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Fig. 1.

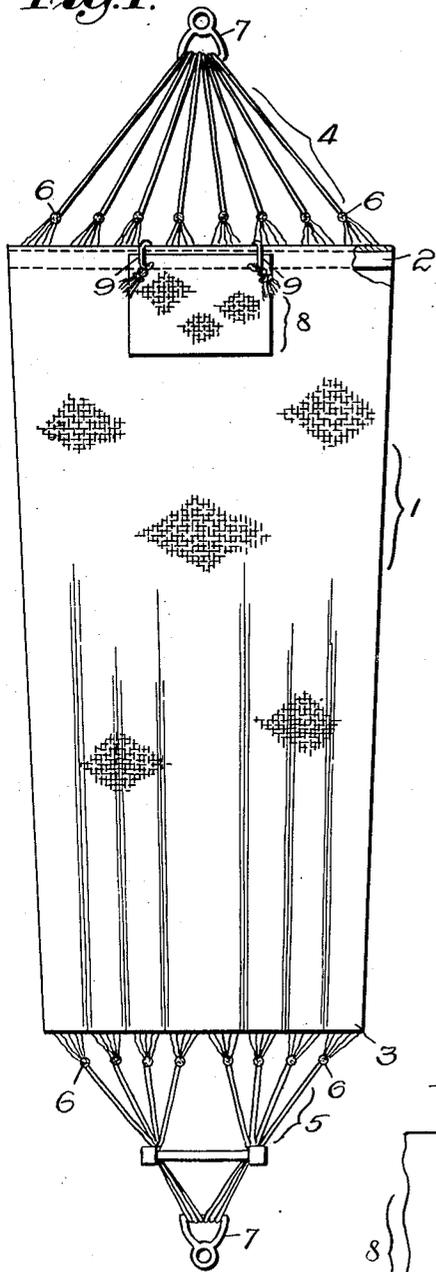


Fig. 2.

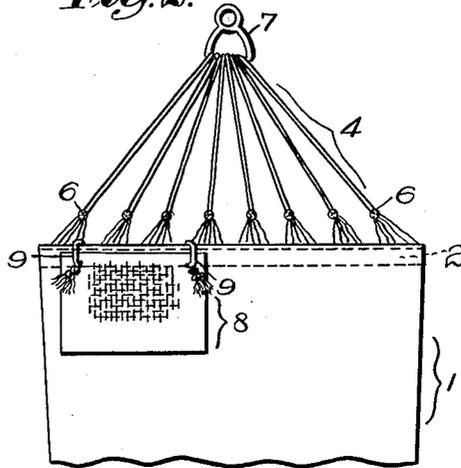


Fig. 3.

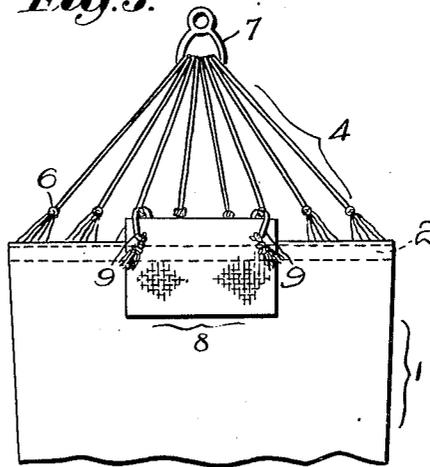


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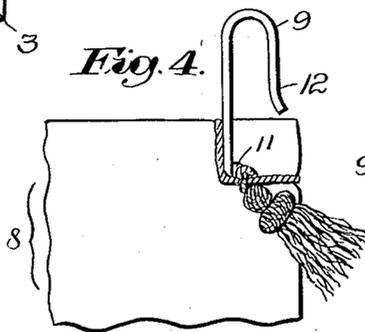
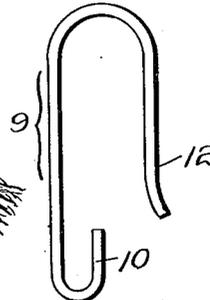


Fig. 5.



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This invention relates to hammocks of the non-couch type and pillows therefor, inasmuch as the primary purpose of my invention is to provide a pillow as hereinafter described, which may be positioned under the head of a person lying stretched out at length in the hammock, and without the head and shoulders being elevated more than occurs in the use of hammocks of the non-couch type.

In order that the principle of the invention may be readily understood, I have disclosed a single embodiment thereof in the accompanying drawing, wherein—

Fig. 1 is a plan view of the entire hammock of a non-couch type and representing the detachable pillow in one of its several possible positions of support by the spreader;

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the head end of the hammock and representing the pillow in another of its possible positions of support by the spreader;

Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2 and representing the detachable pillow as supported from the knots in the suspension cords;

Fig. 4 is an enlarged detail showing one of the hooks of the pillow, which is adapted to engage either the spreader portion or the suspension cords of the hammock; and

Fig. 5 is a side elevation of one of the said hooks.

Hammocks of the non-couch type have long been provided with pillows. So far as I am aware, however, they have generally constituted an integral or permanently attached portion of the hammock being either secured flatwise throughout their extent against the body of the hammock from edge to edge of the latter, or permanently secured along their entire upper edges to the body of the hammock. It is the purpose of my invention to provide an improved pillow which is detachable from the hammock of the non-couch type, and, being preferably of materially less length than the width of the hammock may be positioned at a number of different points transversely of the hammock at the head end thereof. In a hammock of the type represented in Fig. 1, the occupant frequently finds it more comfortable to lie diagonally in the hammock in which case the pillow may be engaged either with the head end spreader or with the suspension cords, well toward one edge of the hammock as hereinafter more fully stated. Inasmuch as the pillow may be engaged or supported either by the spreader or by the knots of the suspension cords, it is evident that in the

latter case the pillow is supported at such a point as to add in effect about four inches to the length of the hammock which is an advantage in the case of tall people. If not wanted, the pillow may be disengaged from its support and removed from the hammock, which latter is used without any pillow.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, I have in Fig. 1 represented the entire non-couch hammock at 1. It is provided at its head end with a spreader 2 but at the foot end 3 no spreader is shown. It is also provided at each end with suspension cords 4 and 5 which, as usual, are knotted at 6, from which points they extend to the suspension rings 7. While any suitable hammock suspension means may be provided, I desirably, as here indicated, provide at each end of the hammock one continuous piece of cord, starting at the group of loops at one end corner of the hammock and from there running back and forth between the suspension rings and the succeeding group of loops, a knot being formed at each engagement of the ring and loops. My invention, however, is obviously not limited to the use of the pillow herein described with any particular suspension means, except as set forth in the claim. The hammock may obviously be made of any suitable material, preferably being woven, and may be provided with the usual valances, etc.

The pillow to which this invention is more particularly directed, and which is peculiarly intended for use in a non-couch hammock, is indicated generally at 8 in each of Figs. 1, 2 and 3. It may be made of any usual material, being preferably woven and stuffed or filled as usual. The pillow, in the selected embodiment of the invention, is shown as of less length than the width of the hammock. The length of the pillow may, however, be varied substantially within the scope of the invention.

Instead of being permanently connected to the hammock as an integral part thereof at both its upper and its lower edges, or at its upper edge only as heretofore in this type of hammock, I provide the hammock and the pillow with interengaging or co-acting hook means whereby the pillow is detachably and adjustably connected with the head end portion of the hammock at any desired position widthwise of the hammock. For this purpose of detachably and adjustably connecting the pillow and the hammock, any suitable hook means may be provided. I have herein for the purpose represented the pillow 8 as provided with two metallic hooks 9, the structure or shape

of which is represented in detail in Fig. 5. Each hook is provided with a turned back end 10 that is inserted through a hole formed in the pillow as indicated at 11. Such pillow may, if desired, be reinforced as by an eyelet or other means so that the hook will not tear out. At its opposite end, the hook has a prolonged bent portion 12 of sufficient extent and shape to permit it to be engaged either over the spreader portion 2 at the head end of the hammock so as to grip the spreader, as indicated in Figs. 1 and 2, or to engage among the suspension cords above the knots 6 of the suspension cords, as indicated in Fig. 3. This latter method of support provides in effect several additional inches to the length of the hammock. It is possible, in accordance with my invention, to support the pillow anywhere along the spreader 2 or anywhere among the suspension cords above the knots 6 of the suspension cords. It will be noted that the series of knot-like formations extends entirely across the hammock head in parallelism to said spreader and in proximity thereto. The hammock body is not modified to receive the pillow and the means for adjusting the pillow both transversely and lengthwise the hammock is such that the adjustment is effected without structural variation of the hammock body or penetration of said hammock body.

30 Having thus described one illustrative embodiment of the invention, it is to be understood that although specific terms are employed, they are used in a generic and descriptive sense and not

for purposes of limitation, the scope of the invention being set forth in the following claim.

I claim:

In combination, a hammock of the non-couch type consisting wholly of a fabric provided at its head end with a transversely extending spreader, said hammock having at its ends, and extending entirely across the same, a series of laterally spaced suspension cords converging to suspension rings, said cords having at the head end knot-like formations adjacent to said spreader and extending in a series across the hammock head in parallelism to said spreader, and permitting the supporting engagement of pillow supporting hooks at any of said knot-like formations across the said head end, said hammock being unmodified throughout its body to provide supporting or attaching means for a pillow; and a pillow structurally distinct from the said hammock and of materially less length than the width of the hammock, said pillow having connected thereto at two widely separated points, at least along its upper edge, hooks constituting the only pillow supporting means and adapted alternatively detachably to grip or engage in a pillow-supporting relation over the spreader at the head end of the hammock or to engage any of the said knot-like formations of the suspension ends, so as to be supported thereby, whereby the pillow is adjustable transversely and lengthwise the hammock without structural variation or penetration of the hammock body.

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