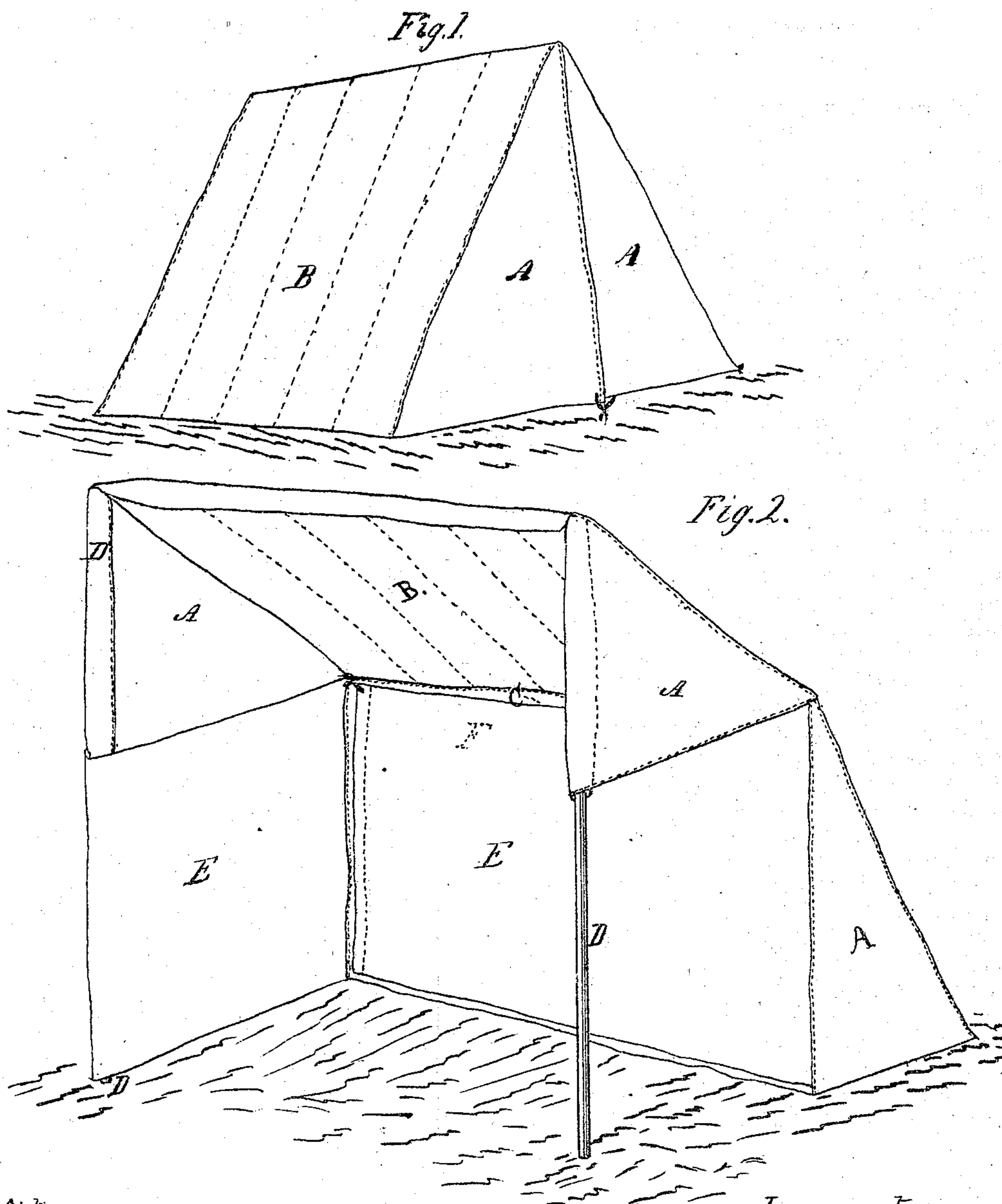


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, I. FLETCH WOODWARD, of McMinnville, in the county of Warren and State of Tennessee, have invented certain Improvements in Photographic Tents, of which the following is a specification:

The first part of my invention relates to the adjustable elevating half of a wall or wedge-tent in such a manner that it forms a convenient photographic operating room, gallery, or studio. The object of this part of my invention is to give a larger and better-lighted operating room. The second part of my invention relates to the adjustable side curtains that are the mere continuation of a central partition, which gives the operator complete control of the ever-changing wind and light.

Figure 1 shows the tent as I found it and as it is when shut down for a lodge. Fig. 2 shows the side and front view of the adjustable elevated half A and B, the partition C, and the side curtains E as I have arranged them, forming an operating room of the elevated extended half and a dark or private room of the remaining half.

I construct a common wedge or wall-tent, leaving its end A A open in the center to the top of B B, placing directly through it a partition, C C, of like material, fastening it permanently to the top along near where the ridge-pole rests. The half ends of A A that are intended to be elevated are prepared with sockets along their bordered bottom, in which the poles D D are inserted, which are of sufficient height so that on elevating the half A B—as is seen in Fig. 2 of the accompanying drawing—it is formed into an extended awning, making its ends form in such a manner as to leave the sides that are supplied with the curtains E E in a perfect square, and give a high fall and perfect light in and about the central partition C C, upon which is placed the back-

ground F, and near which should be placed the model for photographing. The side curtains E E I usually make of ordinary muslin or blue calico, and make them perform a two-fold purpose. They can be fastened permanently to the outer ends of the partition C C, which enables them to be folded back against it, thus protecting the background F when the tent is used as a lodge; or they may be a mere continuation of the partition C C. There being tapes at the upper ends of these curtains they are easily fastened back to the upper ends of the partition C C by tapes which are there attached for that purpose; there being tapes also to the raised ends A A near where the poles D D are inserted enable them to be easily brought round and secured to the ends when needed to regulate the light or wind; hence, if the tent is set up with its open adjustable side facing north, the morning and evening sunlight is to be shut off and regulated by the side curtains E E, while the noonday sun, as well as the glare of the open sky, is cut off by the adjustable elevating top A B, thus forming a large and well lighted operating room at all hours of the day; and when the day has passed or a rain sets in the side curtains E E can be replaced against the partition C C, covering the background F; then the elevated half A B can be replaced to its original place and shape, as seen in Fig. 1 of the accompanying drawing.

I claim as my invention—

The adjustable elevating half A B along with the partition C and the side curtains E E, substantially in the manner and for the purpose set forth in my specification.

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