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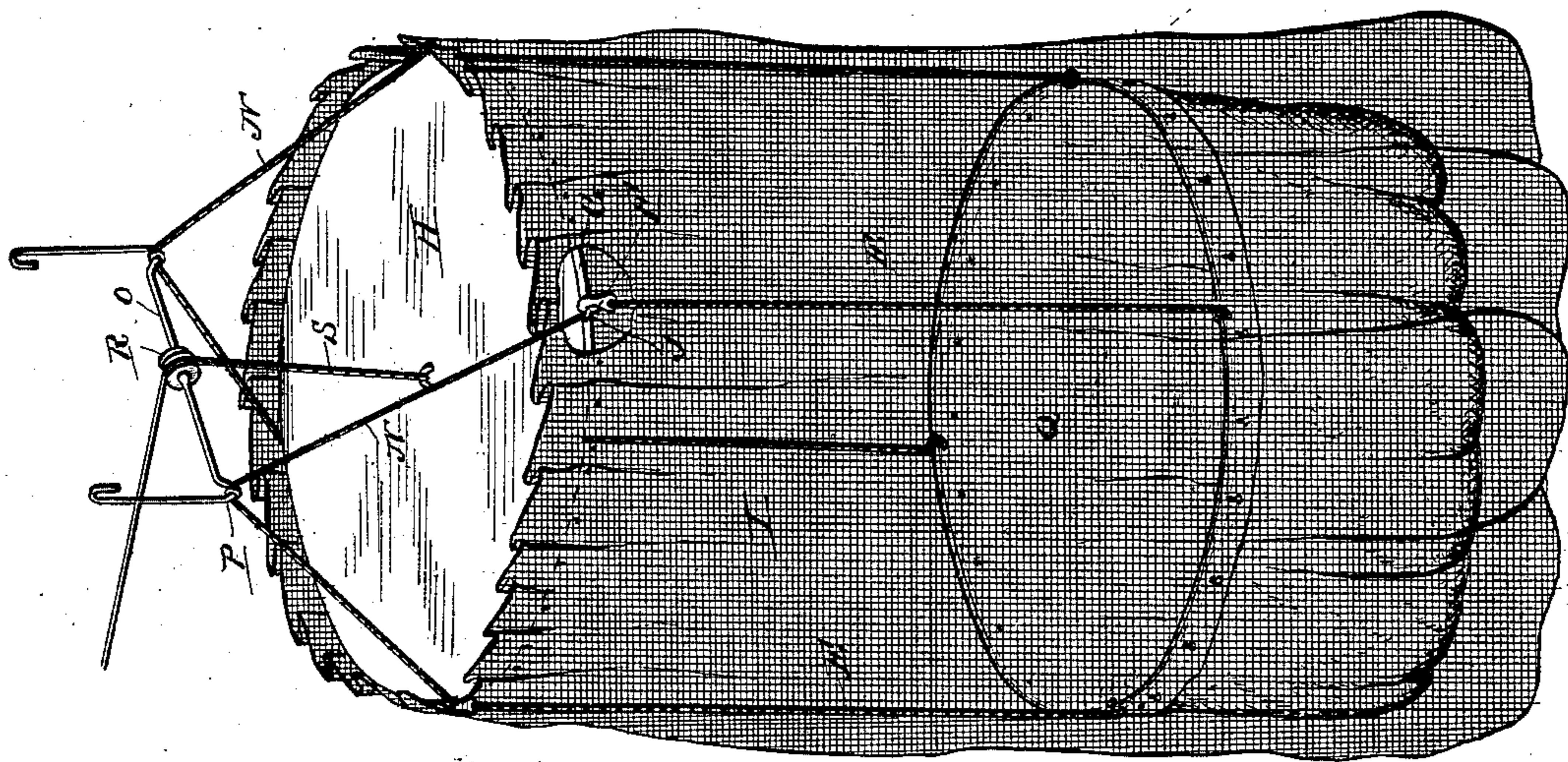


Fig. 1.

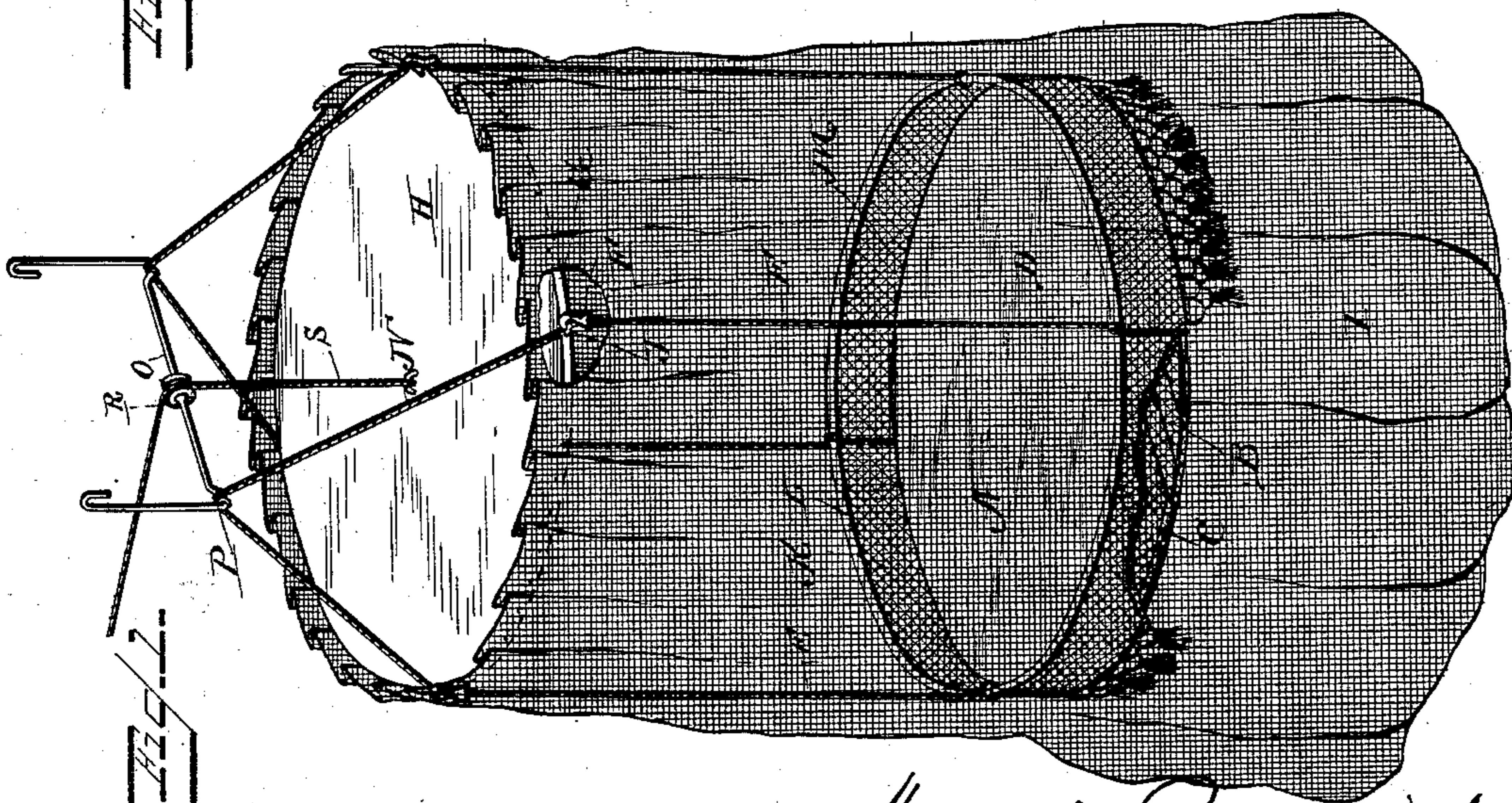


Fig. 2.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MARTIN BRODERICK, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Bedias, in the county of Grimes and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hammocks or Swings; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved hammock or swing, and Fig. 2 is a similar view of a slightly-modified form of the same.

Similar letters of reference denote corresponding parts in all the figures.

My invention has relation to hammocks or swings adapted more especially for the use of children; and it has for its object to provide means whereby the occupants are prevented from falling out, while at the same time they are protected from flies, mosquitoes, and other insects.

To this end it consists in the improved construction and combination of parts of the same, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the accompanying drawings, the letter A denotes the basket or receptacle, which may be constructed, as shown in Fig. 1, of boards B, secured to a hoop, C. A cushion, D, is secured to the top of these boards, and has extending from its sides an ornamental fringe or trimming, which depends from and conceals the hoop, the cushion at the same time concealing the boards, which construction thus improves the general appearance of the basket. Removably secured to this basket by means of supporting-ropes E, having snap-hooks F at their upper ends, is a canopy, H, consisting of a hoop, G, having a textile covering secured thereto, and secured to this hoop is a mosquito-netting, I, depending therefrom and below the basket. J represents screw-eyes secured to the canopy-hoop, and to which the snap-hooks of the ropes are connected.

Slightly above the basket, and secured to the ropes thereof, is a guard, K, consisting of a

ring, L, and a wire-netting, M, the latter being secured to the hoop of the basket.

The whole device is suspended from the ceiling, or from any other place desired, by the suspending-cords N, connected to the canopy-hoop at their lower ends, and at their upper ends to a compound hook, O, having shoulders or offsets P at its lower portion, which prevent the ropes from sliding upon the lower straight portion of the compound hook when the swing or hammock is in motion. The compound hook is adapted to engage screw-eyes or staples in the ceiling or other support from which the device is suspended.

In Fig. 2 I have shown a somewhat modified form of my invention, which consists in dispensing with the boards, the guards, and the cushion, and substituting therefor a bag, Q, which is attached to the lower hoop in any suitable manner—for instance, by a draw-string or by buttons, so that, when desired, it may be removed for cleaning or other purposes.

It is obvious that the canopy will be readily detached from the basket by disengaging the snap-hooks from the screw-eyes of the canopy-top and used over a bed, and in this case a pulley, R, is journaled against lateral displacement on the straight portion of the compound hook, and a rope, S, is passed over this pulley and secured with one end to the top of the canopy, which construction permits of the canopy being raised or lowered within the limits of the cords N, or of its being drawn up out of the way when not in use, and when the basket is attached it will also admit of the vertical adjustment of the same.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the operation and advantages of my device will be readily understood without requiring further explanation.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. The combination of a suspended canopy, the hoop of which is provided with screw-eyes, with a basket consisting of a hoop and a suitable platform supported thereon, a cushion upon and a guard secured to said platform, and supporting-ropes secured with their lower

ends to the guard and the platform of the basket, and having at their upper ends snap-hooks engaging the said screw-eyes of the hoop of the canopy, substantially as set forth.

5 2. The combination of a suspended canopy, consisting of a hoop provided with screw-eyes and having a textile covering and a mosquito-netting secured thereto and depending therefrom, with a basket consisting of a hoop, a  
10 suitably-constructed bottom, a cushion, and a guard, substantially as described, and supporting-ropes secured at their lower portions to the basket and to the guard, and having snap-hooks at their upper ends adapted to en-  
15 gage the screw-eyes in the hoop of the canopy, substantially as set forth.

3. The combination of a suspended canopy, the hoop of which is provided with screw-eyes, with a basket consisting of a hoop and a  
20 suitable platform supported thereon, a cushion and a guard, supporting-ropes having at their upper ends snap-hooks, suspending-ropes, a

compound hook having shoulders or offsets, to which the upper ends of said suspending-ropes are secured, a pulley mounted on the straight 25 portion of said compound hook, and an adjusting-rope passing over said pulley and secured with one end to the top of the canopy.

4. The combination of a canopy, consisting of a hoop having a textile covering and a mosquito-netting secured thereto and depending therefrom, with a compound hook having the shoulders or offsets, as described, a pulley on the straight portion of said hook, suspending-ropes, and an adjusting-rope passing over said 35 pulley and being secured to the top of the canopy.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereunto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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