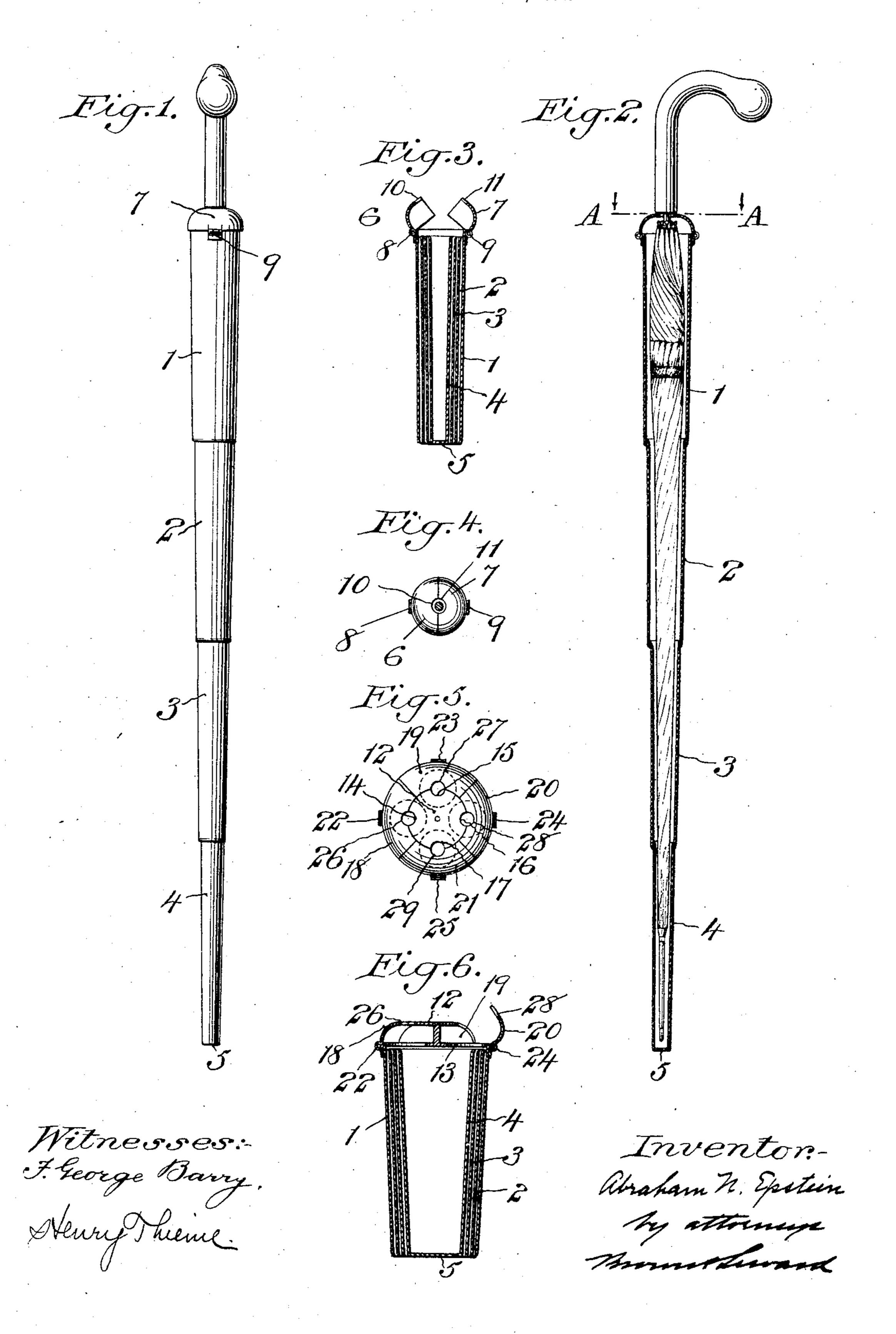
## A. N. EPSTEIN. TELESCOPIC DUST PROTECTOR. APPLICATION FILED MAY 16, 1904.



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## TELESCOPIC DUST-PROTECTOR.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Abraham N. Epstein, a subject of the Czar of Russia, and a resident of Tompkinsville, in the county of Richmond and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Telescopic Dust-Protectors, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in telescopic dust-protectors, and has for its object to provide a protector which is particularly applicable for use in connection with parasols, umbrellas, and the like where used in traveling—such, for instance, as in connection with an automobile.

It is well known that the rapid motion of an automobile raises a large amount of dust, and the ordinary hampers which are used for receiving parasols, umbrellas, canes, golf-sticks, and the like accumulate the dust therein. This is particularly ruinous to the fine texture of handsome parasols and umbrellas.

By this present invention a protector is provided either for receiving a single article and securely protecting it from dust and dirt or for receiving and protecting a number of articles.

A further object is to provide a protector of the above character which may be folded into a small compass when not in use.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents in side elevation the single-article protector in its extended position with an umbrella or parasol therein. Fig. 2 is a longi-35 tudinal central section through the same, taken at right angles to Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a vertical central section through the protector in its folded position with the sectional cover opened to illustrate how the article may be inserted 4° into or removed from the protector. Fig. 4 is a transverse section in the plane of the line A A of Fig. 2 looking in the direction of the arrows. Fig. 5 is a top plan view of a protector suitable for use in connection with sev-45 eral articles; and Fig. 6 is a vertical central section through the same in its folded posi-

tion, one of the sections of the cover being shown swung back to permit the insertion or removal of an article.

In the form shown in Figs. 1 to 4, inclusive, 50 the protector is shown of the required shape and size for a single article—such, for instance, as an umbrella or parasol. The telescoping hollow sections are denoted by 1 2 3 4. The bottom of the section 4 is closed, as 55 shown at 5. While four sections are shown, it is to be understood that a greater or lesser number may be employed, as found desirable. These sections may be made of any suitable material.

The top of the protector is provided with a sectional cover. In this form the cover is shown in two sections 6 and 7, hinged at 8 and 9 to the upper telescopic section 1 at its upper end. These cover-sections 6 and 7 are 65 provided with cut-away portions or recesses 10 11 for permitting the rod of the umbrella or parasol to extend through the cover when the cover is closed.

When the umbrella or parasol is inserted 7° within the protector and the cover closed, the shoulder formed at the inner end of the handle engages the cover, and thus closes the only means of access for the dust to the interior of the protector.

The protector may be made suitable for use in holding a number of umbrellas, parasols, and the like.

In the form shown in Figs. 5 and 6 the telescopic sections are made of sufficient size 80 to permit the insertion of the required number of articles and the sectional cover comprises a section for each article. In this form the protector is shown as applicable for use in connection with four articles. The central 85 section of the cover is denoted by 12, and it is supported by the upper telescopic section 1 on a spider 13. The periphery of this central section 12 is provided with four recesses 14 15 16 17. The four swinging sections of the 90 cover are denoted by 18 19 20 21 and are hinged at 22 23 24 25 to the upper telescopic

section 1 of the protector at its top. These swinging sections of the cover are provided with recesses 26 27 28 29, corresponding with the recesses 14, 15, 16, and 17 in the central section 12.

When not in use, the protector may be folded into a very small space. When in use, it is extended and serves as an attractive sub-

stitute for the usual basket hamper.

It is also to be understood that the umbrella, parasol, or other article when inclosed within the protector may be used as a cane, and when it is desired to use the article the protector may be removed therefrom and folded into a compact bundle. This, it will be seen, will obviate the necessity of carrying both a cane and an umbrella or parasol.

What I claim is—

1. A dust-protector fitted to receive an article such, for instance, as an umbrella, parasol or the like, and a cover hinged to the protector for opening and closing the mouth of the protector, said cover having a hole therethrough for permitting the rod of the article

to extend through the cover when the cover 25 is closed.

2. A dust-protector fitted to receive a plurality of articles, such as umbrellas, parasols and the like, and a cover for closing the mouth of the protector, the said cover having holes 3° therethrough for permitting the rods of the articles to extend through the cover when the cover is closed.

3. A dust-protector fitted to receive an article such as an umbrella, parasol or the like, 35 and a cover composed of sections hinged to the protector for closing the mouth of the same, said sections being provided with corresponding recesses for permitting the rod of the article to extend through the cover when 40 the cover is closed.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of two witnesses, this 12th day of May, 1904.

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