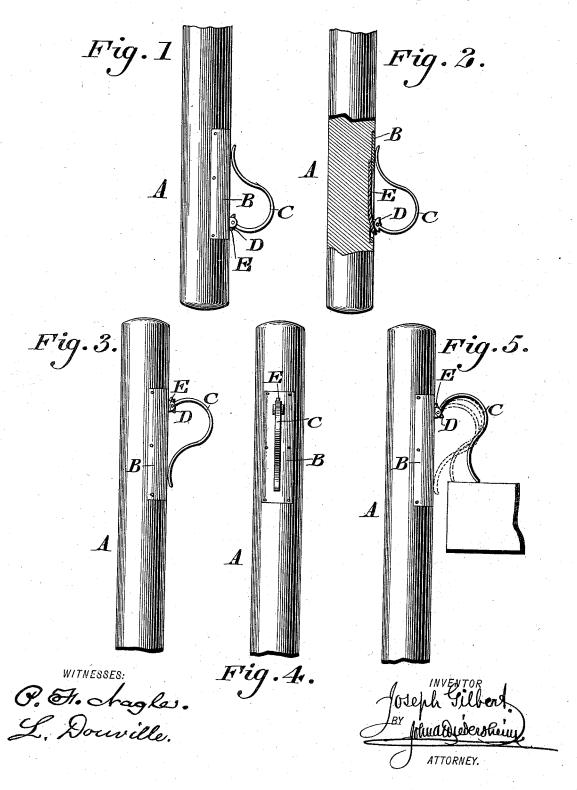
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To all whom it may concern:

Beit known that I, JOSEPH GILBERT, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Handles for Umbrellas and Parasols, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings.

My invention consists of a handle for an umbrella or parasol as hereinafter described and claimed, whereby the latter may be conveniently carried, opened and closed, and hung or suspended without liability to fall,
as is occasioned when such article is set on a floor or elsewhere.

Figures 1, 3, 4 and 5 represent side elevations of an umbrella handle embodying my invention. Fig. 2 represents a partial side celevation and partial longitudinal section thereof.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

Referring to the drawings: A designates the stick of an umbrella or parasol, which in general respects is of usual construction.

B designates a plate which is secured to the side of the stick, said plate having pivotally attached thereto the hook C, the body of which 30 has a laterally - extending bulged portion, while its axial end is formed with a head against which bears the spring E, which is attached to said plate, the effect of which is to hold the portion adjacent to the free end of 35 the hook in closed condition against the plate B on the stick as shown in Figs. 1, 2, 3 and 4, in which condition a finger may be inserted into the hook, or the latter grasped by the former, and the umbrella may be readily cartied in open or closed condition, the hook also forming a firm grip for the finger during the operation of opening and closing of the um

brella. When it is desired to support the umbrella, instead of resting it on a floor, or in a corner of a room, &c., where it may slide off 45 and drop, the hook is drawn out as shown in Fig. 5, and its free end placed on a table, &c., the umbrella thus being nicely suspended from the latter without liability of being released therefrom.

The free end of the hook is turned so as to project outwardly from the plate, thereby readily engaging the top of the table or stand when placed against the same, and thus obviating the necessity of employing the hand 55 for opening the same. When the umbrella is raised, the hook returns to its normal position, closing against the stick, it being evident that the plate may be readily attached to a stick without materially cutting the lat- 60 ter, and that said plate requires no slotting, excepting back of the ears, where the hook C is mounted sufficient for the head and the adjacent end of the spring, it being also seen that when said hook is closed, the portion ad- 65 jacent to its free end rests against the plate B, thus avoiding chafing of the stick, and likewise forming a solid stop for said hook, while said free end projects outwardly from said plate, as has been stated.

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

A fastening plate, a hook which is pivotally attached thereto and having a laterally-ex-75 tending bulged portion, and a spring bearing against the axial end of said hook, the free end of the latter projecting outwardly from said plate, substantially as and for the purpose described.

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