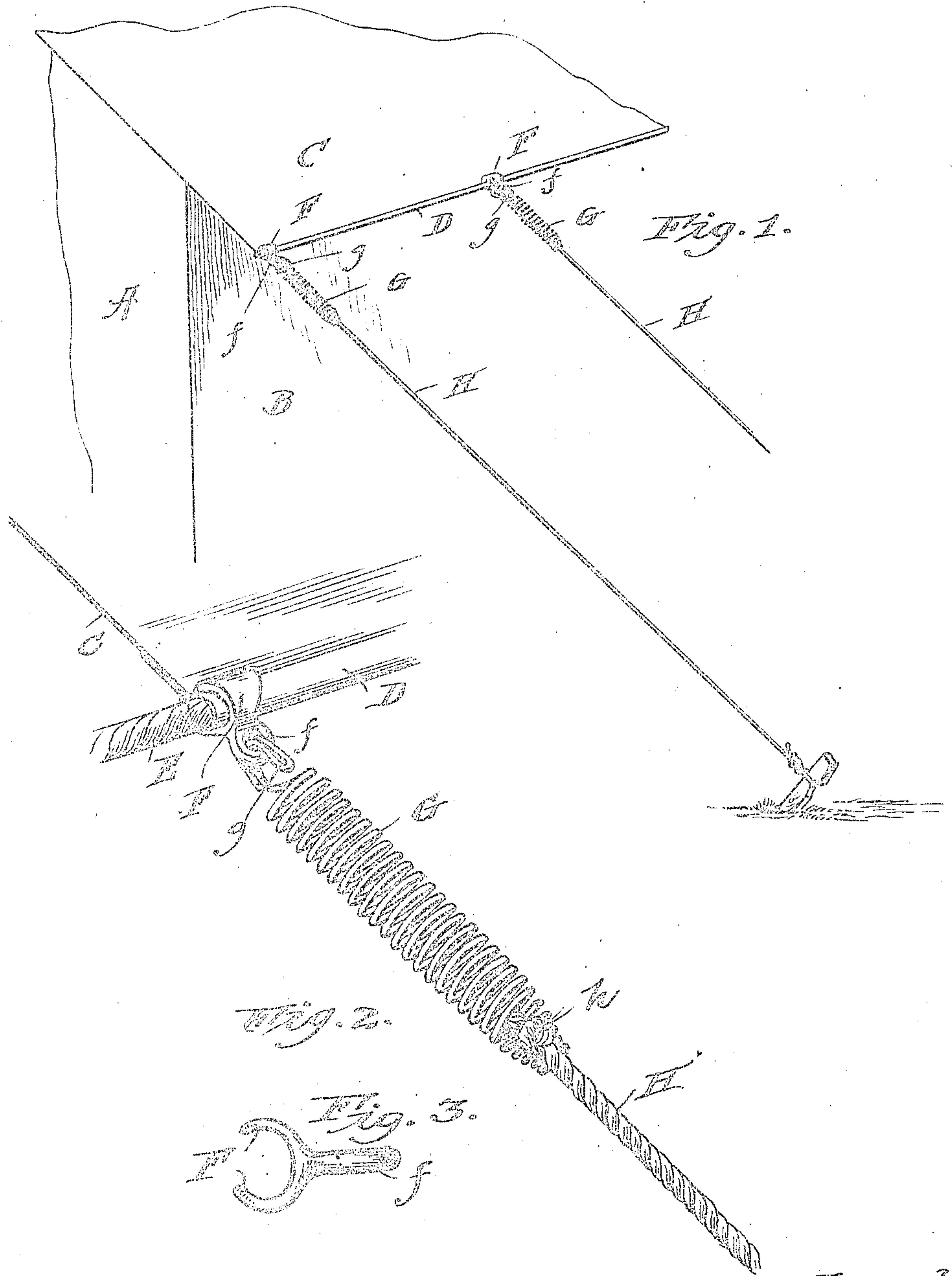


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EGBERT C. COOK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, county of Cook, and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tent-Supports, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to an improved form of tent support, and comprises a guy rope having a flexible section and an adjustable clamp.

The object of the invention is to afford a support which will hold the tent suitably taut and at the same time avoid the pulling of the stakes due to the shrinkage of the guy ropes.

To this end my invention consists in a tent support comprising a guy rope having an elastic or spring section in combination with a fastening or tent slip which can be applied to the eave of the tent without the use of gromets.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing a broken section of a tent with two guy ropes applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a similar view on a larger scale, particularly intended to show the corded edge of the tent flap or eave, and Fig. 3 is a detail view of the tent slip.

In the drawings, A and B represent the side walls of the tent; C, the tent roof or cover, which is provided at the eave or margin with a pocket, D, through which a cord, E, is run, so as to make a beaded edge.

F represents the tent slip or fastening which is composed of a metal body having two curved jaws, the opening between the ends of which is less than the diameter of the beaded edge, so that it may be slipped over such beaded edge; and for further security the jaws may be compressed if the device is made from malleable metal, as I prefer. The tent slip F has a perforated lug *f* which is engaged by a hook *g*, formed integrally with the coiled wire spring G. The opposite end of this spring has its terminal coils of gradually decreasing diameter so as to afford means for holding the knotted end *h* to the guy rope H. The parts

may be connected by threading the rope H through the spring G until the knot comes to its seat, and then the hook may be inserted in the tent slip and the latter secured to the beaded edge of the tent. By forming the tent slip with the apertured lug and the spring with a hook, the former may be permanently fastened to the eave of the tent and the guy rope readily connected or disconnected, which will be found very convenient in setting up and striking the tent.

By providing the guy rope with a flexible section the pulling of the stakes will be avoided and the tent will be at all times supported under the spring tension. The spring may be made quite stiff, as the shrinkage is exerted gradually and is compensated by the yielding of the spring.

I claim:

1. A tent support comprising a tent slip having oppositely disposed clamping jaws adapted to engage the eave of the tent and a perforated lug, a coiled wire spring having a hook extension adapted to detachably engage through the perforated lug of the tent slip and a guy rope secured to the opposite end of the spring, substantially as described.

2. A tent support comprising a member adapted to be secured to the margin of the tent roof, a coil spring connected at one end to said member and provided at its other end with a pocket of gradually reduced diameter, and a guy provided with an enlargement seated in said pocket.

3. A tent support comprising a member adapted to be secured to the margin of the tent roof, a coil spring having at one end an integrally formed hook adapted to engage said member, the coils at the other end of the spring being gradually reduced in diameter to form a pocket, and a guy rope provided with an enlargement thereon seated in said pocket.

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