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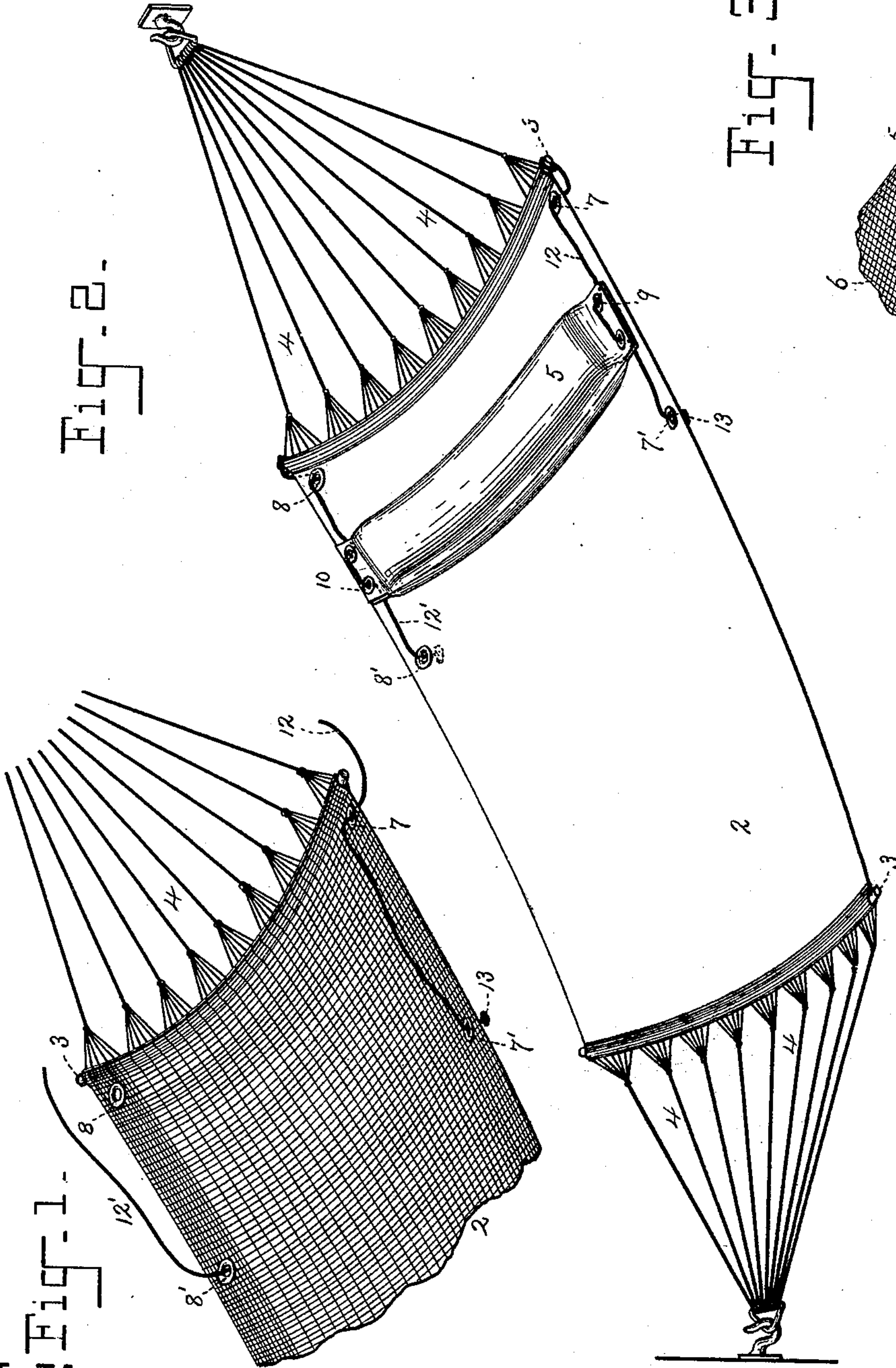


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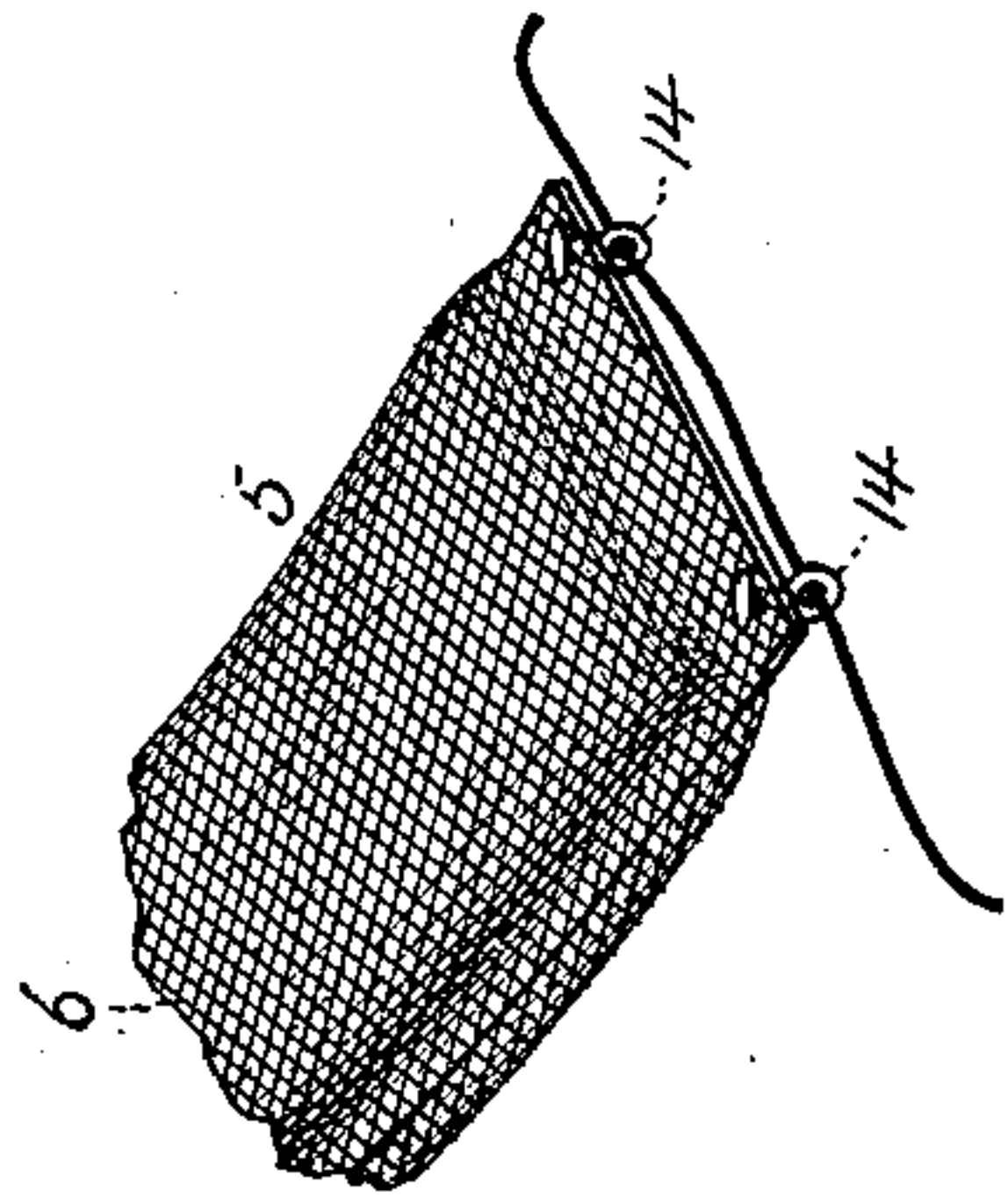


Fig. 1-

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THEODORE B. THOMAS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Quincy, in the county of Norfolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hammocks; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

15 This invention relates to hammocks, and consists in providing a detachable pillow, cushion, or head-rest, and further in providing means, whereby said pillow has positive attachment to the body of the hammock and yet may be moved longitudinally with respect to the hammock as will be hereinafter fully described.

25 The drawings represent in Figure 1. a hammock in part embodying my invention. Fig. 2 represents a perspective view of the hammock with the pillow in position and attached thereto. Fig. 3 is an elevation of a pillow in part having a modified form of device for attachment to the hammock.

30 My invention as before premised relates to hammocks one of which class of articles I have shown as made up of a woven body portion 2, with spreader rods 3 at the extremities, and with suspension cords 4 by which it may be supported from any suitable place. Of late it has been customary to furnish a cushion, pillow or head-rest with each hammock, and usually these have been either unattached or contained within a pocket 40 woven as a part of the hammock, or otherwise fixed in position upon the hammock. When the pillow is not attached to the hammock, as cited in the first instance, it not only becomes misplaced and lost, but if the hammock is left exposed to the wind and weather it frequently falls upon the ground and becomes wet and soiled. Again if its position is not just right, after the individual lies down in the hammock readjustment is necessary and perhaps the hammock must be vacated in order to readjust the pillow prop-

erly since it is frequently changed from its proper place, when the party is in the act of occupying the hammock. Conversely when fastened to the hammock as cited in the second instance, there can be no change in the position of the said cushion or pillow and discomfort occurs, since a position of the pillow adapted for one person does not suit another in any respect.

60 The object of my invention is to so arrange a hammock and its pillow, that the latter shall be at all times, when in use, positively connected thereto, and still enable different persons, who may use and occupy said hammock to change the position of the pillow to suit themselves. When in place the pillow, shown at 5 is preferably at or near one end and transversely of the hammock. This pillow ordinarily consists of a closed bag of suitable length and width filled with excelsior or other light material, while exteriorly of the bag is placed a covering 6 preferably of the same texture as the hammock in order to present a more finished appearance.

75 In carrying out my invention I have made the pillow detachable, and moreover have affixed preferably at or near the edges of the hammock at the end, where the pillow is to be placed two grommets or eyelets 7 7'. One in proximity to the spreader rod, the other some distance therefrom, or at such a point as will provide for ample movement in shifting the pillow to suit different people. Similarly upon the opposite edge of the hammock are attached eyelets 8 8', while each end of the pillow is furnished with eyelets 9, 10, preferably two in number in order the better to keep the pillow in place. These eyelets or other fastening devices are arranged in line transversely of the pillow, and as the latter is about equal to the hammock in width, said eyelets or other devices are very nearly in alignment with each set of eyelets 7 7', 8 8', which are furnished and secured to the hammock.

95 In order to attach the pillow to the hammock and yet allow said pillow to be moved longitudinally of the hammock, that is in either direction toward or away from the end of the hammock, I provide two flexible bands or cords 12 12'. In making the pillow fast to 100

the hammock, should eyelets be employed, I first cut the cords of the required length sufficient to reach from the eyelets 7' 8' to the spreader rod, or a little more in order to permit a half hitch or turn to be made either about the spreader, or around the suspension cords or other part of the hammock. The said cord is then knotted at one end at 13 to prevent it passing through the eyelet 7' in the hammock; the opposite end is now entered upward through the eyelet 7' thence into the eyelets 9, preferably up and then down; again down through the other eyelet 7 in the body of the hammock; when this act is completed the end is made fast in any suitable manner. The opposite end of the pillow is secured in a similar way and the pillow is now fast to the hammock, while at the same time it is free to be moved longitudinally of the hammock and may be adjusted in any way to suit the occupant. With this attachment the pillow can not be disturbed when getting into the hammock, while if the latter should be left out exposed to the weather, the pillow may be shifted in position and the wet portions of the hammock body be readily dried. If necessary the pillow may be taken off by untying the fastening cords and unweaving them from the fastening devices in the pillow ends.

In Fig. 3 in lieu of the eyelets I have shown metallic eyes 14, which project from the under side of the pillow ends. In fact I do not desire to be limited to the precise form or manner of securing the pillow to the hammock, since I consider my invention to be embodied in the method by which the pillow is positively attached to the hammock, and while so attached to be capable of adjustment longitudinally of the hammock, that is toward or from the end where it is placed. Likewise in the arrangement of the parts whereby the

pillow may be detached from the hammock if such a result is desired.

What I claim is—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a pillow furnished hammock provided with flexible bands extending along the opposite edges in part of the hammock, and adapted to engage the pillow which is adjustably movable thereupon, substantially as and for purposes explained and set forth.

2. In combination with a hammock, a pillow detachably secured thereto, means for positively securing the pillow to the hammock, and fastening devices at the pillow ends adapted to allow movement of the pillow, while so attached, substantially as described and stated.

3. The combination with a hammock, and two flexible bands secured longitudinally to the hammock along or near the edges in part, and having detachable ends, of a pillow, fastening devices at each end of said pillow to engage the bands and allow movement of the pillow while attached to the hammock, substantially as described.

4. In combination a hammock, two eyeleted openings disposed some distance apart at or near opposite edges and at one end of the hammock, flexible connections which extend between two openings on the same side, a detachable pillow, and fastening devices thereupon at each end to engage the flexible connections on the hammock and adapted to allow movement of the pillow longitudinally of the hammock while positively fastened to the latter, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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