. Where there are no straps, as in the case of canes, the end having the hook may easily be looped around the handle. Such parcels or articles may also be attached to the apparel or to coats and overcoats, so that in any event it will be impossible for the owner of such articles to forget the same.

There are many other uses to which my improvements may be applied, such as to provide against the loss of hats or so securing wallets or pocket-books that they cannot be

removed by unscrupulous persons. The device may also be used as a means for securing keys to the person.

In addition to those above recited there are many other advantages incident to my improvement and numerous ways in which it may be employed, but they are so evident that it is unnecessary to enter into a detailed enumeration of the same.

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

15 A device of the class described, comprising a cord having one of its end portions doubled upon the main portion, a tubular slide connecting said doubled portion with the main portion, whereby the said loop may be increased

or decreased in size as desired, a ring encircling the cord of such adjustable portion, the opposite end of the cord being also doubled to form a second loop, a tubular sleeve securing the double portion of such loop of the second loop in position, a ring suspended on said second loop, and a clasp device secured to said second ring, substantially as set forth.

25 In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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