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Fig. 1.

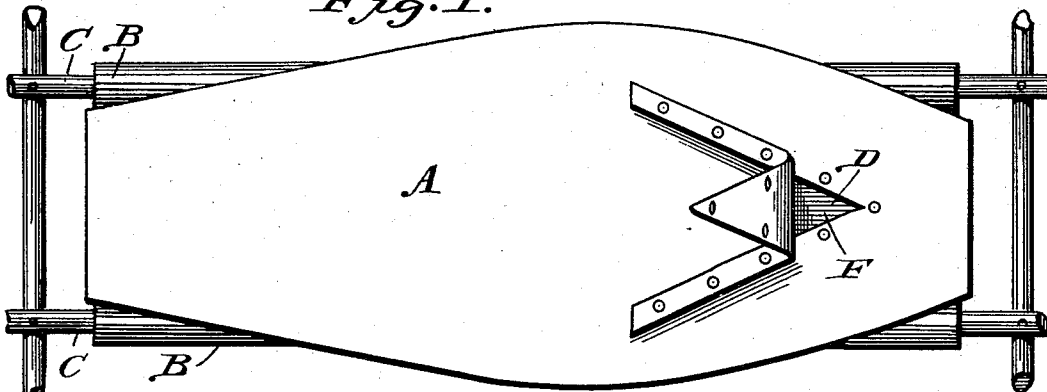


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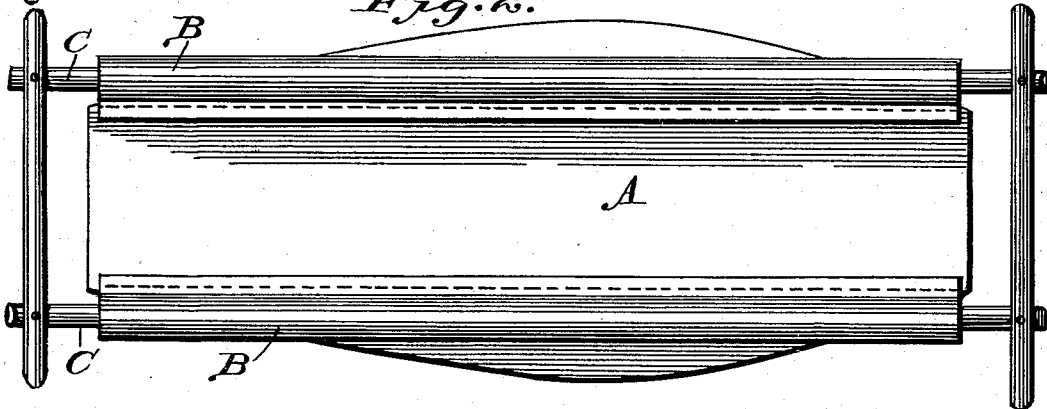


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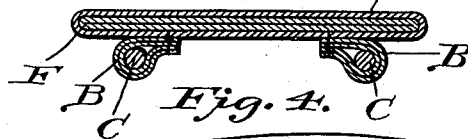
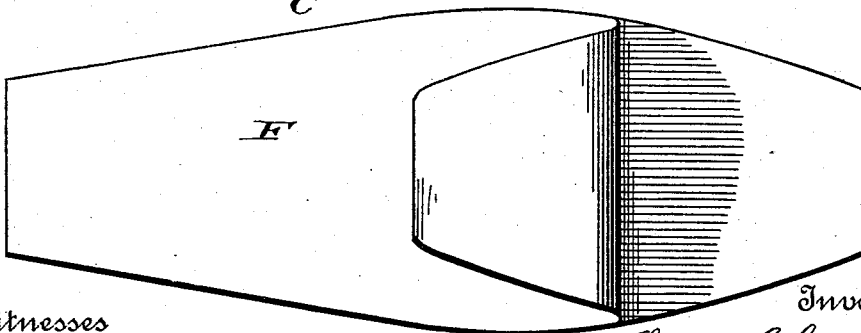


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS COLEMAN PHELPS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newton, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Camping-Bags; and I do hereby 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 relates to certain new and useful improvements in camping paraphernalia; and it has for its objects, among others, to provide a combined sleeping-bag and hammock or bed which can be quickly set up and which, when in position, will make a light, warm, and very comfortable bed. It comprises a bag of peculiar shape and of any suitable material, having its under side attached to the edges of strips, which are doubled and adapted to receive poles or saplings, which may be supported by crotched stakes or on rocks or logs or any other convenient means to raise it the required distance above the ground. There may be any desired number of bags, one within the other, so that a person may have more or less over him, according to the weather, the bags being so arranged that the less the party has over him the more he will have under him, and hence the softer and more comfortable the bed.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will hereinafter appear and the novel features thereof will be specifically defined by the appended claims.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which, with the letters of reference marked thereon, form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a view of the bag set up as a bed. Fig. 2 is a view looking at the under side. Fig. 3 is a cross-section through the same. Fig. 4 is a view of one of the inner bags.

Like letters of reference indicate like parts throughout the several views.

Referring now to the details of the drawings by letter, A designates the outer bag, of any suitable material, the outlines of which are preferably as shown, so as to save material and weight. It is provided upon its under side with two strips B at suitable dis-

tances apart and whose edges are secured thereto in any suitable manner, being doubled so as to receive poles or saplings C, the ends of which may be supported from the ground and kept apart in any convenient manner. This gives one a comfortable springy bed and also keeps him from the ground and dampness, and the bag can be used for transporting the camp materials when not in use for a bed. This combination is considered a valuable one.

The bag is provided upon its upper side with an opening D, which is similar to an equilateral triangle, the base being about the waist and the point near the head, as shown. This opening may be covered and fastened up to the desired degree, the sides thereof being provided with suitable buttons and buttonholes, as shown. However, any preferred fastening could be employed. Inside of this exterior bag there may be any desired number of other bags of any suitable material and nested together, as shown, being cut with outlines similar to those of the outer bag, but open along the sides from about the waist up instead of having the triangle arrangement. This construction prevents whatever wind or dampness that may leak through the opening of the outer bag from reaching the wearer. Each of these inner bags F may be held temporarily in its relative position by being attached to the next outside one at the head and foot in any suitable manner. The different bags may be removed and separated for the purpose of airing or drying. One or more of these inner bags may be used as a covering and the arrangement is such that when it is not desired to use the inner bags for a covering they may be used to lie upon.

What is claimed as new is—

1. A combined sleeping-bag and bed comprising an outer bag having transverse strips upon its under side and each doubled to receive a support, said bag having an opening upon its upper side substantially in the form of an equilateral triangle, and closing means for said opening, substantially as described.

2. A combined sleeping-bag and bed comprising an outer bag having transverse strips upon its under side and each doubled to receive a support, said bag having an opening

upon its upper side substantially in the form
of an equilateral triangle, and closing means
for said opening, and a plurality of independ-
ent bags nested together within the outer bag
5 and of similar outline and provided with
openings along the sides, substantially as de-
scribed.

In testimony whereof I have signed this
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