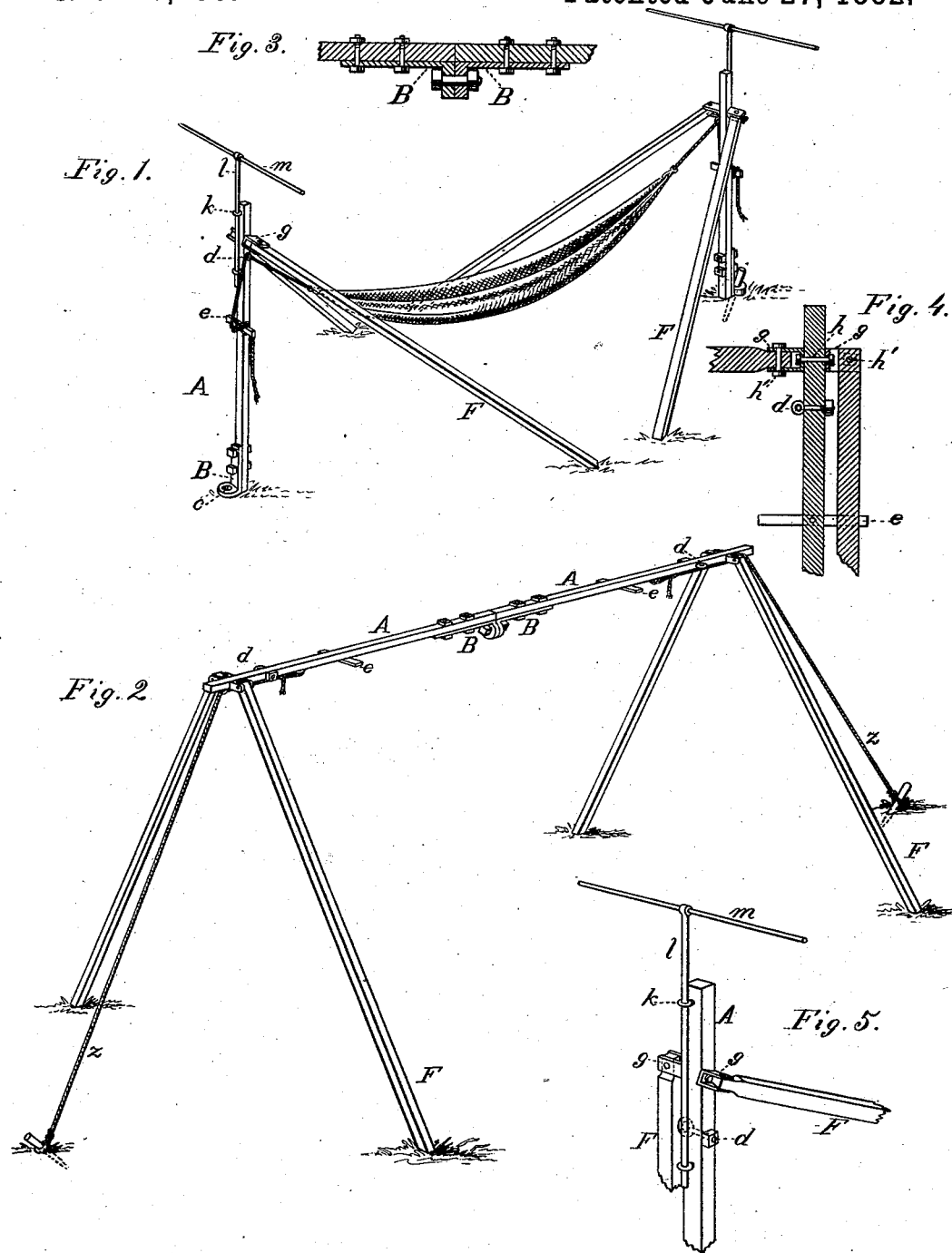


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE A. PARKER, a citizen of the United States, resident at Marlborough, in the county of Cheshire and State of New Hampshire, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Hammock and Tent Frames; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of my invention arranged as a hammock-support. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same arranged as a tent-frame. Fig. 3 is a detail section showing the angle-irons. Fig. 4 is a detail section representing the movable-joint connections. Fig. 5 is a detail in perspective.

This invention has relation to hammock and tent frames; and it consists in the novel construction and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, the letter A designates the upright post of the hammock-support, which is provided at its lower end with an angle-iron or foot, B, having an aperture, *c*, in its outer end to receive an anchoring-spike or fastening-bolt. The post is provided with an opening or bearing, *d*, for the hammock-rope, and a button or catch, *e*, is usually secured to the post and serves to fasten the end of the hammock-rope.

F F indicate braces, which are of greater length than the posts A. Each post is provided with two braces, which are connected to its end by movable-joint connections, which permit the braces to be adjusted in different positions with relation to the post-bars A. These movable or universal joint connections

may be simply constructed by connecting the coupling-straps *g* to the upper end of the post-bar by means of a transverse bolt, *h*, and pivoting the heads of the braces between the arms of the coupling-straps by bolts *h'*.

Each post may be provided with eye-bearings *k* near its upper end to receive the foot of an end standard, *l*, which carries at its upper end a transverse bar, *m*, and by means of these removable end standards and their transverse bars a shade or awning can be supported in position over the hammock.

In order to convert the hammock-support into a tent-frame, the shade-supports, if employed, are to be disconnected, and the ends of the post-bars A, being brought together in line, are secured to each other by passing a bolt through the foot attachments thereof, and thereby the ridge-pole is formed.

The braces F F at each end of the ridge-pole are separated laterally and form the end supports of the tent-frame, which is firmly held in position by means of a guy-rope, *z*, at each end.

If desired, the hammock may be hung to its bearings within the tent.

Having described this invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In a hammock and tent frame, the combination, with the posts A, having the perforated foot attachment B, bearings *d*, and buttons *e*, of the braces F, hinged to the posts A near their upper ends, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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