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DEVICE FOR BEACH EQUIPMENT

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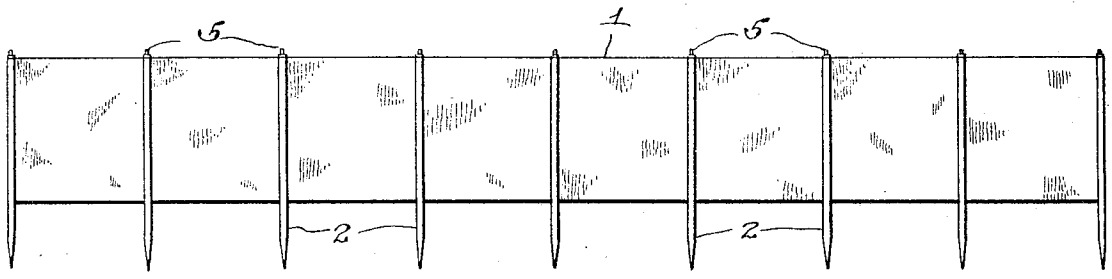

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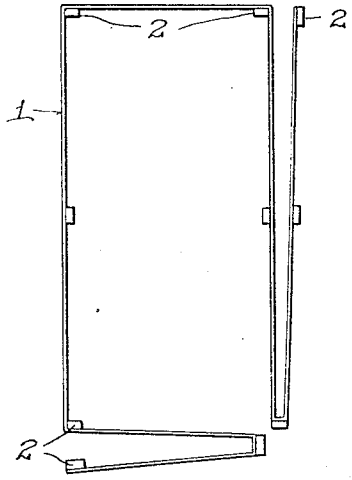

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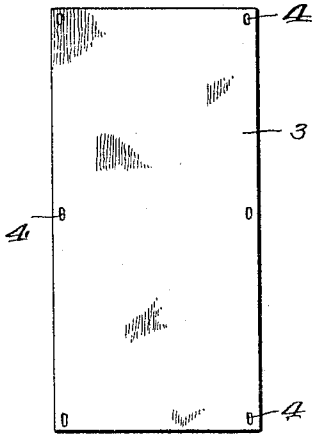

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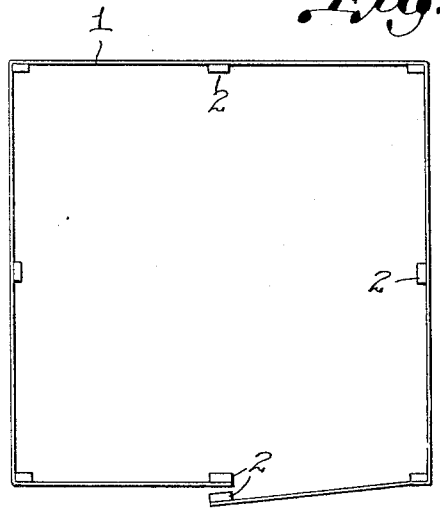

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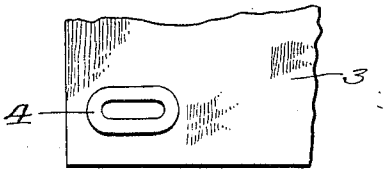

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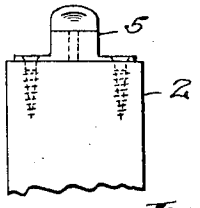

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1 Claim. (Cl. 135—5)

My invention relates to improvements in shelters for use at the beaches, in which a line of posts or stakes are used in conjunction with a strip of canvas or other flexible fabric, with detachable cover or covers for additional protection from the sun or from dampness; and the objects of my invention are, first, to provide a shelter or stockade which is susceptible of being rolled up into a compact bundle for transportation; second, to afford facilities for erecting the stockade in various positions or figures, as may be desired to better serve the occasion, some of which positions are illustrated in the accompanying drawing; third, to afford a protection or barrier for preventing other bathers from trampling upon or kicking sand upon clothing or persons within the stockade; to block chill winds and sand storms; to add comfort, protection and warmth around a bonfire or camp-fire at night parties on the beach; to afford entire or partial shade from the sun in daytime or shelter from the dew and dampness at night, by means of fastening one or more of the covers to the tops of the stakes.

While the stockades may be made in various heights, the low ones merely affording a fence around or partial protection of clothing or people within, I prefer and elect for my patent application, a stockade of sufficient height to allow the occupants to sit in an upright position, when the covers are fastened over the enclosure.

I attain the aforesaid objects by the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is an elevational view of the stockade, which is set up in a straight line; Fig. 2, a plan view of an arrangement of the stockade to accommodate one or two persons, in which position a single cover may be adjusted and fastened on same to cover a half or the whole of the enclosure; Fig. 3 is a plan view of a cover, showing the arrangement of the grommets; Fig. 4, a plan view of an arrangement of the stockade to accommodate three or four persons, whereon two of the covers may be adjusted to partly or wholly cover the enclosure; Fig. 5, a plan view of a part of the fabric cover, showing a grommet in one corner thereof; and Fig. 6, a vertical view of the upper portion of the pointed stake or post, showing an ordinary, swivel-cap curtain-fastener, affixed to the top of said stake. As the strip of canvas or fabric is flexible, the stockade may be erected in any desired arrangement to suit the location and occasion, the arrangements herein given merely illustrating some of its objects.

Similar numerals refer to similar parts througout the several views.

The strip of canvas or fabric 1 is secured to the side of the stakes or posts 2, at the upper portion of said stakes 2, sufficient length being left on lower or pointed end of the stakes 2 to allow said stakes 2 to be pressed down firmly into the sand on the beach. On the top or upper ends of said stakes 2 there is placed on each stake a swivel-cap curtain fastener. (See Fig. 6.) Said stakes 2 are spaced at regular or equal distances apart on said canvas 1, so as to accommodate the grommets 4, (see Fig. 5,) on the cover or covers 3. (See Fig. 3.) The curtain fasteners 5 are of sufficient size or length to accommodate two or three grommets 4 on a single fastener 5. After the grommet 4 is placed on the fastener 5, the swivel cap on the fastener 5 is turned crosswise, to prevent the cover 3 from being blown off by the breeze.

Before taking down the stockade for transportation purposes, the cover 3 is removed, the stakes 2 are pulled up from the sand, and the stockade can then be rolled up into a compact bundle.

I am aware that prior to my invention various tents, umbrellas and folding devices for beach and camp use have been made. I therefore do not claim such a combination broadly; but

I claim:

A tent and canopy device comprising a strip of flexible material having a plurality of supporting posts attached thereto and a cover having a plurality of detachable fastening elements in its periphery, the top ends of said posts each having complemental detachable fastening means mounted thereon, said cover being removably attachable through cooperation of said elements with said fastening means, all substantially as set forth.

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