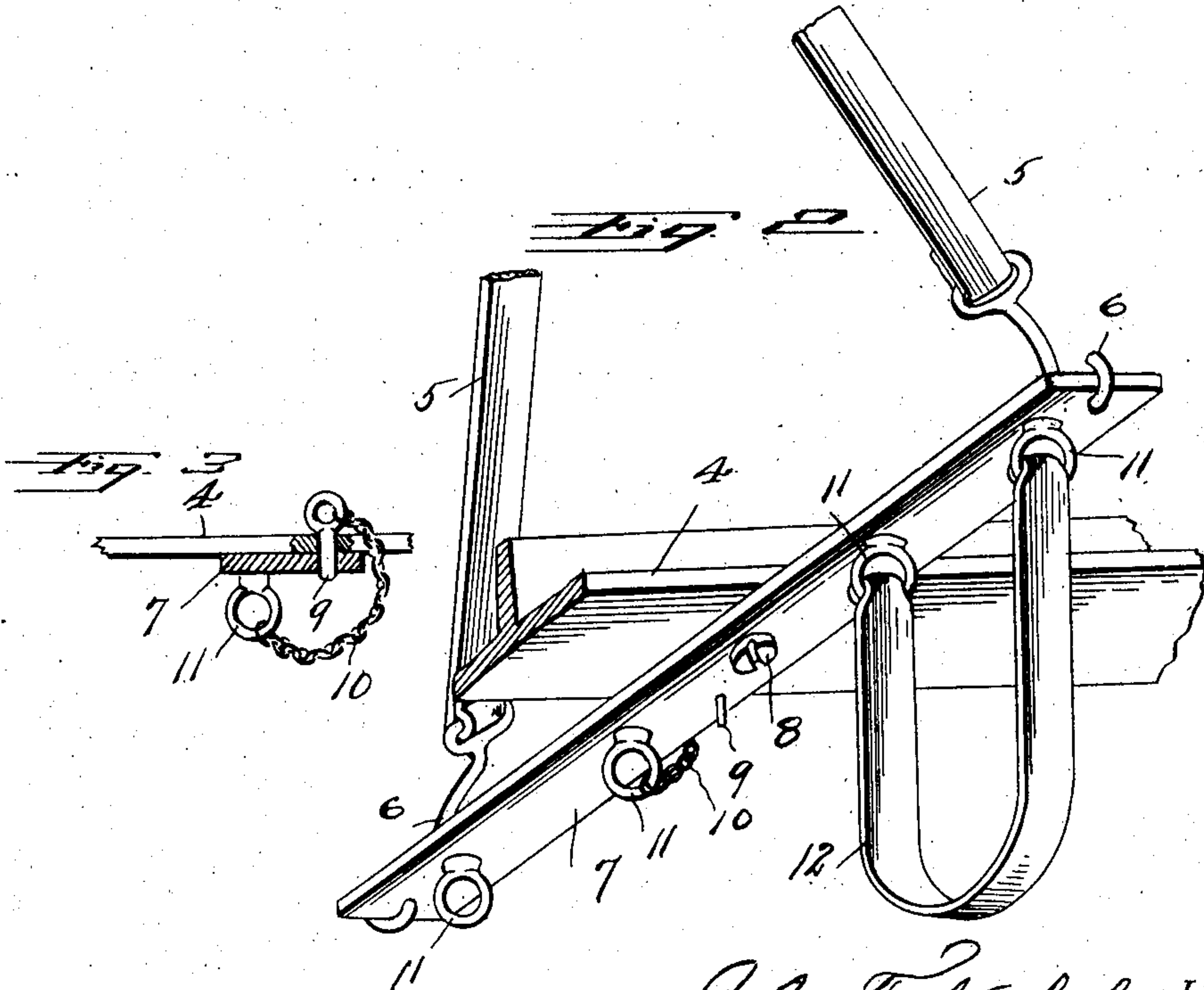
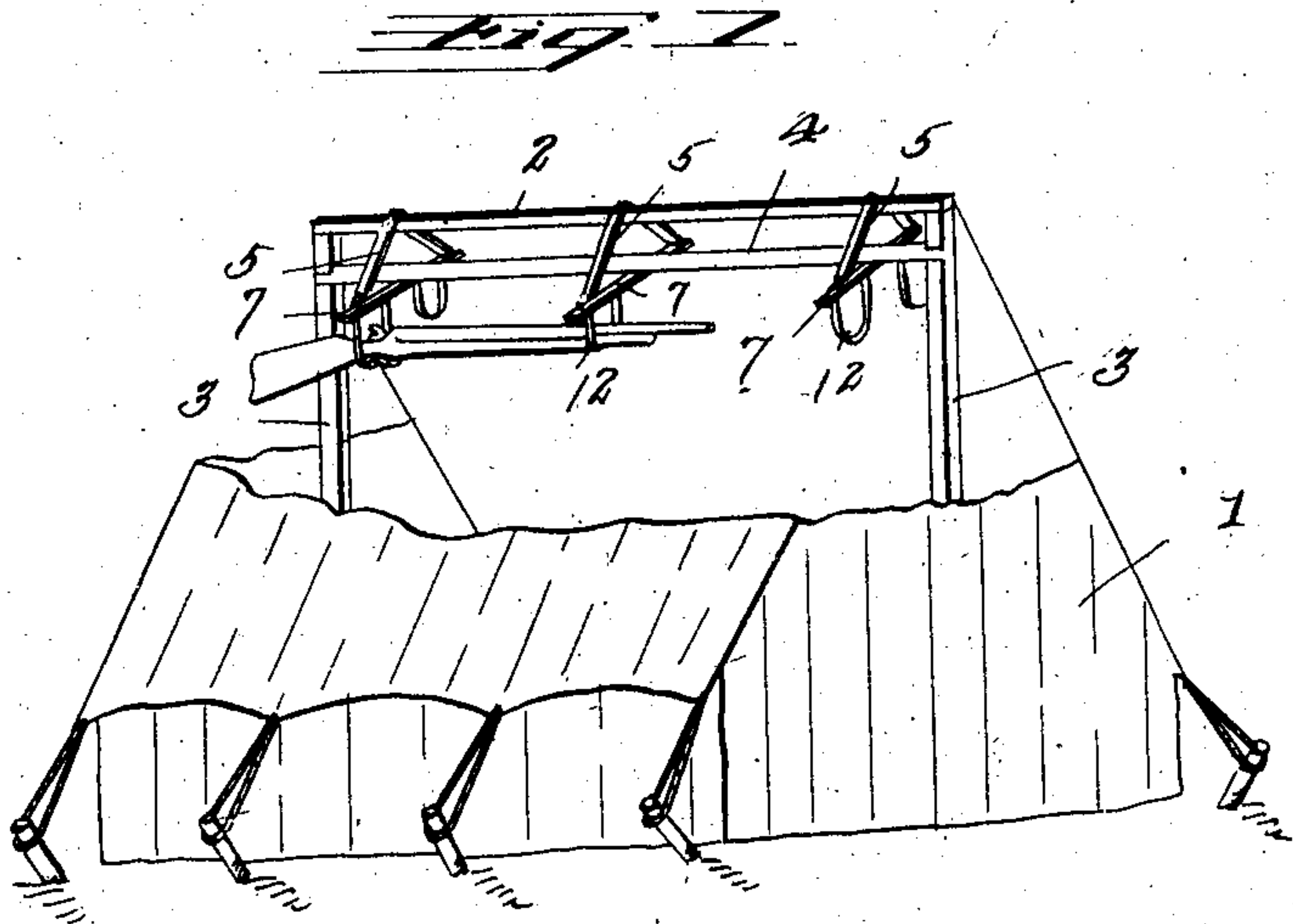


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN T. NICHOLSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newport News, in the county of Warwick and State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Gun-Racks, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to improvements in gun-racks, and has for its objects the provision of a device for this purpose which will be strong, durable, assembled with facility, and which will occupy a minimum amount of space.

The device is particularly applicable for use in connection with a tent, and in the drawings I have illustrated its application to an army-tent of standard character. It is desirable that a device of this character should occupy as little space as possible in the tent, and I have so arranged and combined the gun-rack with the tent-frame as to insure the occupancy of as little space as possible. When disassembled, the parts of the gun-rack proper may be adjusted into a compact and small space, thus insuring facility in stowing and packing and transportation.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 illustrates a tent with a section broken away, disclosing the gun-rack therein and showing one gun held in the rack. Fig. 2 is a perspective detail view, enlarged, showing some of the essential details of the invention. Fig. 3 is a detail sectional view of the means for locking the supporting cross-bars in extended position upon the longitudinal frame-bar.

The tent 1 may be of any usual character and provided with the ridge-pole 2 and uprights 3 3, constituting the usual tent-frame. In adapting the gun-rack for use with the tent I employ the bar or pole 4, which, as illustrated in Fig. 2, may be T-section to insure strength and rigidity. This pole may be cut away at its ends and surround the uprights 3 3 or otherwise connected thereto in a rigid manner, if necessary, although this construction is not necessary, as said bar is preferably supported indirectly by the straps 5 5 5, which, as illustrated, are passed over the top of the ridge-pole of the tent. These straps 5 are each provided with a hook 6 at their ends, which is adapted to pass through a hole in the end of the supporting cross-bars 7, which bars are each secured to the under side of the bar 4 by a screw or pivot 8. From this construction it will be seen that the bar 4 is supported from the ridge-pole of the tent by the

detachably-connected straps 5 and cross-bars 7. These bars 7 are placed at predetermined intervals on the bar 4, and, as will be observed, when the hooks 6 are detached therefrom said bars may be turned around on their pivots 8 to a position parallel with the bar 4 to allow for stowage and transportation. To hold the cross-bars 7 in adjusted position relative to the bar 4, I provide the pin 9, which is passed through a hole provided for the purpose in both the cross-bar and the connecting-bar, and to prevent loss of said pin I preferably secure it by a chain 10, attached in this instance to one of the eyes 11. The eyes 11 are for the reception of the ends of the straps 12, and the straps 12 form the hangers for the guns in the rack, the straps being secured in the eyes by loops at each end.

As illustrated, the rack is intended for the storage of four guns, but it will be understood that a greater or less number may be provided for. In Fig. 1 only one gun is shown supported by loops or straps on two adjacent cross-bars. Another gun may be stowed on the second pair of loops depending from these two bars and the guns lying side by side. In use the muzzle of the gun is thrust into one of the middle loops, and the butt of the gun is raised until it will be passed through one of the outer loops, and the gun may be taken down by going through the reverse procedure without disturbing any of the guns on the rack. The guns are thus kept out of the dirt and wet and out of the way. Each occupant of the tent having an assigned pair of loops can locate his gun with little difficulty. The device is light in weight, and hence easily portable, and being of a convenient shape when the cross-bars are closed to parallel position with the connecting-bar it may be stowed alongside the ridge-pole of the tent. The length of the connecting-bar being independent of the arrangement of the cross-bars the rack is adaptable to any size tent within limits.

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

1. The combination with the ridge-pole of a tent, of a bar, cross-bars attached to said bar, straps secured to the cross-bars for suspending the bar from the ridge-pole, and hangers suspended from said cross-bars.

2. The combination with the ridge-pole of a tent of a connecting-bar, cross-bars at-

tached to said bar, straps extended over the ridge-pole and connected to said cross-bars, and loops suspended from said cross-bars.

3. The combination with the ridge-pole of a tent of a connecting-bar, cross-bars pivoted to said bar, straps extended over the ridge-pole and connected with said cross-bars, and hangers suspended from said cross-bars.

4. The combination with the ridge-pole of a tent, of a bar or pole, cross-bars connected to said bar, means for suspending said bars from the ridge-pole, and means for hanging guns from the cross-bars.

5. The combination with the ridge-pole of a tent of a connecting-bar, cross-bars pivoted to said bar, straps extended over the ridge-pole and detachably connected with the

cross-bars, hangers suspended from said cross-bars, and means for securing said bars in position relative to the connecting-bar. 20

6. The combination with the ridge-pole of a tent of a connecting-bar, cross-bars pivoted to said bar, securing-pins engaging the connecting-bar and cross-bars, straps extended over the ridge-pole and detachably connected with the cross-bars, and loops suspended from the cross-bars. 25

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

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