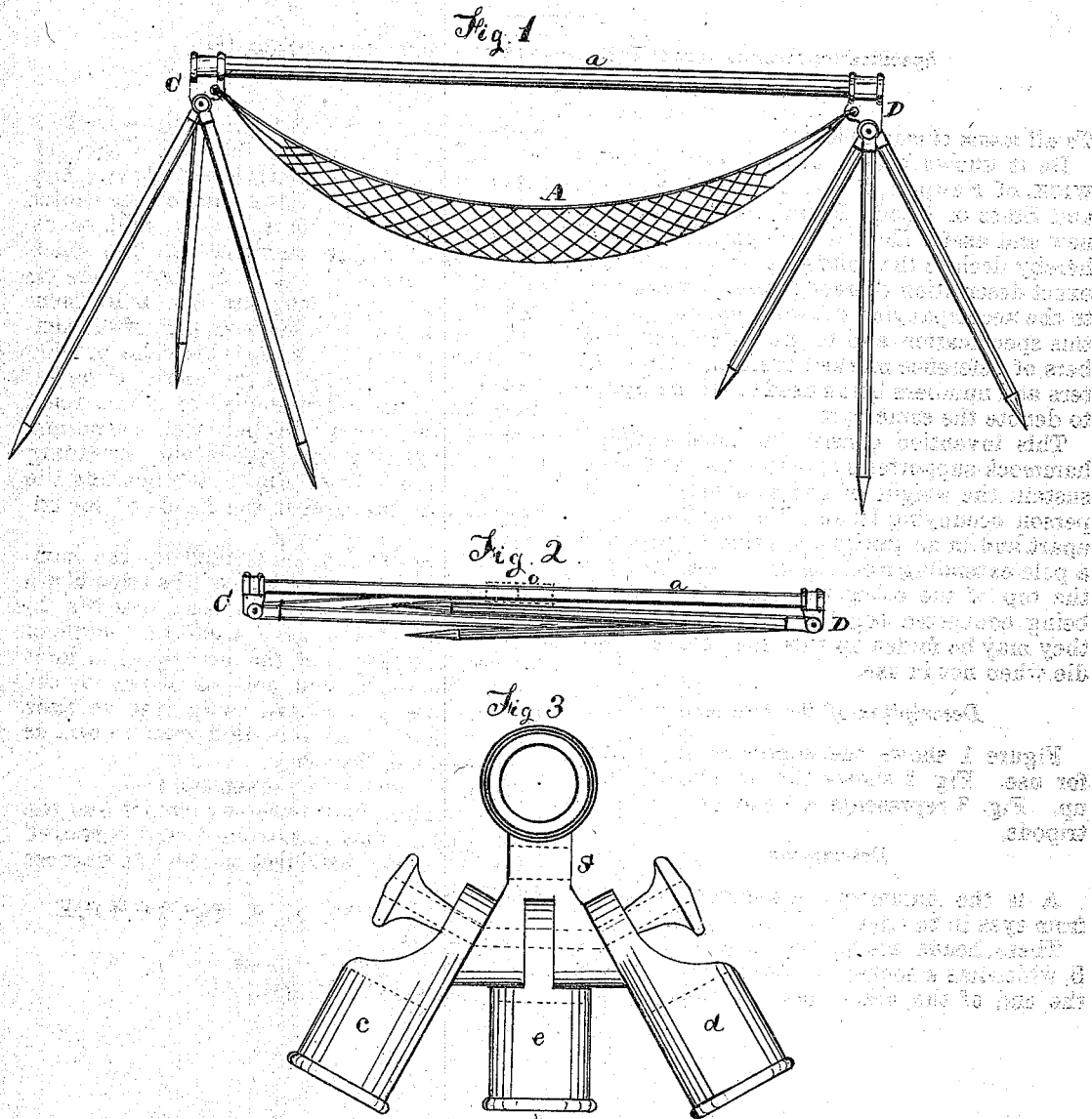


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES M. K. SOUTHWICK, of Newport, in the county of Newport and State of Rhode Island, have invented a new and useful Hammock-Supporter; and do hereby declare the following to be a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing making part of this specification and to the letters and numbers of reference marked thereon, similar letters and numbers being used in all the figures to denote the same part.

This invention consists in constructing a hammock-supporter by making two tripods to sustain the weight of the hammock and the person occupying it, and holding the tripods apart and in an upright position by means of a pole extending from the top of one tripod to the top of the other, the legs of the tripod being connected together by joints, so that they may be folded up with the pole in a bundle when not in use.

Description of the Drawing.

Figure 1 shows the supporter in position for use. Fig. 2 shows the supporter folded up. Fig. 3 represents a head of one of the tripods.

Description.

A is the hammock, suspended by hooks from eyes in the heads of the tripods C D.

These heads are formed of a center piece, S, which has a socket on the top of it in which the end of the brace-pole *a* is inserted, and

three other pieces, *c d e*, which have sockets in their ends to receive the legs of the tripod. One of these pieces, *e*, is hung in a slot in the middle of the lower part of the center piece, and the two others, *c d*, are held one on each side of the center piece, on pins which have nuts screwed on their outer ends to tighten down on their ears and hold them when set in place. The lower part of the center piece is beveled away where the outside pieces *c d* are hung to the angle at which those two legs are intended to stand apart when in use. The whole apparatus is arranged for use by raising the tripods and spreading the legs, as shown in Fig. 1, and hooking the hammock to the eyes in the heads of the tripods.

When required to be packed up the hammock is unhooked, the legs of the tripods are shut up against the brace-pole *a*. (See Fig. 2.) If it is desirable to make a shorter bundle of it than the length of the brace-pole, a joint may be made in that pole, as shown by the dotted lines *o*, a sleeve being used to slide over the joint to keep it rigid when in use, as in parasol-handles, &c.

What I claim as my invention is—

The combination of the two tripods and the brace-pole, when constructed and arranged substantially as specified, and for the purpose set forth.

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