

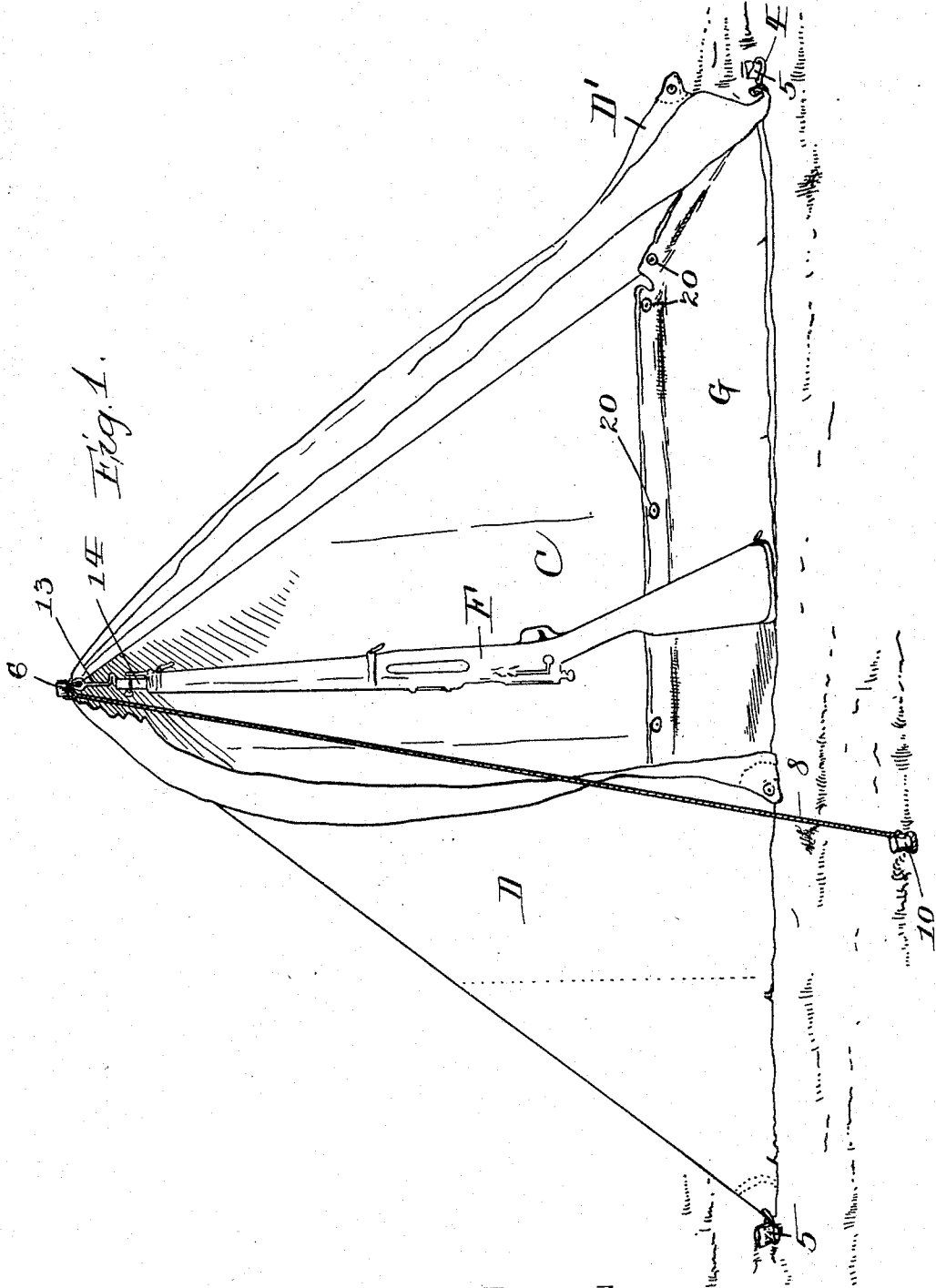
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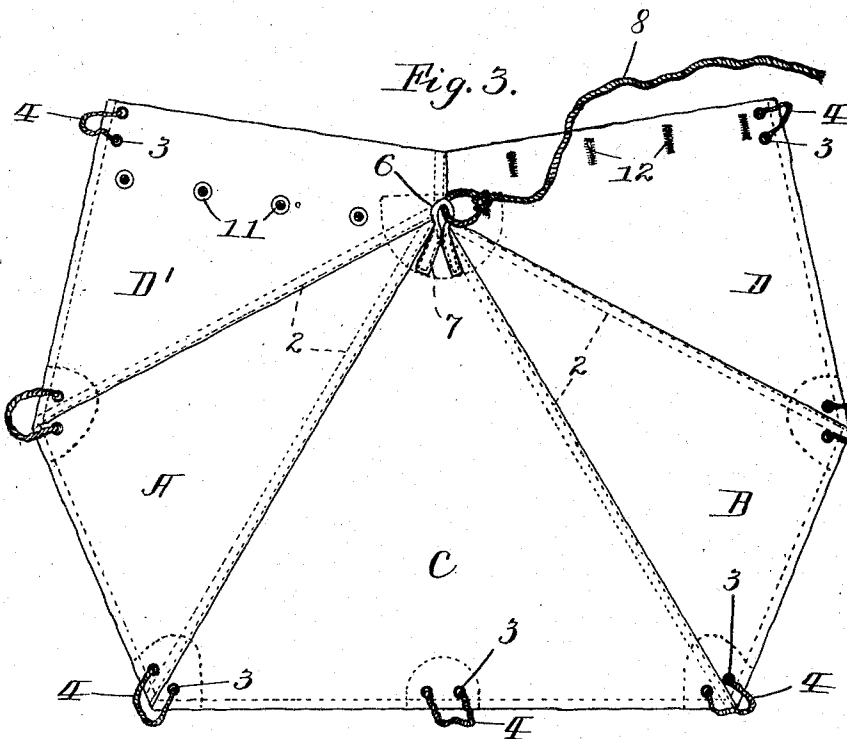
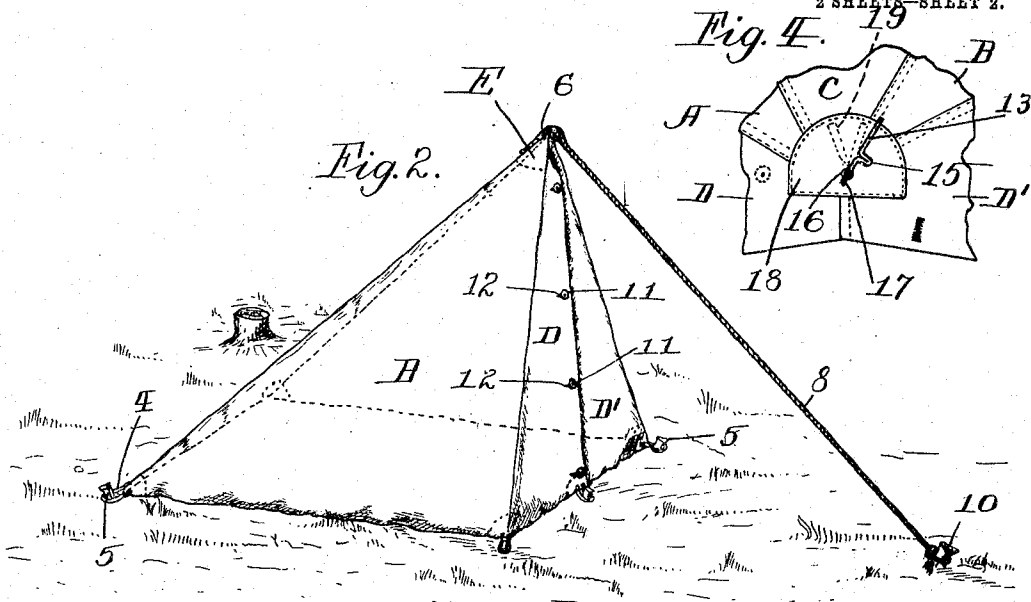
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GILBERT D. GEORGE, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Paul, in the county of Ramsey and State of Minnesota, have invented new and useful Improvements in Tents, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in tents and has for its object to provide a device of its kind which is primarily, although not exclusively adapted for army use and which can be set up without the use of ordinary tent poles in less time and with less labor than heretofore.

This invention is an improvement upon the tent described in my application for Letters Patent Serial Number 462,704 filed on November 14, 1908 by me. For use by the army and cruisers, it has an advantage over other tents in that a gun can be used in place of a tent pole.

In the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved tent when erected, part of the front portion thereof being open and a portion of one of the flaps broken away to expose the interior upper portion thereof to view; Fig. 2 is another perspective view on a smaller scale showing the tent closed; Fig. 3 is a plan of the tent when spread out and Fig. 4 is a view of a detail portion looking in the apex or peak thereof.

In the drawings A and B represent two sides, C the back and D—D' two flaps forming the front, all of said parts combining to form an inclosure. When these parts are in elevated position, the walls of the inclosure converge upward forming an apex E and the lower edges of the sides, back and front conform in shape to a square or rectangle. The back of the tent is nearly an equilateral triangle while the two sides are rightangle triangles. The portions forming the sides, back and flaps are secured together by means of seams 2 and at or near the lower angles of said back and flaps and the lower meeting angles of the flaps, perforations 3 admit loops 4 through which stakes 5 may be driven into the ground to secure the lower edges of the tent. The apex is provided with an outer loop 6 which is secured thereto by stitching 7 and through which a rope or cord 8 is passed to act as a guy cord for holding the tent in elevated position. The outer end of said rope is adapted to be secured to an anchor support such as the stake 10 in the

ground. Buttons 11 passing through button-holes 12 are shown for holding the flaps closed.

To support the apex of the tent, a gun F is employed, the butt resting upon the ground or floor G and a pin 13 being inserted in the upper end of the barrel 14 for holding the gun in the apex. The pin is offset to form a shoulder 15 and is formed with an eye 16. The shoulder 15 is adapted to impinge against the edge of the barrel of the gun so as to limit its insertion in the barrel and stitching 17 is passed through the eye of the pin and into a reinforcing strip 18 which is secured to the tent by the stitching 19. In this manner the pin is always secured to the tent and is not easily lost and when inserted into the upper end of the barrel of the gun prevents the gun from slipping out of place. Wearing of the parts is also reduced to a minimum. The floor G is shown detachably secured to the walls of the tent by the fastenings 20. The pin being in the apex prevents leakage.

In accordance with the patent statutes I have described the principle of operation of my invention together with the apparatus which I now consider to represent the best embodiment thereof, but I desire to have it understood that the construction shown is only illustrative and that the invention can be carried out by other means and applied to uses other than those above set forth within the scope of the following claims.

Having described my invention what I claim as new and desire to protect by Letters Patent is:—

1. A tent having an apex, an erector, and a separable coupling pin secured permanently to said tent in its apex and adapted to be detachably connected with said erector to assist in supporting said tent.

2. A tent having an apex, an erector, a coupling device having a shank, an eye at one end of said shank and a shoulder below said eye, and means passing through said eye for securing said device in the apex of said tent.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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