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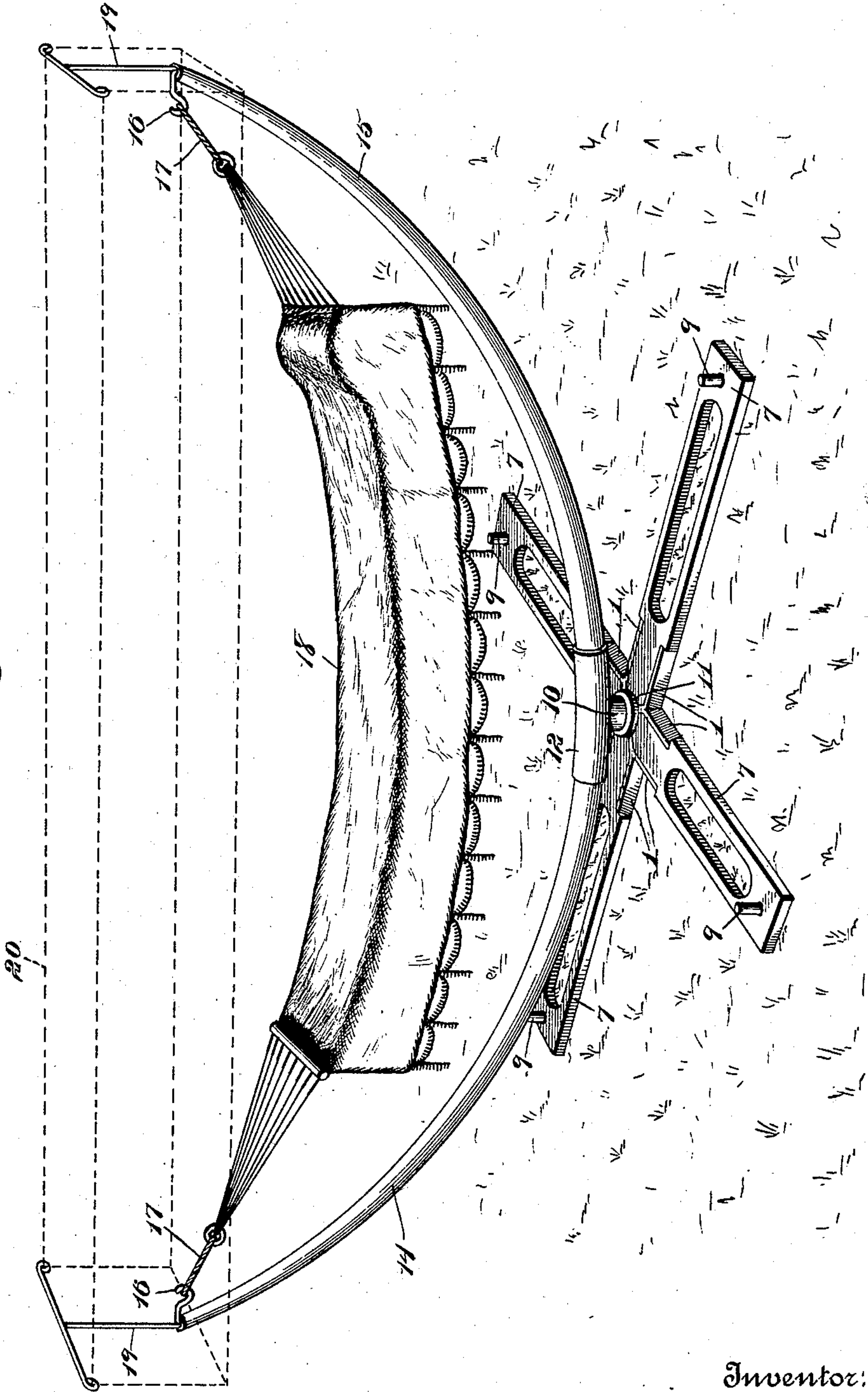
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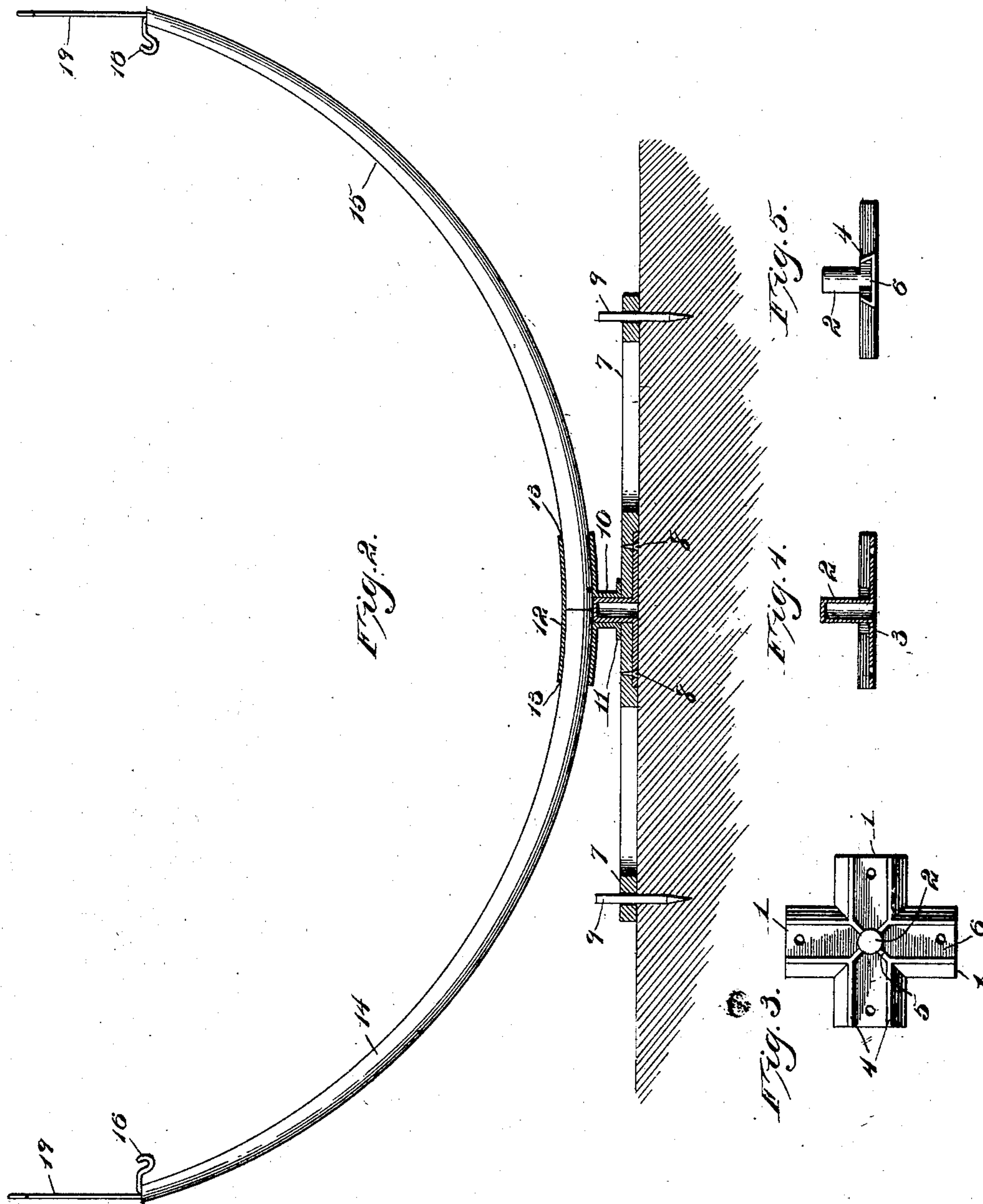
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## HAMMOCK-SUPPORT.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THOMAS SMYTHE HAYWARD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Easton, in the county of Talbot and State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hammock-Supports, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to hammock-supports; and one object is to provide a strong and durable portable device of this character which may be readily taken apart for storage or transportation and also quickly restored to operative position.

A further object of the invention is to provide a support which may be revolved upon its base and which may be used with or without an awning or canopy for protecting the occupant of the hammock.

The construction of the improvement will be fully described hereinafter, in connection with the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and its novel features will be defined in the appended claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a view in perspective of a hammock-support embodying my invention with a hammock secured thereto and a canopy or awning represented above the hammock by dotted lines. Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the frame. Fig. 3 is a top plan view of the base of the support. Fig. 4 is a section of Fig. 5, and Fig. 5 is a side elevation of the base.

The base-piece of the support comprises diverging arms 1 and a central post or hollow cylinder 2, constituting the pivot upon which the hammock may be revolved. The under surface 3 of the base is flat to rest upon the ground, and the upper surface of each of the arms 1 is formed with oppositely-inclined flanges 4, joined to the central post 2 by webs 5. The flanges on the arms 2 form dovetail sockets 6, as clearly shown in Fig. 5, for the reception of securing-braces 7, the inner ends of which are constructed to fit the sockets 6, to which they may be removably secured by screws 8, as shown in Fig. 2. The outer ends of the braces 7 are formed with openings for pegs 9, which are driven into the ground and secure the braces so that they firmly support and brace the pivot-post 2 in all directions.

10 designates a sleeve or thimble open at

its upper end and provided at its lower end with an annular horizontal flange 11, which has bearing upon the upper surface of the base.

To the upper end of the sleeve 10 is centrally secured a slightly-curved tube 12, open at its ends and projecting equally on opposite sides of the sleeve, forming sockets 13 to receive the inner ends of curved tubular bars 14 and 15, which constitute the support for the hammock. The tubular bars are shown tightly secured to the tube by the curvature of the parts and by friction; but the parts may be rigidly secured together by other well-known means. The open upper ends of the tubular bars 14 and 15 serve as sockets to receive hooks 16 for the suspending-ropes 17 of the hammock 18 and also to receive the lower ends of T-shaped frames 19, which support an awning 20, said frames 19 being readily removable.

It will be apparent that the several parts of the support may be quickly and easily assembled and taken apart and that the hammock may be revolved upon the pivot-post.

I claim—

1. A hammock-support comprising a base-piece adapted to be laid on the ground, having flat radial arms formed with dovetail sockets in their upper faces, a central pivot-post and radial webs located between the pivot-post and the sockets, the flat braces having peg-holes in their outer ends and provided with dovetail inner ends removably secured in the dovetail sockets of the radial arms.

2. A hammock-support comprising a base-piece adapted to be laid on the ground, having flat radial arms formed with flat braces, and a central pivot-post, a sleeve or thimble fitting around the pivot-post having an annular flange at its lower end and a slightly-curved tube at its upper end and curved tubular bars having their inner ends adapted to be secured rigidly in the tube and their outer ends provided with means for connecting a hammock therewith.

3. A hammock-support comprising a base-piece adapted to be laid on the ground, having flat radial arms formed with dovetail sockets in their upper faces, a central pivot-

post, the flat braces having peg-holes in their outer ends and provided with dovetail inner ends removably secured in the dovetail sockets of the radial arms, a sleeve or thimble fitting around the pivot-post having an annular flange at its lower end and a slightly-curved tube at its upper end, and tubular bars having their inner ends adapted to be secured rigidly in the tube and their outer ends pro-

vided with means for connecting a hammock to therewith.

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

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