

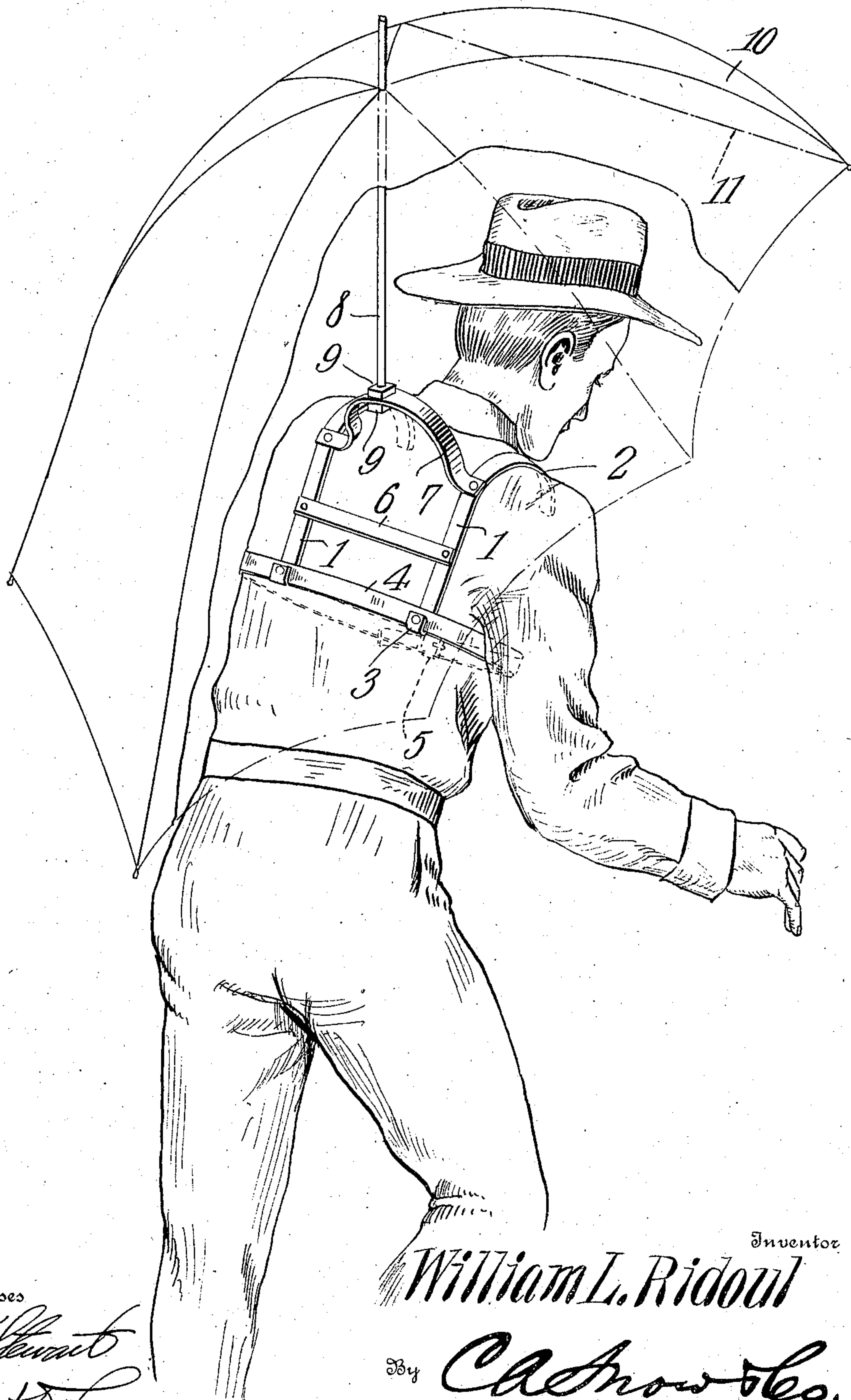
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM L. RIDOUT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Luling, in the county of Caldwell and State of Texas, have invented a new and useful Sunshade, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to sunshades and is particularly designed for use by cotton pickers and other persons employed in fields or wherever it is necessary to assume a stooping posture in the sunlight.

One of the objects of the invention is to provide a light, durable, and inexpensive device of this character which can be readily fastened upon the user and will not become accidentally displaced or interfere with the free movements of the user.

Another object is to provide a shade which is so shaped as to completely protect the back of the person using it whether said person is in a standing or a stooping posture.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists of certain novel features of construction and combinations of parts which will be hereinafter more fully described and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawing, which is a perspective view of the sunshade in position upon a user, the cover being partly broken away, the preferred form of the invention has been shown.

Referring to the drawing by characters of reference, 1—1 designate hangers in the form of thin broad metal straps having large hooks 2 at their upper ends designed to rest upon the shoulders of the user. Small hooks 3 are formed at the lower ends of the hangers and mounted within them is a belt 4 of leather or other suitable material designed to extend around the body of the user close under the arms as indicated in the drawing, said belt being provided with any suitable means such as a buckle 5 for fastening it tightly in position. As shown in the drawing the belt may be fastened within the hooks 3 by means of rivets or in any other desired manner, or if preferred, the belt can be mounted loosely within the hooks. The two hangers are connected by a cross strip 6 of thin metal or other material and connecting the

upper portions of the hangers close to the hooks 2 is a yoke 7 having its ends outturned and riveted or otherwise fastened upon the hangers 1. This yoke is disposed at an obtuse angle to the straight portions of the hangers and has a central opening, not shown, through which extends a stem 8 designed to be fastened within the opening by means of nuts 9 which serve to clamp upon the opposite faces of the yoke to tightly hold the stem in place. This stem may be of any suitable form and constitutes the support for the cover 10 of the sunshade. This cover, while following the general construction of an umbrella, is different therefrom in that the front thereof is cut off straight as indicated by the dotted lines at 11 while the rear thereof is elongated so as to have substantially the form of a bat wing, said extended portion being sufficiently large to cover the entire back of the user so as to protect it from the heat of the sun while the user is in a stooping posture. By extending the belt 4 under the arms and close to the arm pits it is impossible for the hangers to lift up off of the shoulders of the user and therefore the attachment becomes firmly and securely supported by means of this belt. By forming the hangers, yoke, and cross strip of thin metal the entire device is rendered very light and inexpensive as well as efficient and will not afford discomfort to the user. As the belt extends under the arm pits it is not in a position to interfere with the movements of the user as would be the case should it be fastened about the waist.

Although the yoke 7 has been shown with all portions extending obliquely to the hangers 1 it is to be understood that if preferred the middle or crown portion of the yoke can be so bent as to enable the stem 8 to extend vertically while the user is in an upright position, without coming into contact with the hat.

What is claimed is:

A device of the character described comprising a cover, a stem connected thereto, and a body engaging device comprising hangers having hooked terminals constituting shoulder engaging portions, a yoke-like connection between the hangers and disposed at an angle to the plane occupied by the hangers,

means for detachably securing the stem to the middle portion of said connection, said connection being disposed to support the stem at an angle to the hangers, hooks formed
5 by the lower ends of the hangers, and a belt engaging said hooks and disposed to extend under the arm pits of the user.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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