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HAMMOCK SPREADER.

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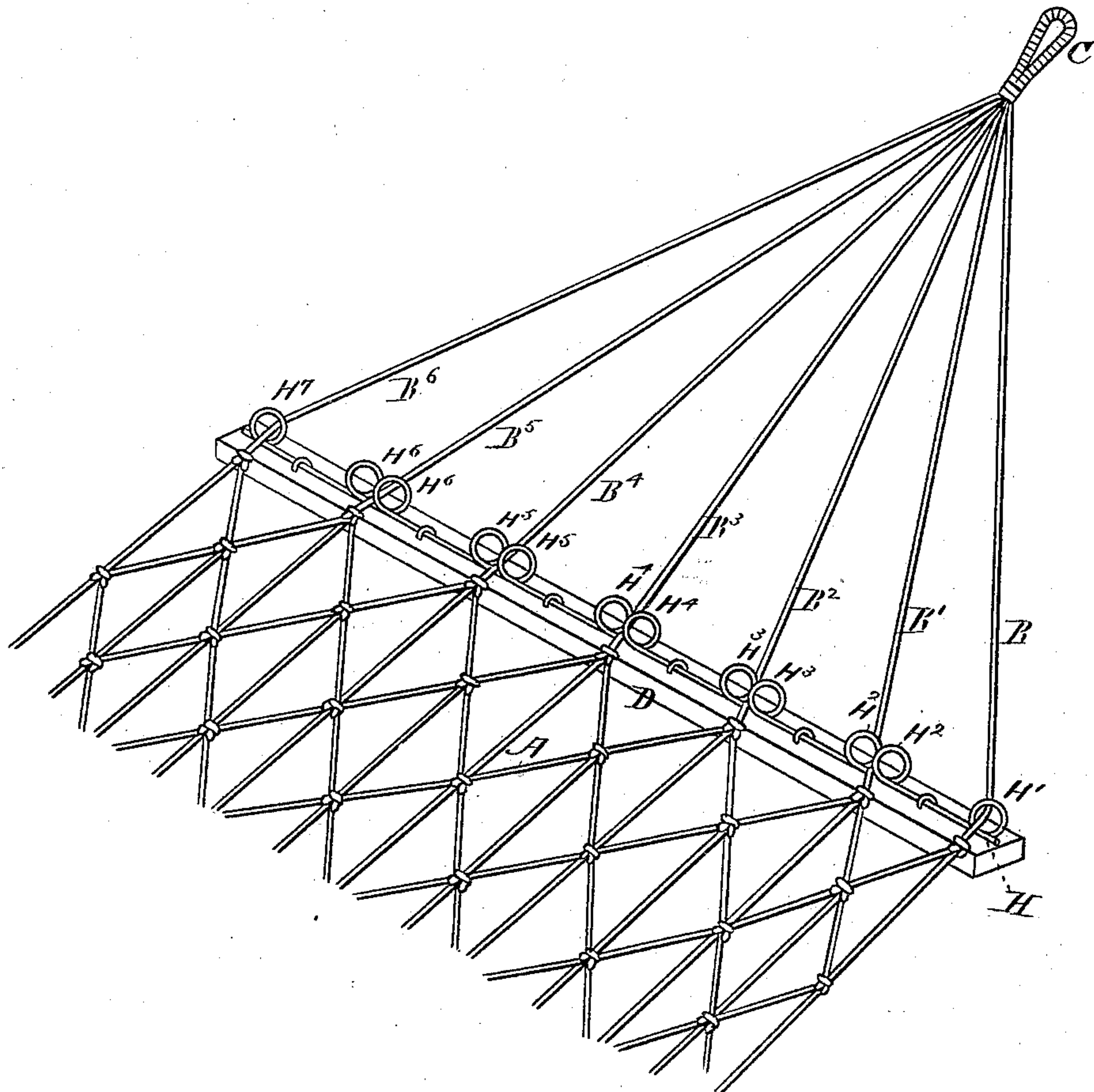


Fig. 1

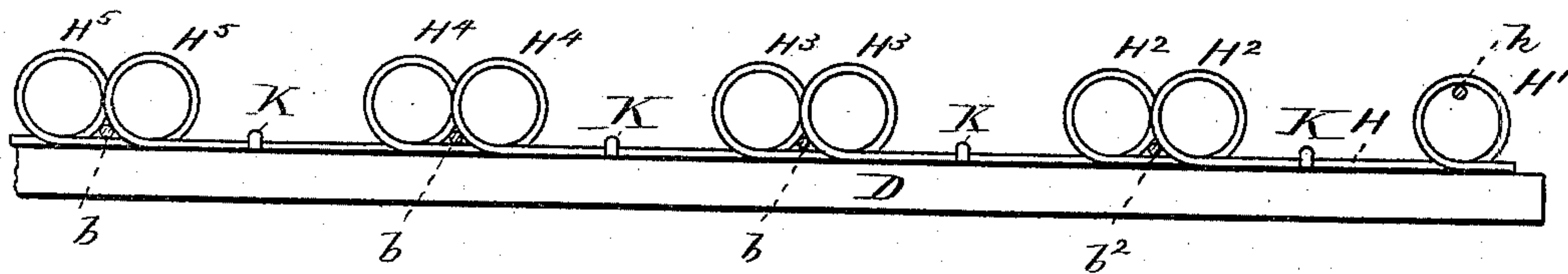


Fig. 2.

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HAMMOCK-SPREADER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OLIVER H. BUCKLEY, of Deering, in the county of Cumberland and State of Maine, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Hammock-Spreaders, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification.

My invention has for its objects the construction of a hammock-spreader in such a manner that it shall be strong, with a tendency to remain straight, yet when a heavy person is in the hammock it (the spreader) will yield sufficiently to allow the netting of the body of the hammock to conform to the shape of the person, and thus make a comfortable support; also, to so construct the cord-holders that the whole spreader may be easily detached from the hammock; the combination of a base or lateral support, having connected to it a cord-holding device which is cheap and simple and adds to the strength of the spreader without impairing its flexibility. I attain these objects by the mechanisms shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing one end of a hammock having one of my spreaders attached, and Fig. 2 is an elevation showing a part of the spreader.

In Fig. 1, A represents the body of the hammock; B B' B² B³ B⁴, &c., the suspension-cords, which are all united to the ring-piece C in any of the usual ways.

The spreader proper is shown in Figs. 1 and 2, and consists of a flat bar, D, made of some suitable material, wood being preferred. This bar D should be strong enough to hold the

hammock well open, and sufficiently flexible to admit the body of the hammock to yield to the pressure of the person using it, so that the hammock may so conform itself as to give the best and most comfortable results.

The suspension-cord holder is made of a wire, H, bent, as shown, so as to form a series of coils, H' H² H³, &c. The first coil, H', and the last coil, H⁷, are single, and being at the ends of the wire H admit of the insertion of the suspension-cord, as indicated at *h*, Fig. 2. The intermediate coils, H² H² H³ H³, &c., are made in pairs, so that the cords B' B² B³, &c., may be inserted between them, as shown. (See *b b*, Fig. 2.) The wire H is attached to the part D by means of staples K, the idea being to so confine the wire H to the bar D that it shall not impair the flexibility of the whole—that is, as the bar D bends the wire H may slide or “rend” in the fastenings K.

I claim—

In a hammock-spreader, the combination of the flexible bar D, having a wire attached to it, said wire being bent so as to form series of coils H H' H² H², &c., with the cords B B' B² B³, &c., all operating together, substantially as described, and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, on this 14th day of July, A. D. 1885.

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