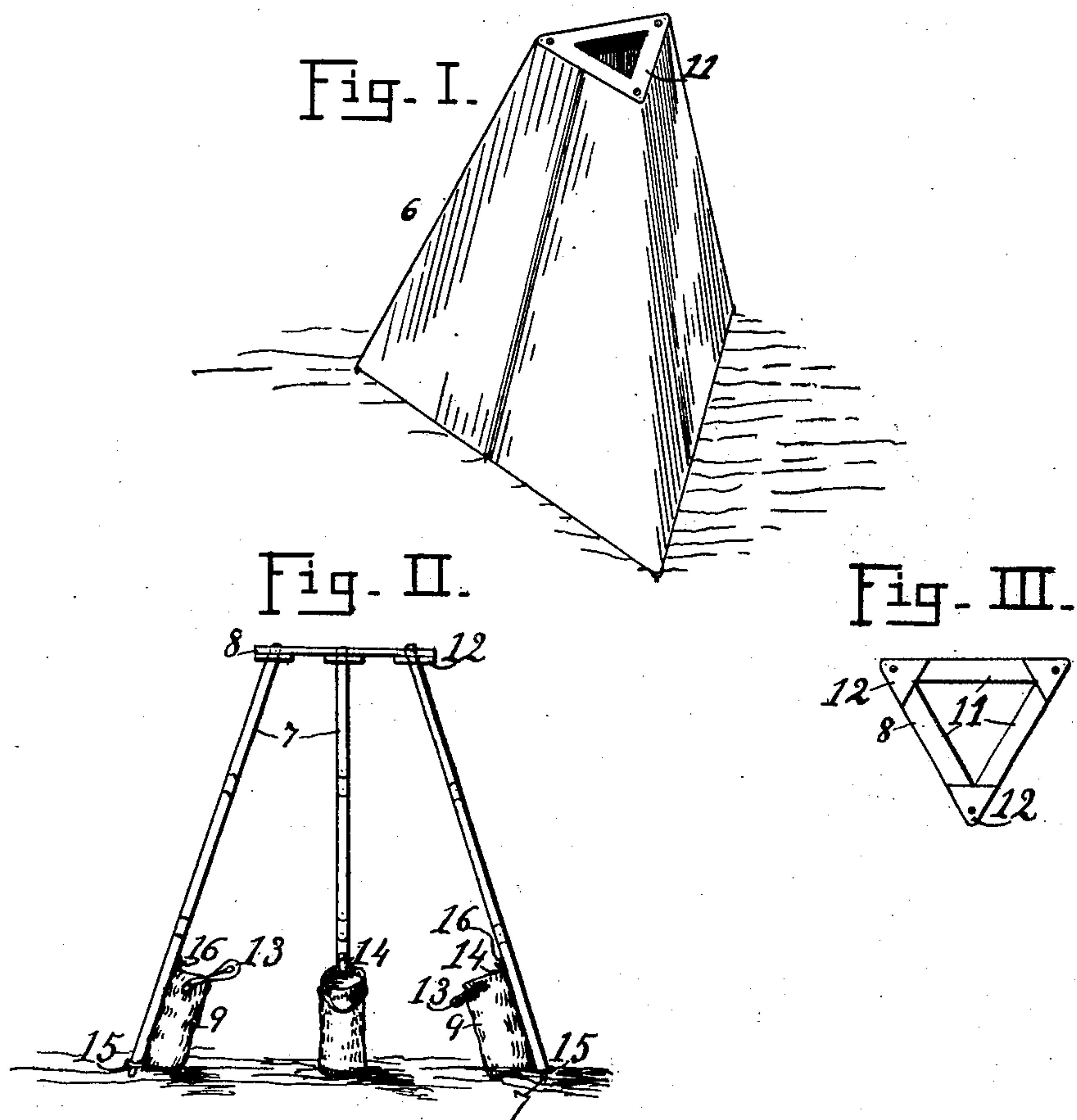


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK RUSSELL HILL, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Portable Tents, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to tents which are adapted for individual use, each as a screen for a person while dressing at a bathing place. Its object is to adapt a tent to be easily carried, readily set up for service, well ventilated, securely anchored against the force of wind, and convenient and easily packed for carrying by hand.

To this end my invention consists in the construction and combination of parts forming a portable tent hereinafter more fully described, and particularly stated in the claim, reference being had to the accompanying drawings in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a tent according to my invention. Fig. 2 represents the skeleton of the tent. Fig. 3 is an underside view of the frame.

This tent is preferably formed as a truncated pyramid whose cross section is an equilateral triangle. It comprises a three-sided canvas cover 6, adapted to be stretched around a tripod of legs 7; a frame 8, into which the legs are removably driven; and canvas bags 9, adapted to contain material for weight, such as sand, gravel, etc. For a tent, say 6 feet and 3 inches high, each leg should be 6 feet and 6 inches long and made in parts short enough to be conveniently carried by hand, and provided with sockets and ends to fit therein to form stiff joints when put together. The frame 8, is formed of three narrow side pieces 11, joined edge-wise near their ends and secured together. The frame is further strengthened by means of battens 12, crossing each corner, preferably on the under face, and rigidly secured thereon. A hole is bored through each bat-

ten and through the side pieces above it to serve as a socket for a leg; the batten thus secured serves the double purpose of rigidly binding and strengthening the corner of the frame and lengthening the leg socket so that the legs may be stiffly held to serve as a tripod to support the tent cover 6.

Each bag 9, made of canvas or similar collapsible material, is provided with a common strap or bail handle 13, and with two tabs 14, 15. The tab 15 receives the tapering or otherwise shouldered foot of a leg 7, and a hook 16, projects from the leg at the proper distance from its foot to engage the tab 14, and stretch the bag to its full length so that when filled with sand, gravel or other convenient material for weights, these bags hold fast like rigid parts of the legs, securely anchoring the tent.

The whole device is so light that it may be easily carried in one hand like a valise. Between the top boards of the frame the triangular opening insures good ventilation and plenty of light. Such tents may also serve as portable playhouses for children, and, made a little larger, they would answer well for camping. Lightness, portability and stability being their characteristics, while the whole outfit is comparatively inexpensive.

What I believe to be new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is particularly stated in the following claim:

In a portable tent, legs and means for securing them together separately at their tops, and collapsible bags having each a tab at each end; the said legs having each a shouldered point and a hook at a distance therefrom, to engage the said two tabs and stretch the bag.

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

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