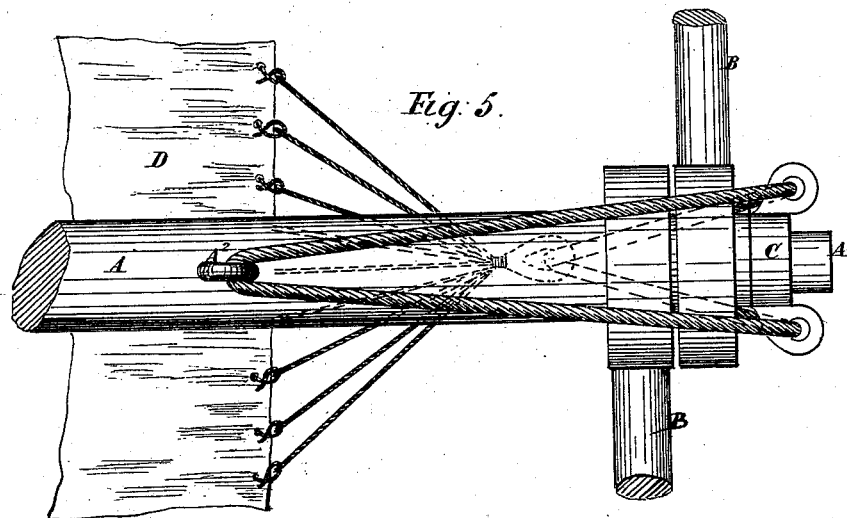
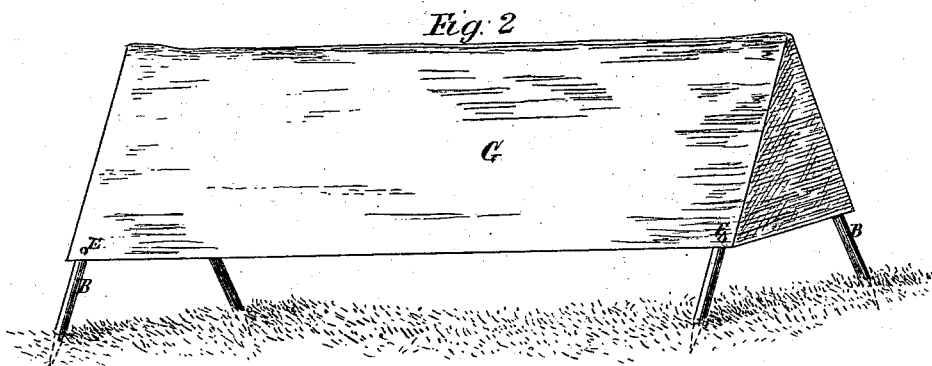
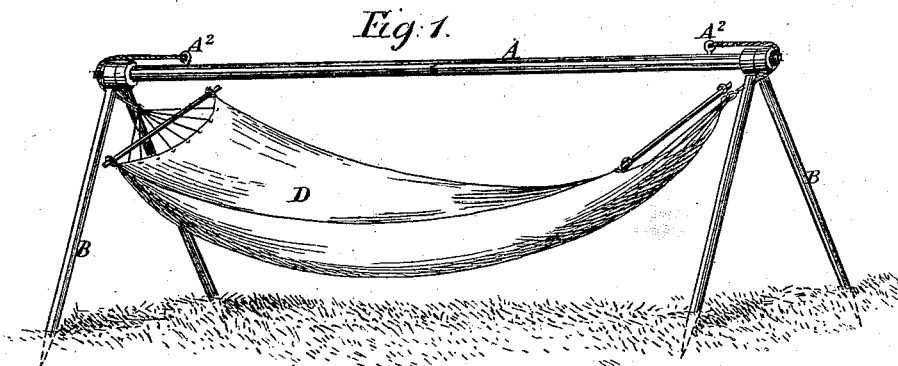


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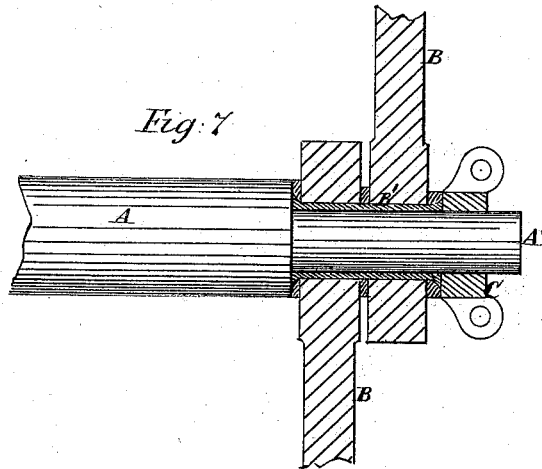
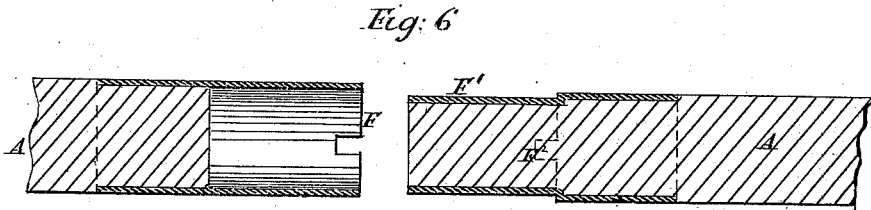
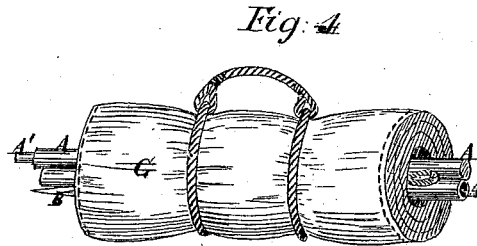
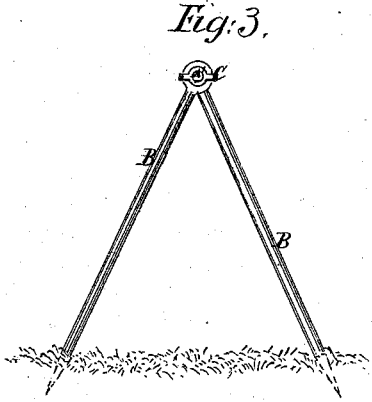
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IMPROVEMENT IN PORTABLE HAMMOCK AND SHELTER-TENT.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES HUGH LEYCESTER, of Gwynfe-Llangadock, South Wales, Great Britain, have invented a new and Improved Portable Hammock and Shelter Tent; and do hereby declare that the following description, taken in connection with the accompanying sheet of drawings, hereinafter referred to, forms a full and exact specification of the same, wherein I have set forth the nature and principles of my said improvement, by which my invention may be distinguished from others of a similar class, together with such parts as I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent—that is to say:

My invention relates to a portable shelter-tent in which a hammock can be slung, so constructed and arranged that all the parts can be packed up in a compact bundle, and can be readily put together for use.

I will explain the construction which I adopt for this purpose, referring to the accompanying drawings.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the framing with the hammock slung, and Fig. 2 is a view showing the cover on for shelter. Fig. 3 is an end view of the framing. Fig. 4 is a view of the whole packed in a bundle, and Figs. 5, 6, and 7 show, on an enlarged scale, the jointing of the parts together.

In constructing the framing I employ a pole, A, which, for the sake of portability, is made in two separate lengths, joined together in the middle, as shown in Fig. 6, a ferrule, F¹, on the end of one part being thrust into a socket, F, on the other part, and a stud, F², of the former entering a notch of the latter to prevent the turning of either part without the other. This pole rests on two pairs of legs, B B. Each pair is jointed together on a tubular socket, B', so that they can turn thereon to an angular attitude, and this socket is placed on a pin, A¹, projecting from a metal cap at each end of the pole A.

For the purpose of securing the legs on the pins A¹ I, place on the pin outside of each socket B' a collar, C, having two wings with

eyes, through which passes a looped cord that is hooked to the pole at A² and attached to the slings of the hammock D. The legs B are pointed at the ends, so that they can be forced into the ground a sufficient depth to prevent them from spreading when the weight comes upon them.

The covering G, which is preferably of water-proof fabric, can be passed over the whole and secured by buttoning or lacing at the angles, as shown in Fig. 2, and it may be kept stretched by means of hooks or buttons E on the legs.

For transport, the whole is packed in a bundle, as shown in Fig. 4—that is to say, the legs B are taken off the pole and folded together, the pole A is divided into its two lengths, which are placed beside the legs, the hammock D and cover G are wrapped round them and secured by cords or straps.

Having thus described the nature of my invention and the best means I know of carrying it out in practice, I claim—

1. The pole A, having at each end a cylindrical extension, A¹, and collars C, having eyes, as described, in combination with the legs B, applied to the extension A¹, the hammock D, and the looped supporting-cords connected with the ends of the hammock and passing through the eyes in the collars C and attached to the pole A, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. The combination of the pole, constructed of two independent sections, adapted to be fitted together at the center by the ferrule and shank, with the legs B, removably pivoted upon cylindrical pins at the ends of the pole, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses this 14th day of September, 1878.

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