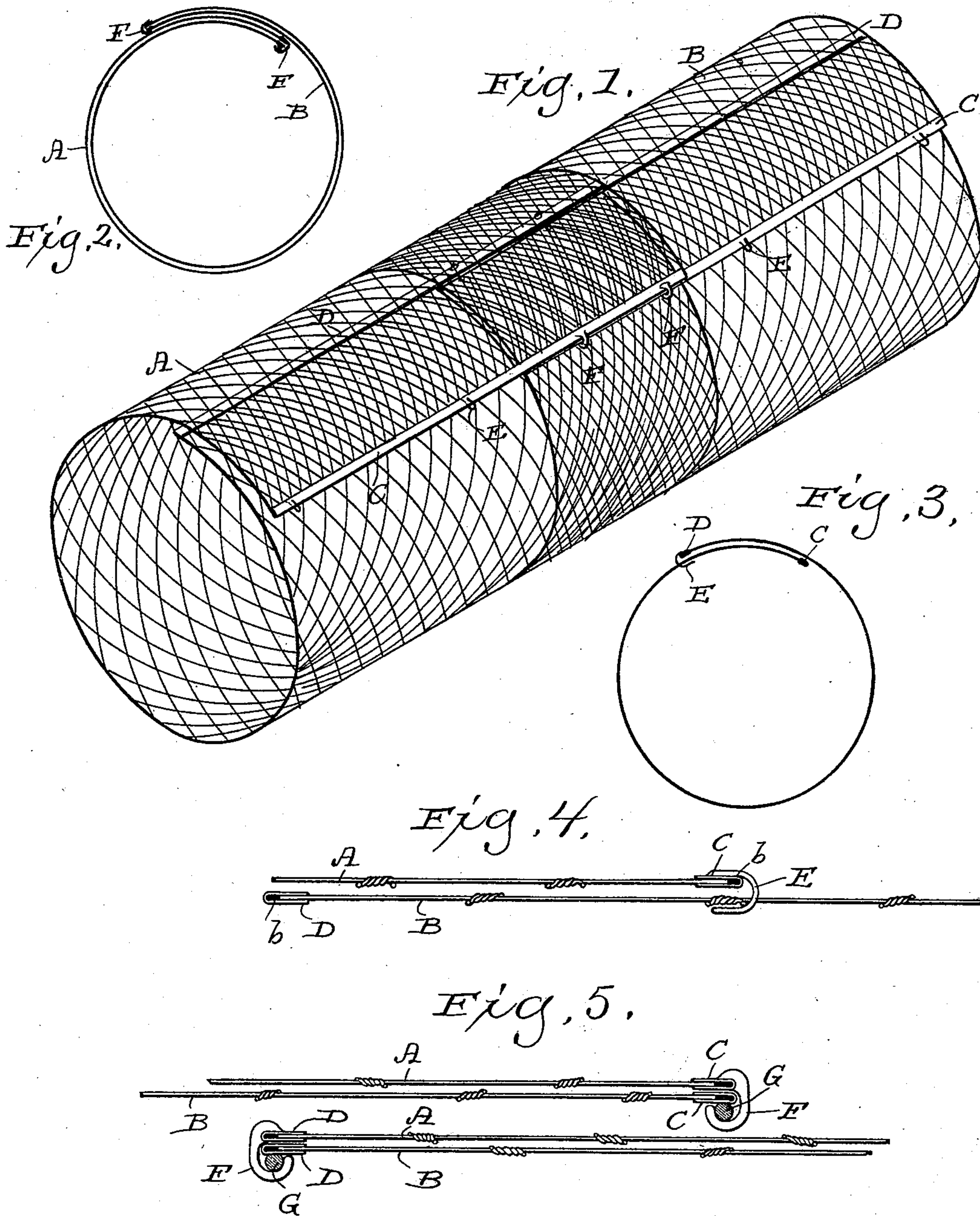


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERMAN H. KUENTZ, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee, and in the State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sham-Bolster Frames; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention consists in certain peculiarities of construction and combination of parts to be hereinafter described with reference to the accompanying drawings and subsequently claimed.

In the drawings: Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a sham-bolster frame constructed according to my invention; Fig. 2, an end view; Fig. 3, a transverse section, and Figs. 4 and 5 detail sections on a larger scale than that to which the preceding figures are drawn.

Referring by letter to the drawings, my sham bolster frame is represented as made in two angular sections A, B, adjustable one upon the other in a longitudinal direction, each section comprising a flexible skeleton body of suitable material, such as wire-netting, and longitudinal edge strips C, D, preferably of sheet-metal. When wire-netting is employed, each of the sheet-metal strips is preferably folded in such a manner as to form a seat or groove *b* to receive the adjacent edge of the netting, said strips and netting being rigidly connected by solder or other suitable means.

As shown, each of the longitudinal strips C of the sections A, B, is provided with hooks E that engage with meshes of the netting when the longitudinal edges of said sections are overlapped to form a cylindrical body, the diameter of this body being determined by the amount of this overlapping of said edges.

The inner ends of the strips C, D, of the bolster-frame section A are provided with

eyes F that engage guide-rods G on the corresponding strips of the frame section B to form the adjustable connection by which said sections may be moved one upon the other to determine the length of the bolster.

In practice the telescopic sections above described are adjusted on each other to obtain the desired length, and the longitudinal edges C, D, thereof overlapped until the desired diameter is obtained and the hooks E of the longitudinal strips engaged with the wire-netting as above described, after which the device is covered with any suitable fabric to complete the sham bolster.

By the employment of a frame such as I have described, sham-bolsters of very light weight may be made, as the shape is obtained by said frame and no filling is necessary. When not in use, the bolster-frame may be unbent and adjusted to its least length as a matter of economy of space in storage or transportation.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A sham-bolster frame comprising a sectional body of wire-netting, stiffening strips secured to the longitudinal edges of each body-section, guide-rods attached to the stiffening strips of one body-section, eyes on like strips of the other body-section engaging the guide-rods, and suitable means for maintaining the frame in a cylindrical form, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand, at Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, in the presence of two witnesses.

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