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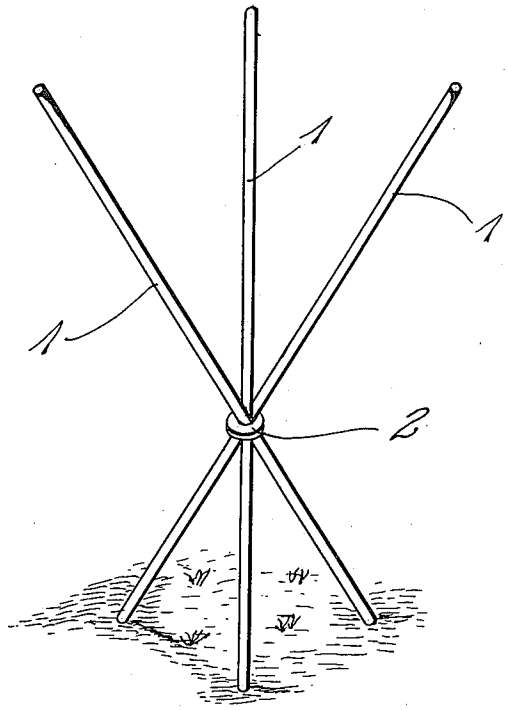
FIG. 1.



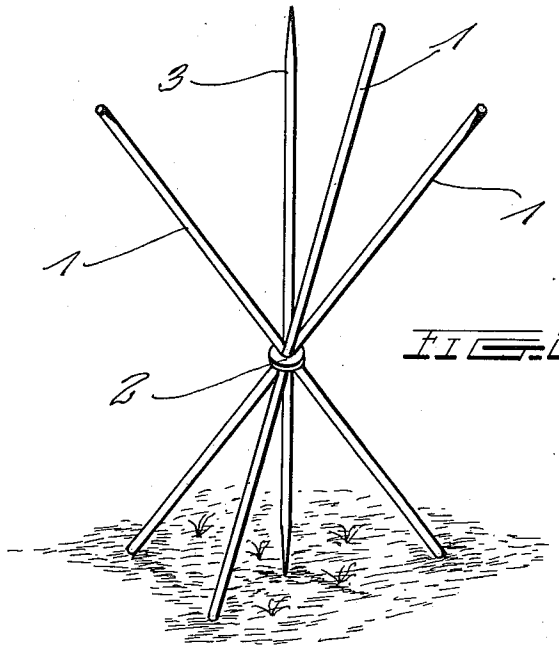




FIG. 2.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRANCIS M. BRADLEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Town Creek, in the county of Lawrence and State of Alabama, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hay-Stacking Racks; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention has for its object to provide a simply constructed and inexpensive, yet a highly efficient and durable device for supporting stacks of hay above the ground until they are cured, and with this general object in view, the invention resides in the novel features of construction and unique combinations of parts to be hereinafter fully described and claimed, the descriptive matter being supplemented by the accompanying drawing which forms a part of this specification and in which:

Figures 1 and 2 are perspective views of the two forms of my invention.

In the drawings above briefly described, the numerals 1 designate a plurality of inclined poles passing through a ring 2 and free to slide within said ring, it being intended that the lower ends of the poles shall be positioned in triangular relation and spaced sufficiently to rigidly support the device so that the hay may be stacked upon the upper ends of said poles.

The ring 2 will, in most cases, be formed of a single piece of metal although a chain, a wire, or a length of cord or rope could well be used.

In addition to the poles 1, Fig. 2 discloses a vertical central pole 3 sharpened at its ends and adapted to be forced into the ground to serve as an additional anchorage for the device and to reinforce the center of the stack, said pole passing through the ring 2 between the poles 1 as illustrated.

Both types of the invention will be inexpensive and easy to construct, yet they will be highly efficient for the purpose intended and probably for numerous other uses. The improved racks may be quickly and easily set up for supporting the stacks of hay and when their use is no longer needed, may be easily folded and totally disassembled if required.

I claim:—

A hay stack rack comprising a plurality of inclined poles crossing each other at a common point, a ring passing around said poles at this point, the lower ends of said poles adapted to be positioned in triangular relation in order to form a rigid support for the rack, and a central vertical pole passing loosely through said ring and having a sharpened lower end which is adapted to be forced into the earth, thereby anchoring the device.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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