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FIG. 3.

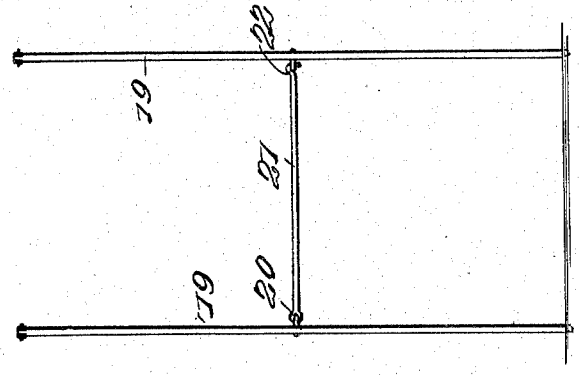


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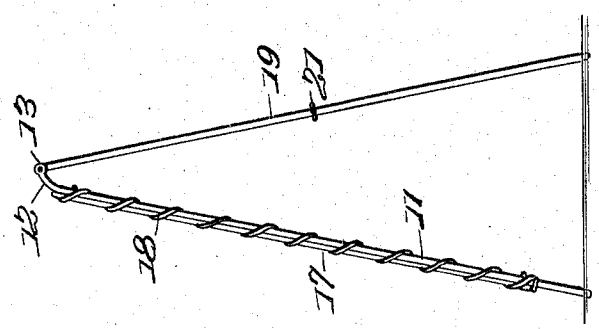
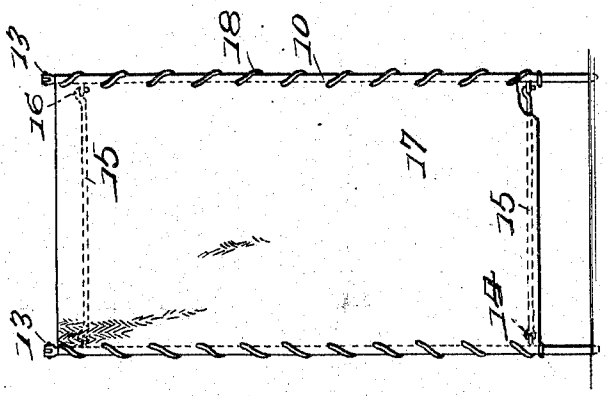


FIG. 1.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ERNEST G. LINDBLOM, a citizen of Sweden, residing at Providence, in the county of Providence and State of Rhode Island, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Back-Rests, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has relation to back rests, and the nature and objects thereof will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art to which it appertains in the light of the following explanation of the accompanying drawings, illustrating what I now believe to be the preferred embodiment, or mechanical expression of my invention, from among other forms and arrangements within the spirit thereof or the scope of the appended claims.

However, an object of the invention is to provide a back rest of a portable nature designed to be erected upon the ground to support the back of a person sitting upon the ground, or reclining.

Another object of the invention is to provide a back rest of the character above set forth including a collapsible frame with means for stretching a strip of canvas taut when the same is in an extended position, and hingedly mounted props to retain the frame in an upright position.

In addition to the foregoing my invention comprehends improvements in the details of construction and arrangement of the correlative parts to be hereinafter more fully described and particularly set forth in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings in which similar and corresponding parts are designated by the same characters of reference throughout the several views in which they appear;

Figure 1, is a view in front elevation of a back rest constructed in accordance with my invention.

Fig. 2, is a view thereof in side elevation, and,

Fig. 3, is a view in front elevation of the props, illustrating the manner in which they are connected.

With reference to the drawings, 10 indicates generally a frame consisting of a pair of uprights 11 having their upper ends bent laterally as at 12 and formed with apertured ears 13 one pair of ears being formed on the upper end of each upright. Each upright is furthermore formed adjacent its upper and lower end with eyes 14, or said eyes may be removably connected thereto whereby the eyes may be connected together by means of spacing member 15, a pair of which are provided for connection to opposed eyes at the upper and lower ends of the uprights. The spacing members 15 may be permanently connected to one set of eyes and formed with hook shaped members 16 at their opposite ends to releasably engage the other set of eyes whereby to permit the supports to be collapsed and tied together when desired. When the uprights are spaced apart by means of the members 15 they form a rectangular frame upon which a strip of canvas 17 or the like may be supported. The marginal edges of the canvas being secured to the uprights by means of cord or the like 18. To the upper end of each upright 11 there is pivotally connected a prop 19, each prop being apertured at its upper end for insertion between the pairs of ears of the upright whereby the props may be extended downwardly in diverging relation to the supports as shown in Fig. 2. The props are each provided at points intermediate their ends with an eye 20, and said eyes are connected together by means of a spaced member 21 similar to the spaced members 15 similarly provided at one end with a hook shaped terminal 22 for releasable engagement in one of the eyes of the props.

Thus it will be seen that by disconnecting the spacing members 15 and 21 the props may be tied together as well as the uprights, and the entire structure encompassed within a relatively small space. The strip of canvas 17 being secured to the uprights, it will be apparent that the props may be folded within the strip and the entire structure rolled up permitting transportation thereof in a convenient manner. At the place of use, the supports are unfolded and spaced apart by members 15 and the props moved in diverging relation to the uprights as shown in Fig. 2 whereupon the back rests may be utilized to form a support for the back of a person, sitting or reclining upon a lawn. Other uses and advantages of this device will be readily apparent.

The foregoing description and the drawings have reference to what may be considered the preferred, or approved form of my invention. It is to be understood that I may make such changes in construction and ar-

rangement and combination of parts, materials, dimensions, etc., as may prove expedient and fall within the scope of the appended claim.

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

A backrest including a substantially rectangular frame member comprising parallel side bars, each provided at each end with an eye bolt, hook members swingingly connected to the eye bolt in one of the said side bars, and having their free ends provided with hooks adapted to engage the eye members on the other side bar whereby the two side bars may be held in spaced relation when the backrest is in operative position, a canvas covering having its marginal longitudinal edges fastened to the said parallel bars whereby the said canvas covering is held under a tension when the said hook members are in operative position, props pivotally connected to the upper ends of the said side bars, and means connected to the said prop substantially intermediate their ends to maintain the props in parallel relation.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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