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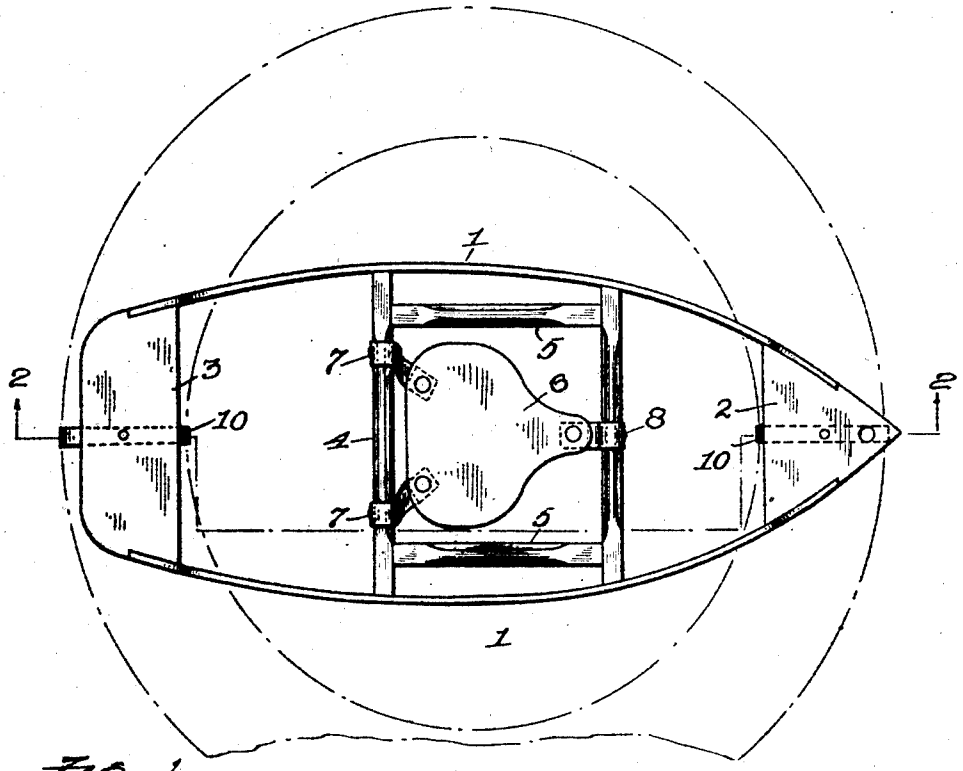


Fig. 1.

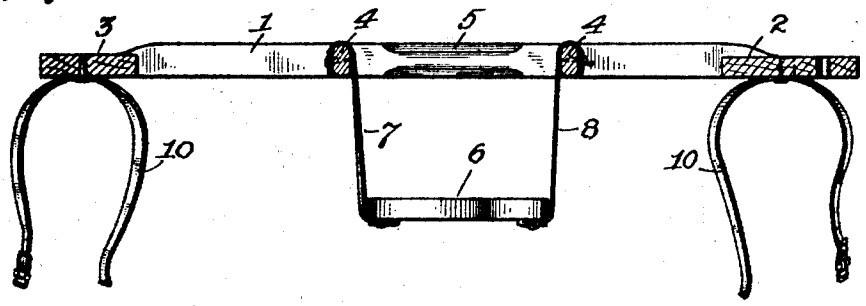


Fig. 2

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The invention relates to an aquatic amusement device adapted to be associated with an annular float, such as an inflatable annulus of rubber, to support an occupant in sitting position in the water, and comprises a rigid open frame, preferably boat-shaped in outline, having a seat suspended therein to be straddled by the occupant, and means for attaching the frame to the float in spanning relation thereto.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Fig. 1 is a plan view of the device as applied to an annular float.

Fig. 2 is a section on line 2—2 of Fig. 1, with the float omitted.

Referring to the drawings, which illustrate the preferred embodiment of the device, 1, 1 indicate the side members of an open frame, which members consist of outwardly bowed strips of wood or the like conforming generally to the gunwales of a boat, which strips are connected at front and rear by cross braces or bridge pieces 2 and 3, respectively, which complete the general boat-like contour of the frame. While the contour of the open frame is generally that of a bateau, it will be understood that it may be given any other suitable or desired configuration, as, for example, with both ends pointed like a canoe or both ends flattened like a punt.

Preferably, the open frame is provided with a centrally disposed cross frame comprising transverse bars 4 secured to the side strips 1 by suitable fastening devices and longitudinal bars 5 interposed between the cross bars 4, said cross frame not only serving to strengthen the frame, but also constituting a guard for the occupant, particularly when the latter is a small child.

Suspended within the frame, and preferably attached to the cross bars 4 by flexible strips 7 and 8, is a seat 6 substantially saddle-shaped and adapted to be straddled by the occupant, who will be supported in upright position with the legs and the lower part of the body submerged and the upper part of the body surrounded by the intermediate cross frame, the arms and legs being free.

Secured to the fore and aft sections of the frame are flexible straps 10, preferably provided with the usual buckles, by means of which the device may be secured to an annular float, such, for example, as an inner tube of a pneumatic tire, an inflatable rubber annular type of life preserver, or an open ring or frame of cork or other buoyant material. The frame is made of sufficient length to span the annular float and is secured to the latter by passing the ends of the strap around the body of the float and connecting the strap ends by a buckle, whereby the frame will be securely attached to the float. When not in use, the device may be quickly detached from the float and, if the latter is of the pneumatic type, it may be deflated so that both the device and the float associated therewith may be packed in a relatively small space.

As indicated, the device is designed to be made separate from the float and be associated with the latter, when in use. When applied to the float and occupied by a child, the latter will be safely supported in the water with complete freedom of movement of its arms and legs.

What I claim is:

1. An aquatic amusement device, comprising a rigid open frame including side strips and cross braces at the front and rear, a seat suspended from and within the frame, and means for securing the frame in spanning relation to an annular float.

2. An aquatic amusement device, comprising a rigid open frame including side strips and cross braces at the front and rear, a seat suspended from and within the frame, and straps for securing the frame in spanning relation to an annular float.

3. An aquatic amusement device, comprising a rigid boat-shaped open frame including bowed side members and cross braces at the front and rear, a seat suspended from and within the frame, and means for securing the frame in spanning relation to an annular float.

4. An aquatic amusement device, comprising a rigid boat-shaped open frame including bowed side members and cross braces at the front and rear, a seat, flexible strips suspending said seat from and within said

frame, and straps for securing the frame in spanning relation to an annular float.

5. An aquatic amusement device, comprising a rigid open frame including side strips, cross braces at the front and rear and intermediate cross bars, a seat suspended from said cross bars in pendant relation within the frame, and means for securing the frame in spanning relation to an annular float.

6. An aquatic amusement device, comprising a rigid open frame including side strips, cross braces at the front and rear and intermediate cross bars, a seat, flexible strips for suspending the seat from said cross bars, and means for securing the frame in spanning relation to an annular float.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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