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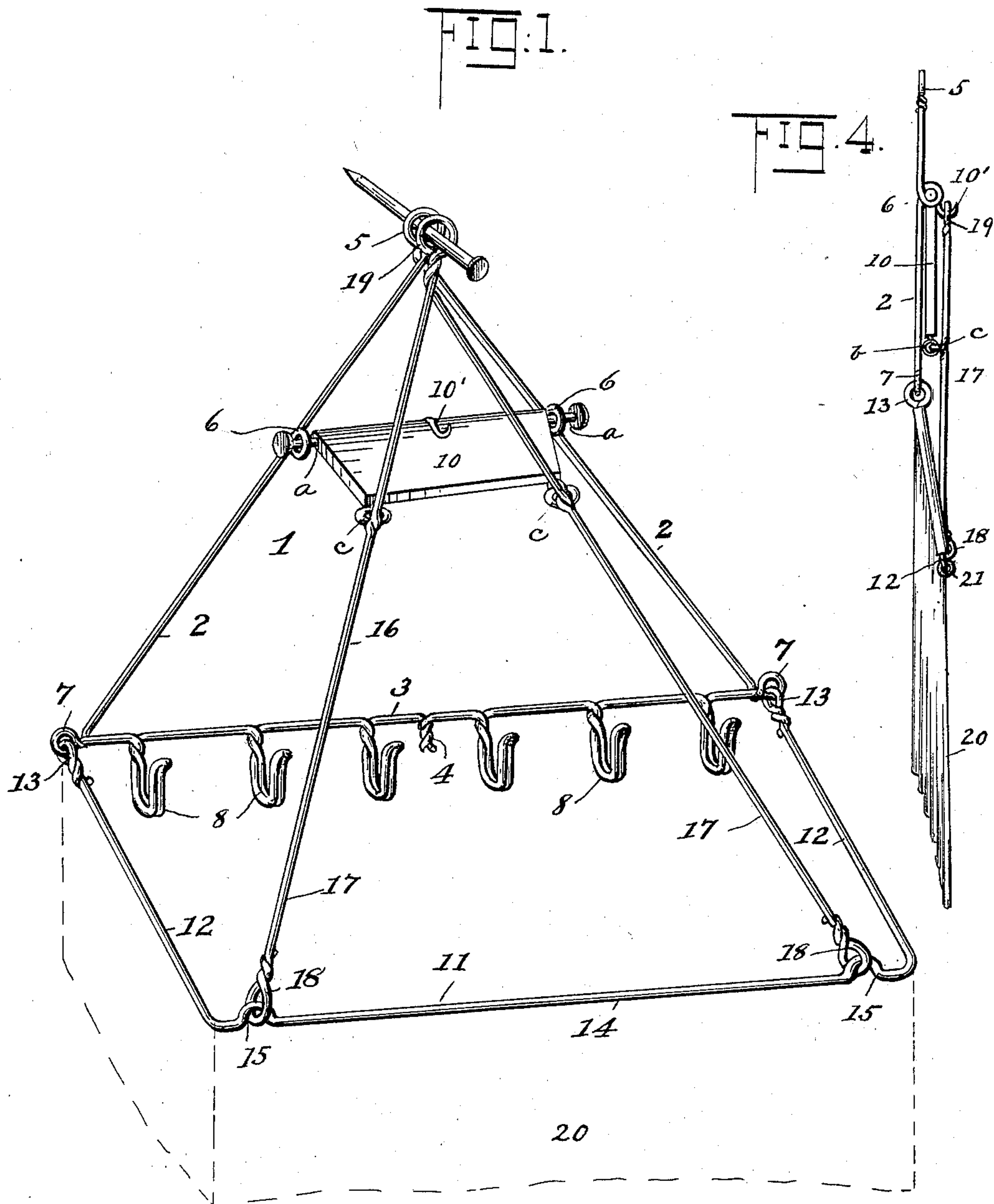
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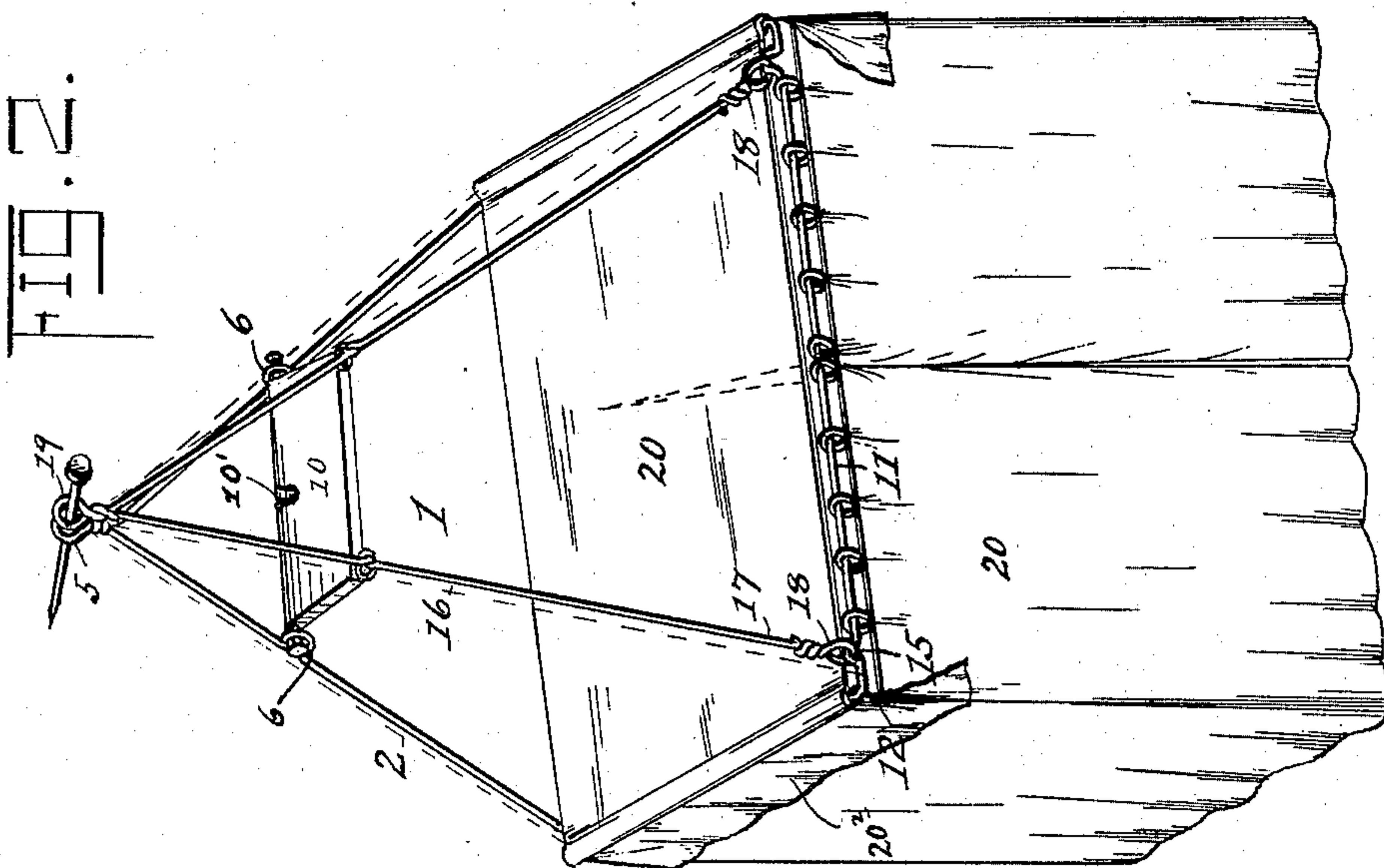
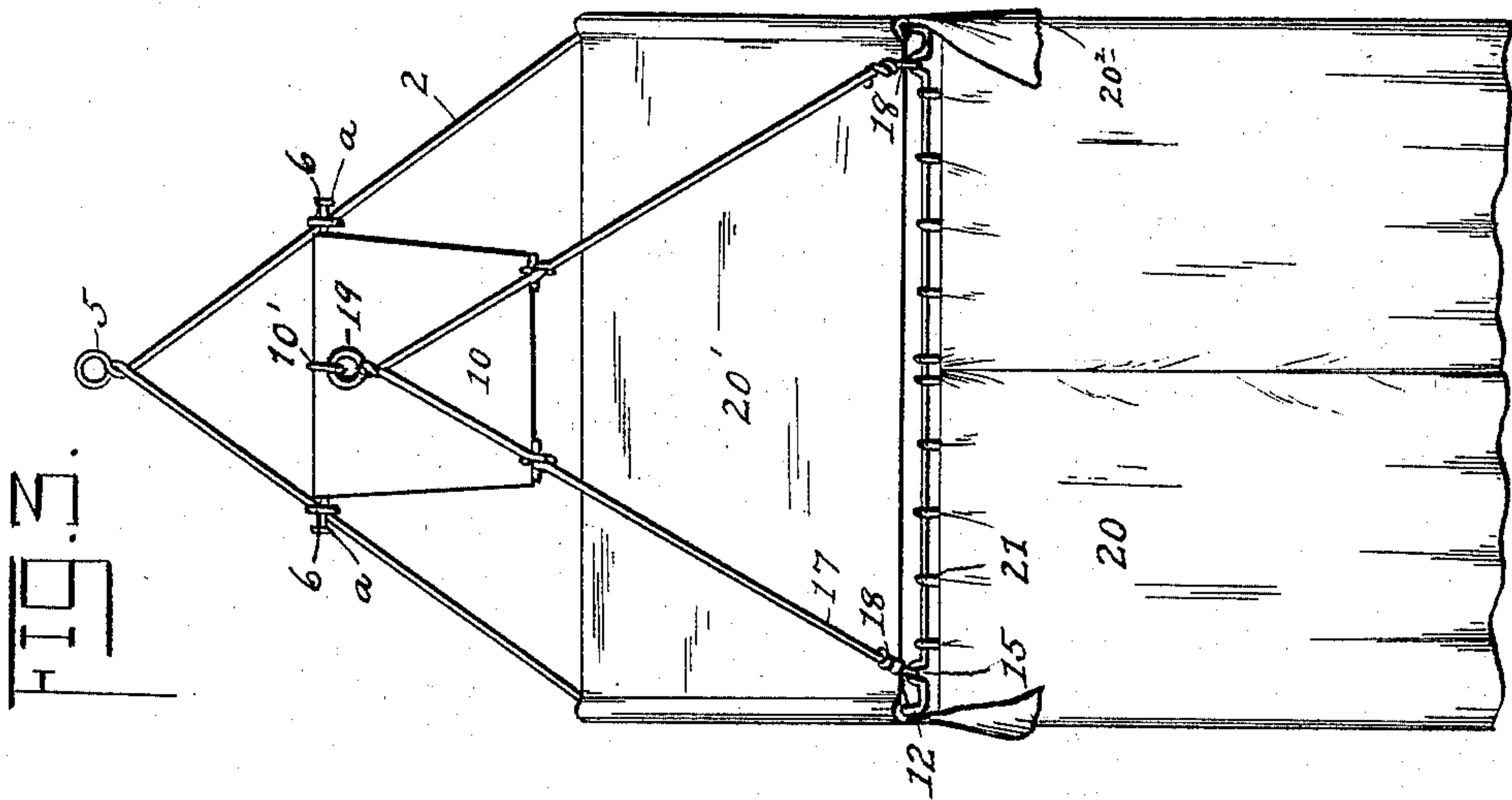
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWIN PEARSON McCONNELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cadiz, in the county of Harrison and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clothes Hangers or Presses; 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.

This invention relates to improvements in clothes hangers or presses, the object being to provide a simple, cheap, and effective device of this character embodying a novel form of foldable wire frame adapted to support the clothes and a curtain or canopy to exclude dust therefrom.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the frame of the hanger, showing a portion of the canopy in broken lines. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the complete hanger. Fig. 3 is a front view showing the hanger folded or collapsed, and Fig. 4 is an end view of the same.

Referring to the said drawings, 1 represents a triangular-shaped bracket portion consisting of a single piece of wire extended continuously to form the upwardly-inclined side arms 2 and horizontal base-supporting rod 3, the ends of the wire being connected at 4 centrally of said rod by soldering or by a twist, as shown in the present instance. The arms are bent upon themselves at the apex of the bracket to form an eye 5, about midway of their length to form eyes 6, and at their point of junction with the supporting-rod to form eyes 7, the said eye 5 being provided for the passage of a nail or screw to secure the bracket to a wall, door, or other support on which it is desired to suspend the hanger. The said supporting-rod is also bent upon itself to form a series of integral hooks 8 for suspending clothes.

10 represents a shelf provided at its rear end with spindles *a*, having bearing in the eyes 6 and at its front end with eyes *b*, loosely engaging similar eyes *c* on the arms 17 of the hanger 16. This shelf is also provided on its upper side with a hook 10' for a purpose presently described, and may be provided on its under side with clothes-suspending hooks.

The shelf may be employed when supported in horizontal position, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, for supporting small articles or toilet accessories. When the hanger 16 is disengaged from the supporting nail or screw, the shelf tilts down to a vertical position, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4, and the eye 19 of the hanger may be then engaged with the hook 10' to hold the parts secured in collapsed condition.

11 represents a three-sided canopy-supporting frame having the inner ends of its side arms 12 provided with eyes 13, which engage the eyes 7 of the supporting-rod and pivotally connects said frame thereto. The front cross-rod 14 of this frame is formed adjacent to its ends with semicircular bends 15.

The frame 11 is adapted to be supported by an approximately inverted-V-shaped hanger 16, having its arms 17 provided at their lower ends with eyes 18, which engage the bends 15, and at the point of junction of their upper ends with an eye 19, whereby said hanger may be hung upon the same nail or screw which passes through the bracket-eye 5, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, to hold the frame 11 in horizontal position.

A curtain or canopy 20 may be suspended from the frame 11 to inclose and protect the clothes from dust, &c. This curtain may be made in two sections or divided at the front, and preferably the front portion thereof will be hung upon rings 21, sliding on the front cross-bar 14 of the tilting frame, so that its side pieces or sections may be conveniently opened and closed to insert and remove clothes. The sides of the curtain may be extended across between and secured to the side arms of the frame 11 to form a top piece 20' to exclude dust from above, although this piece is preferably made independent of the curtain proper, as shown, and formed with a depending flap 20², adapted to cover the aperture between said top piece and the curtain. I may also provide an upper canopy, secured to the bracket portion 1 and hanger 2, as represented by broken lines in Fig. 2.

The parts thus constructed and assembled form an exceedingly simple, cheap, and light rectangular clothes-press which may be used as a substitute for a wardrobe in small rooms not provided with closets or where from want of space or motives of economy a wardrobe is

not desirable. The curtain or canopy may be made of any desired material, and, in addition to adding to the attractiveness of the article, when made of plush or colored fabric 5 effectually excludes dust therefrom.

When the device is not in use, it may be conveniently folded for transportation, storage, or to lie flat against the wall by disengaging the hanger 16 from the nail which 10 secures the bracket portion 1 and engaging it with the hook 10', thus permitting the frame 11 to tilt down below and substantially in the plane of said bracket portion, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4.

15 It will be understood that changes in the form, proportion, and minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

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

1. A collapsible clothes press or hanger consisting of a wire frame comprising in its 25 construction a bracket portion provided with suspending-hooks, a canopy-supporting frame hinged thereto, a hanger connected to said latter frame adapted to engage the fastening device which supports the bracket, a transverse shelf arranged between the bracket and 30 hanger and pivoted thereto so as to fold therewith, and a curtain or canopy suspended from said canopy-frame, substantially as described.

2. A collapsible clothes press or hanger, comprising a wire frame consisting of a bracket 35 member having a cross-bar provided with hooks, a canopy-supporting frame hinged to said bracket member to tilt down below and in line therewith, a hanger pivoted to the 40 canopy-frame and adapted to be supported by the same fastening device which secures said bracket member, a transverse shelf arranged between the bracket and hanger and pivoted thereto so as to fold therewith, and a curtain 45 or canopy suspended from said canopy-supporting frame, substantially as described.

3. A clothes-hanger, consisting of a trian-

gular bracket member 1 having its base or cross-bar provided with suspending hooks and eyes 7, a hook 10' supported between the 50 arms of said bracket member, a three-sided canopy-supporting frame 11 pivoted to said eyes, a curtain or canopy suspended from said frame, and a rod 16 pivoted to the canopy-supporting frame and adapted to engage the 55 fastening device of the bracket to support the frame in horizontal position and to engage said hook 10' to allow the frame to tilt down, substantially as described.

4. A collapsible clothes press or hanger, comprising a bracket designed to rest against a 60 wall and provided at its upper end with an eye to engage a fastening device, a canopy-supporting frame pivoted to the bracket, and a hanger hinged at its lower end to the canopy-frame and provided at its upper end with 65 an eye to engage the same fastening device which secures said bracket member, substantially as described.

5. A collapsible clothes press or hanger, comprising a triangular-shaped wire bracket 70 formed at the apex thereof with an eye to engage a fastening device, a three-sided wire canopy-supporting frame hinged to the horizontal arm or base-supporting rod of said 75 bracket, an inverted-V-shaped wire hanger having its side arms hinged at their lower ends to the cross-arm of the frame and bent at their upper ends to form an eye adapted to engage the same fastening device which se- 80 cures the bracket, a transverse shelf arranged between the bracket and hanger and hinged thereto so as to fold therewith, said shelf being provided with a hook which is adapted to be engaged by the eye on the hanger when 85 the device is folded, and a canopy secured to said three-sided frame, substantially as described.

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

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