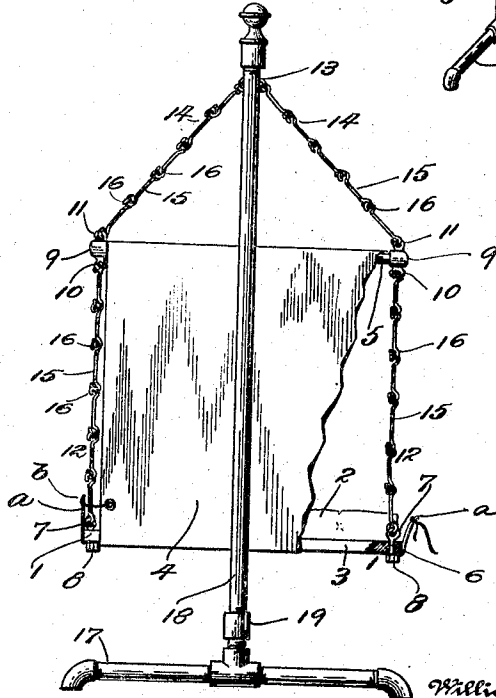
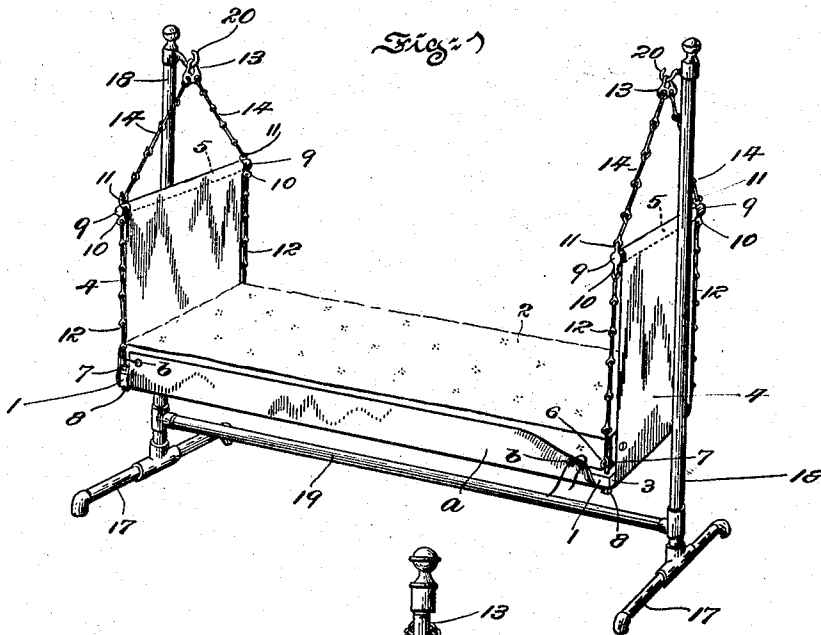


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM J. McBRIDE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Couch-Hammocks, of which the following is a specification.

Objects of the present invention are to provide suspension means whereby the frame of the hammock is supported at its four corners in order to prevent sagging of the hammock; to relieve the cloth ends of the hammock as well as the spreaders from weight or strain; to provide for keeping the body of the couch in a comfortable position, and to provide a structure and arrangement of parts by which these various objects are attained at a comparatively small cost and with an ornamental appearance.

The invention consists of the improvements hereinafter described and finally claimed.

The nature, characteristic features and scope of the invention will be more fully understood from the following description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, forming part thereof and in which:—

Figure 1, is a perspective view of a couch hammock of the invention, and Fig. 2, is a view in elevation with certain parts broken away to illustrate details of construction.

Referring to the drawings, a couch hammock, which may be of any of the well known constructions, is shown and briefly consists of a generally rectangular frame 1, carried by which is a mattress or seat 2. The end pieces 3, of the frame, may have cloth wings 4, provided with a spreader 5. In the present instance, use is made at each corner of the rectangular frame 1, of bolts 6, provided at one end with eyes 7, and screw-threaded at their other ends for the reception of nuts 8. These bolts are passed through the frame 1, and secured to place by means of the nuts 8, as clearly shown in Fig. 2. The side pieces of the same are shown as having flaps *a*, provided with eyelets *b*. These flaps serve to add a finished appearance to the hammock when tied to place. The ends of the spreaders 5, are provided with cap-like pieces 9, having projected therefrom eyes 10 and 11. Connecting the eyes 7, of the bolts 6, and eyes 10, of

the cap-like pieces 9, are rigid link-like members 12, yieldingly connected together and arranged in a substantially vertical manner or in other words parallel with the wings 4, of the couch hammock. Yieldingly interposed between the suspension ring 13, and the eyes 11, of the cap-like members 9, are other link members 14, that radiate from the said suspension ring 13. The link members comprise bars 15, provided at each end with eyes 16, the said eyes being connected together as shown so as to afford movement between the links. By this construction and arrangement of parts a couch hammock may be supported at each corner as described, thereby serving to keep the hammock in a comfortable position when occupied and rendering it impossible for the hammock to sag. Clearly by this construction the end pieces or wings 4, as well as the spreader are relieved from weight or strain. In other words the hammock is suspended in such a manner that a person occupying the same, causes his or her weight to be evenly distributed with respect to the four corners of the hammock. As a convenient and simple couch hammock stand adapted for this particular kind of a suspension appliance, use is made of the stand shown in the drawings wherein 17, are members constituting a base, rising from which are standards 18, connected together near the base pieces by means of a distance or connecting member, 19. The top portion of the standards 18, are provided with hook-like members 20, adapted to receive the suspension rings 13. The stand may be conveniently made of tubing. As clearly shown in the drawings, the couch hammock when suspended within such a frame, presents a good appearance, due principally to the fact that the lines of the hammock and frame are all either vertical or horizontal. The present invention relates to an improvement upon the hammock shown and described in application, Serial #443,419.

What I claim is:

1. In a couch hammock a frame, cloth ends for said frame, spreaders for the cloth ends, suspension rings and rigid link-like members yieldingly connected together radiating from said rings and connecting the opposite ends of the said spreaders, and continued downward in a vertical manner, and attached to the respective corners of the hammock frame.

2. In a couch hammock a frame, cloth ends for said frame, spreaders for the cloth ends, caps for said spreader ends said caps having upper and lower eyes, suspension rings and link members, radiating from the said rings and connecting the upper eyes of said cap-like members and link members connected with the lower eyes of said cap-like members and continued downward in a vertical manner and attached to the respective corners of the hammock frame.

3. In a couch hammock a frame cloth ends for said frame, spreaders for the cloth ends, eye-bolts at the respective corners of said frame, suspension rings and rigid link members yieldingly connected together radiating from said rings, and connecting the spreader ends and continued downward in a vertical manner and connected with the eye bolts.

4. In a couch hammock, a frame, cloth ends for said frame, spreaders for the cloth ends, cap-like members for the spreader ends, said members having upper and lower eyes, a suspension ring, link members radiating from said ring and connecting to the upper eyes of said cap-like members, and link members connected between the lower eyes of said cap members and the respective corners of the hammock frame.

5. In a couch hammock a frame, cloth ends for said frame, spreaders for the cloth ends, suspension rings, link members radiating from said rings and connecting the spreader ends and link members connecting the spreader ends and the respective corners of the hammock frame.

6. In a couch hammock, a frame, eye bolts at the respective corners thereof, nuts for securing said eye bolts to the frame, cloth ends for said frame, spreaders for the cloth ends, caps fitted over the ends of said spreaders to conceal the ends thereof, said caps being equipped with upper and lower eyes, suspension rings, a multiplicity of rigid links provided at their respective ends with eyes yieldingly connected together radiating from the suspension rings and connecting the upper eyes of the respective spreaders, and similar links connecting the lower eyes of said caps and continued downward in a vertical manner and connected with said eye bolts, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name:

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