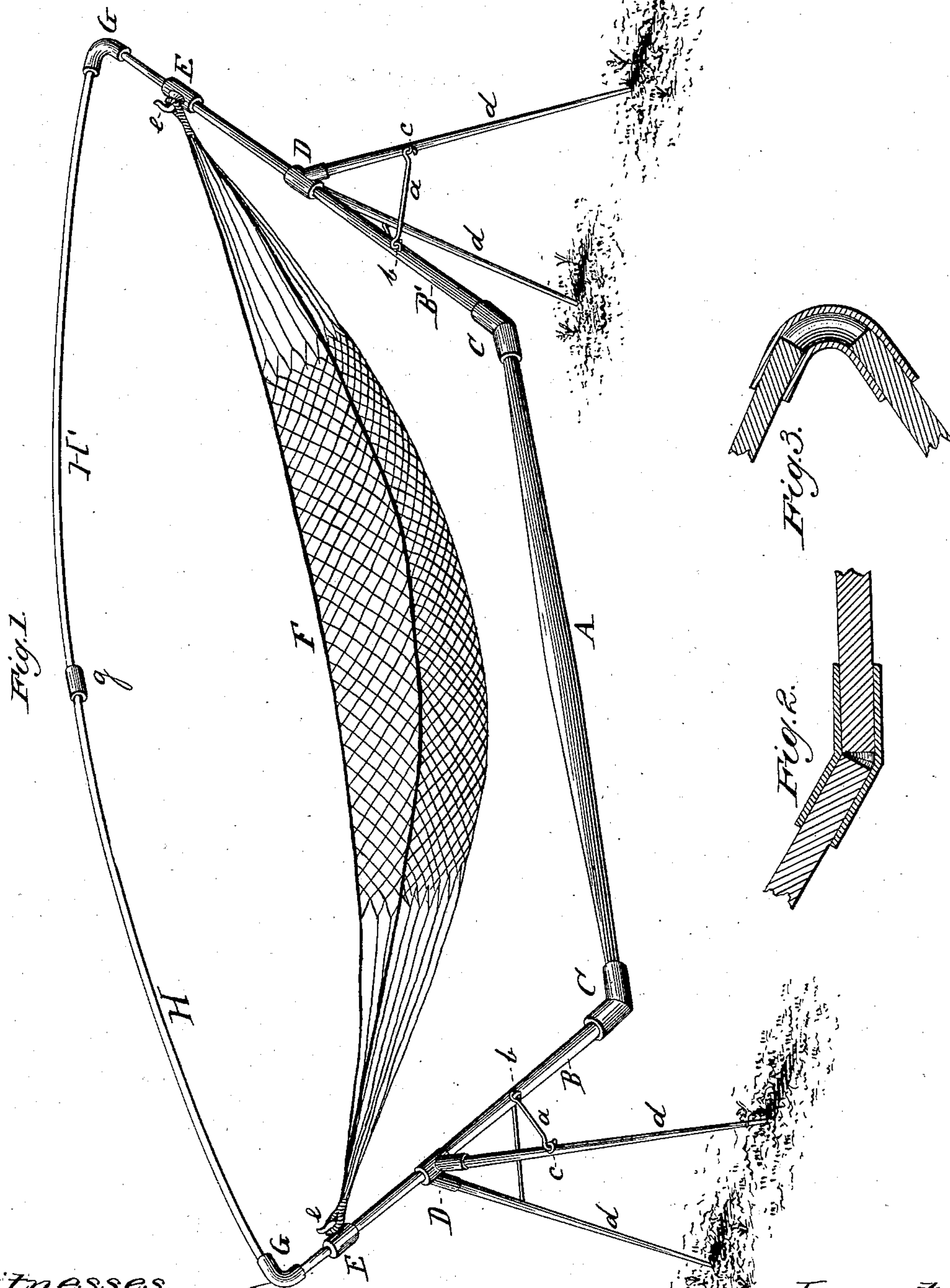


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. RICH, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Hammocks; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The object of this invention is to produce a neat-looking portable frame for suspending a hammock, such frame to be light and strong, and easily taken apart to fold in a small compass for storage or transportation, and that can be quickly put together again for ready use.

Therefore my invention consists of the novel devices and combinations of devices hereinafter described and specifically claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of the hammock and frame complete; Fig. 2, a longitudinal section through one of the angular socket-connections, and Fig. 3 a similar view of one of the top-rod sockets.

Corresponding letters in the several figures of the drawings designate like parts.

The main frame is bow-shaped, and is composed of central rod or bar, A, and end rods or bars, B and B', that are turned of suitable hard wood, and are connected by angular socket-castings C. The rods B and B' are formed tapering, and each is inserted with its thicker end into one end of the socket-casting C, and is made rigid therewith by a screw or rivet, and the central rod, A, is formed thicker in the middle and tapering toward the ends that are detachably inserted into the socket-castings C. This frame is supported at near each end on two wooden legs, d, that are turned tapering, and with their thicker ends are detachably inserted into angular sockets of sleeves D, which are passed over rods B and B', and are secured thereon by pins or screws. Each pair of legs d spreads apart toward the floor to imitate the inverted letter V, and are braced to rod B or B', each by an iron bar, a, having an eye to one end, that is linked with an eye-screw, b, secured into the rod B or B', and having a hook to its opposite

end, that detachably couples with an eye-screw, c, secured to a leg, d. Sleeves E are secured upon rods B and B', at near the upper ends of the same, each provided with a hook, e, for connecting the grommets of the hammock F, and upon the upper extremities of rods B and B' are secured elbow-sleeves G, each of which detachably holds the end of a rod, H H', made in two sections, that are detachably coupled together by a sleeve, g. These rods H H' are curved somewhat upwardly, and besides assisting in bracing the entire frame, they will serve to support a mosquito-bar.

When the hammock is to be transported or is to be stored away, the frame is readily taken apart by first unhooking the bars a, and by disconnecting the legs d, and then by uncoupling the rods B and B' from the rod A, and the rods H and H' from each other and from the sockets of elbow-sleeves G, and when thus apart the frame will be composed of nine light pieces of limited length, that when placed longitudinally side by side will form a small bundle of little weight that is easy to handle and move about, and, whenever desirable, such frame can be readily put together again in a few minutes with the hammock suspended therein for ready use.

What I claim is—

1. A hammock-holder consisting of a frame that is composed of wooden rods connected by metal sockets or sleeves in a manner to be readily knocked down and put together again, substantially in the manner set forth.

2. The bow-shaped frame A B B', supported on legs d, and having hooks e, for suspending the hammock, all substantially as described and shown.

3. The bow-shaped frame A B B', connected on top by rod H H', supported on legs d, and having hooks e, for suspending the hammock, all substantially as described and shown.

4. A hammock-holder consisting of a bow-shaped frame that is composed of detachable sections A B B', and of detachable legs d, and provided with hooks e, for suspending the hammock, all substantially as set forth.

5. A hammock-holder consisting of a bow-shaped frame composed of sections A B B', of top rods H H', and of legs d, all detachably put together, and having hooks e, for suspend-

ing the hammock, the whole being constructed and arranged substantially in the manner set forth.

6. As a hammock-holder, the frame composed of rods A B B', that are connected by socket-castings C, and of sleeves D, secured upon rods B B', that are provided also with sleeves E, having hooks e, all substantially as described and shown.

7. A hammock-holder composed of rods A B B', detachably connected by socket-castings C, of rods H H', detachably connected by sleeve g and to rods B B' by elbow-sockets G, and of legs d, inserted into sockets of sleeve D, secured upon rods B B', that have sleeves E,

with hooks e, all substantially as described and shown.

8. In a hammock-holder, the rods B B' of the frame, having sleeves D, with sockets for legs d, and hook-bars a, that couple with eye-screws c of legs d, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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