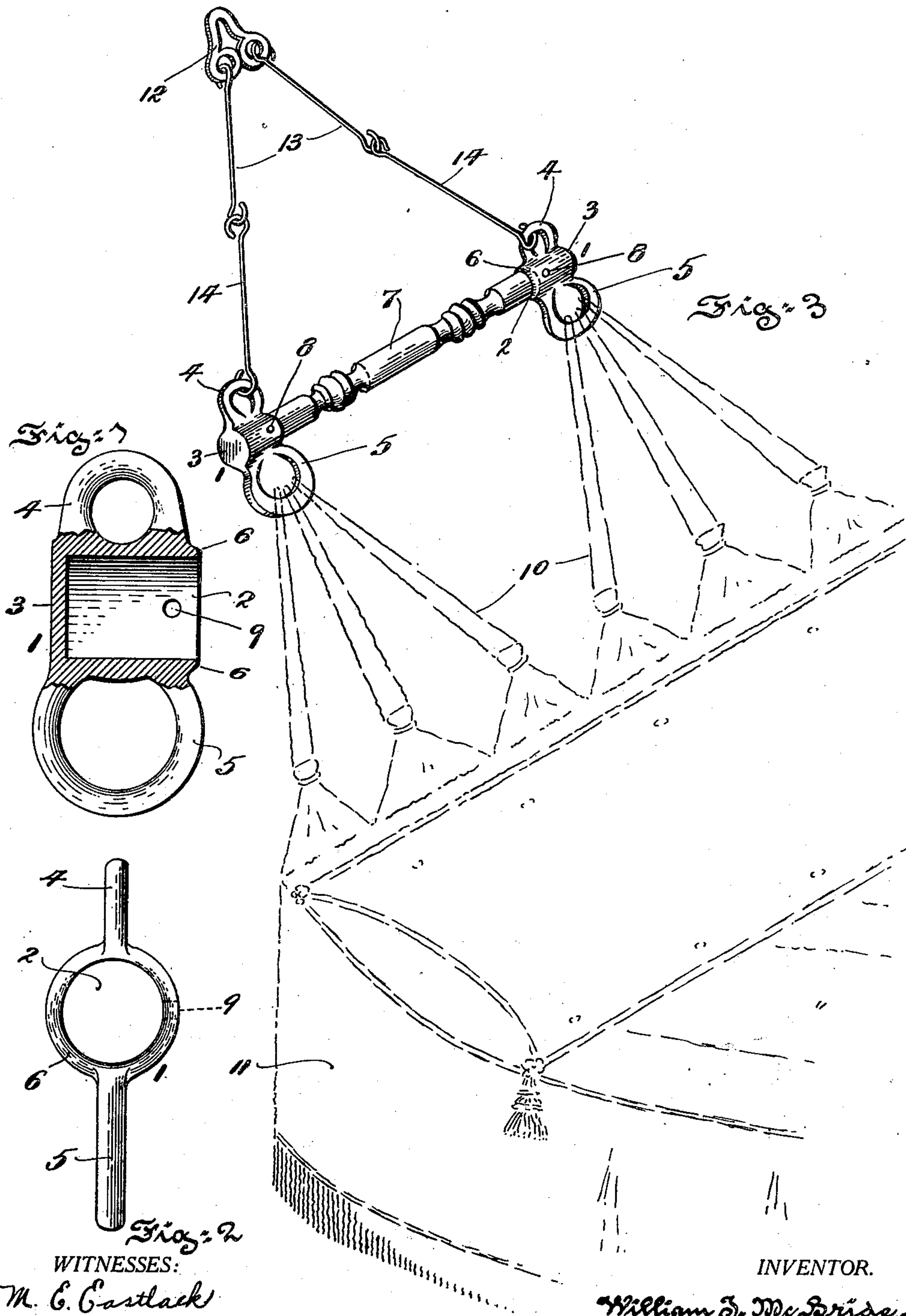


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## HAMMOCK-SUSPENSION DEVICE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM J. McBRIDE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a certain new and useful Hammock-Suspension Device, of which the following is a specification.

The principal object of the present invention is to provide suspension means for hammocks whereby the general appearance of the same may be enhanced and at the same time decrease the cost of manufacture.

A further object of the invention is to provide yielding suspension means calculated to increase the comfort of the occupant of a hammock.

A still further object of the invention is to provide combined cap-like members and suspension attachments for the ends of spreaders.

Other objects will appear hereinafter.

The invention consists of the improvements hereinafter described and finally claimed.

The nature, characteristic features and scope of the invention will be more fully understood from the following description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings forming part hereof and in which:

Figure 1, is a view in elevation partly sectioned of a suspension device embodying the invention. Fig. 2, is a front view thereof; and Fig. 3, is a perspective view of a portion of a hammock illustrating the suspension device of the invention in application thereto.

Referring to the drawings and more especially to Figs. 1 and 2, there is illustrated a generally cylindrical cap-like member 1, consisting of a one-piece casting having an opening 2, and a closed end 3. Formed integral with the cap-like member and extending above and below and arranged centrally with respect to the said cap-like member are ring-like suspension attachments 4 and 5, of which the ring-like member 5, is considerably larger than the ring-like member 4. Adjacent to the opening 2, of the cap-like

member 1, the front wall of the casting is generally rounded as at 6.

In practice the above described suspension devices are fitted over the respective ends of a hammock stretcher 7, see Fig. 3, and may be secured thereto by means of pins 8, that pass through openings 9, in said attachments. When so attached to the spreader the suspension cords 10, of the hammock 11, may be secured in the well understood manner to the ring-like members 5. In practice I have obtained good results by interposing between the suspension ring 12, of the hammock and the spreader 7, generally link-like members 13 and 14, that may be readily secured to the ring-like members 4, of the suspension device 1, as clearly illustrated in Fig. 3. By this arrangement the link-like members 13 and 14, which are preferably of metal although rigid in themselves when associated together in the form shown and described provide a yielding suspension device much preferable to the ordinary suspension cords now in use.

By constructing the above described suspension device 1, in the manner set forth a combined cap and suspension attachment is provided that is neat and attractive in appearance, strong and durable in construction, and efficient in use. Slotting of the spreader is done away with thus obviously rendering stronger the said spreader and numerous fastening devices are eliminated thus providing in the present instance an attachment possessing commercial value.

While I have described the suspension attachment as being a one-piece casting and as describing the ring-like members as being of varying degrees of sizes, obviously I do not intend to limit my invention to these detail constructions.

What I claim is;

In combination a hammock body including its complemental groups of suspension cords and suspension ring, a laterally arranged spreader between said body and ring, suspension devices comprising tubular cap-like members having pin receiving openings therein each of such members having a

chamber therein of circular cross-section fitted over the respective spreader ends, pins passing through said opening and penetrating the spreader ends and longitudinally arranged extensions formed integral with and projected above and below said members, said extensions being provided each with a single eye, said eyes being in alinement whereof the upper set of eyes are connected by one group of cords to the suspension ring

and whereof the lower set of eyes are connected by the other group of cords to the said hammock body.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name.

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