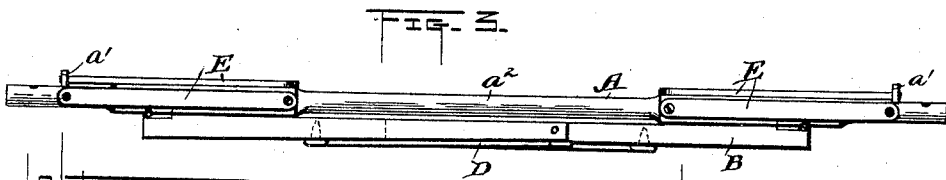
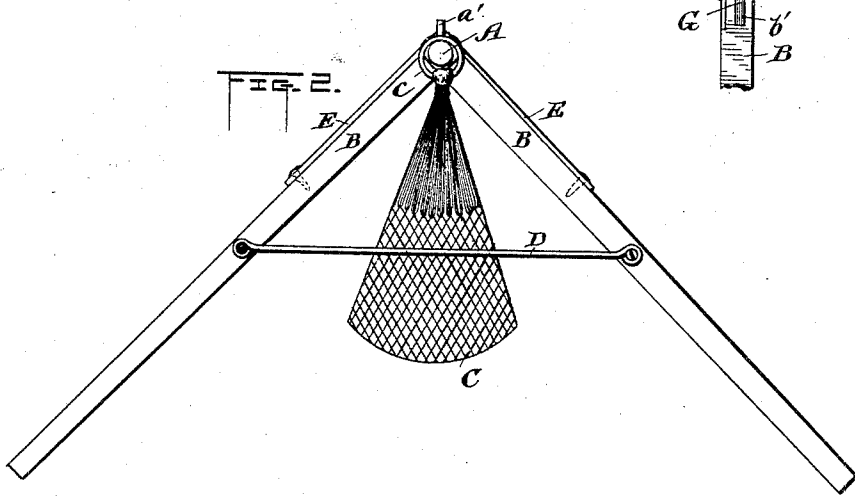
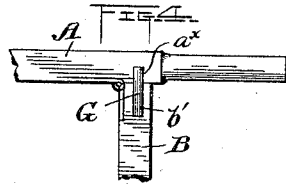
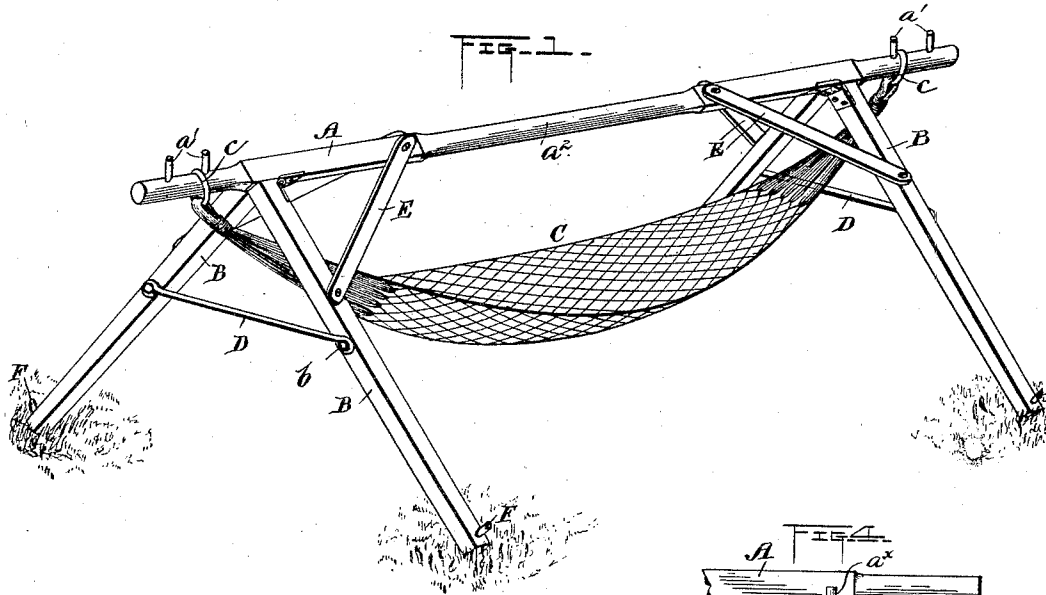


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN IRA McCARTHY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Olean, in the county of Cattaraugus and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hammock-Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of this device. Fig. 2 is an end elevation. Fig. 3 is a detail showing the device folded together. Fig. 4 is a detail in elevation showing how the leg is held firmly extended by means of a key.

This device is designed to afford a portable and folding hammock-holder; and the novelty consists in the construction of the several parts and their combination, and in the device as a whole, all as will be now more fully described, as well as pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, A denotes the ridge-pole, to which is hinged at a on each side near each end the legs B, which when extended, as shown in the drawings, support the ridge-pole in such a manner that when the hammock C is suspended from it the hammock can be gotten into easily, and is then free to swing. The stay-rods D, preferably of wire, are each pivoted to one leg and at the hooked opposite end are engaged on a bolt or other projection b on the opposite leg, so that this rod shall then be in place on the legs about a third of the distance from the ridge-pole. The braces E, extending from each side of the ridge-pole from near its center in a slanting direction to the legs and each properly secured there at the ends at about one-fourth the distance from the top, serve to give additional strength to the device.

In order that the legs B may be securely held in the extended position, I use a key G, which fits into a seat formed by a slot a^x in the side of the ridge-pole and another b' in the upper end of the leg. When the leg is extended, these slots coincide and form suitable opening to permit the insertion of the key G. This key when so inserted will pre-

vent to a large degree the strain on the hinge, which is of great advantage when a heavy weight is suspended from the ridge-pole.

The hammock is securely held in place by rings c on each end, which fit on the ends of the ridge-pole. The bolts or pins a' in each end of the ridge-pole may be placed at any convenient point in the ends of the ridge-pole according as it is desired to have the hammock lower or higher.

When the holder is in position for use, it can be held in a fixed position on the ground by means of the pins F, which pass through the lower ends of the legs into the ground. The smooth part a^2 of the ridge-pole in the center thereof will afford a convenient place for children to exercise, as on a horizontal bar. At such time the hammock or other cloth, if desired, could be tightly stretched on the stay-rods so as to afford a safety apron for those exercising on the bar.

Ordinarily a cover or awning of some fancy pattern will be stretched over the ridge-pole when the hammock is occupied. This awning may be secured in place in any desired way; or the entire frame may be enveloped in a cover so as to form a tent.

When the hammock or other cloth is stretched on the stay-rods, a smooth and level surface will be afforded for sleeping at night.

To fold the holder the hammock should be removed, the stay-rods then unhooked at the ends, and one end of each brace separated from its connection. These several parts can then be compactly folded together, as shown in the drawings.

By this invention is afforded a light, strong, compact, durable, and cheap device, and one in all respects most admirably adapted for the uses for which it is intended.

Having now described my invention, what I desire to claim, is—

1. The combination, in a hammock-holder, as described, of the ridge-pole A, provided with adjustable pins at its ends and having the central smooth part a^2 , the legs B, hinged to the ridge-pole, the wire stay-rods D, connecting the legs, and the braces E, slanting from the ridge-pole to the legs, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

2. The combination of the hammock-holder,

as described, having its ridge-pole A provided with adjustable pins or bolts a' in each end, with the hammock C, having rings c at the ends adapted to fit upon the ends of the ridge-pole, so as to hold the hammock at any desired
5 height, all substantially as described.

3. In a hammock-holder, the ridge-pole A, slotted at a^x , combined with the legs B, slotted at b' and hinged to the ridge-pole, and the

key G, fitting into the combined slots a^x and b' , substantially as and for the purposes set forth. 10

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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