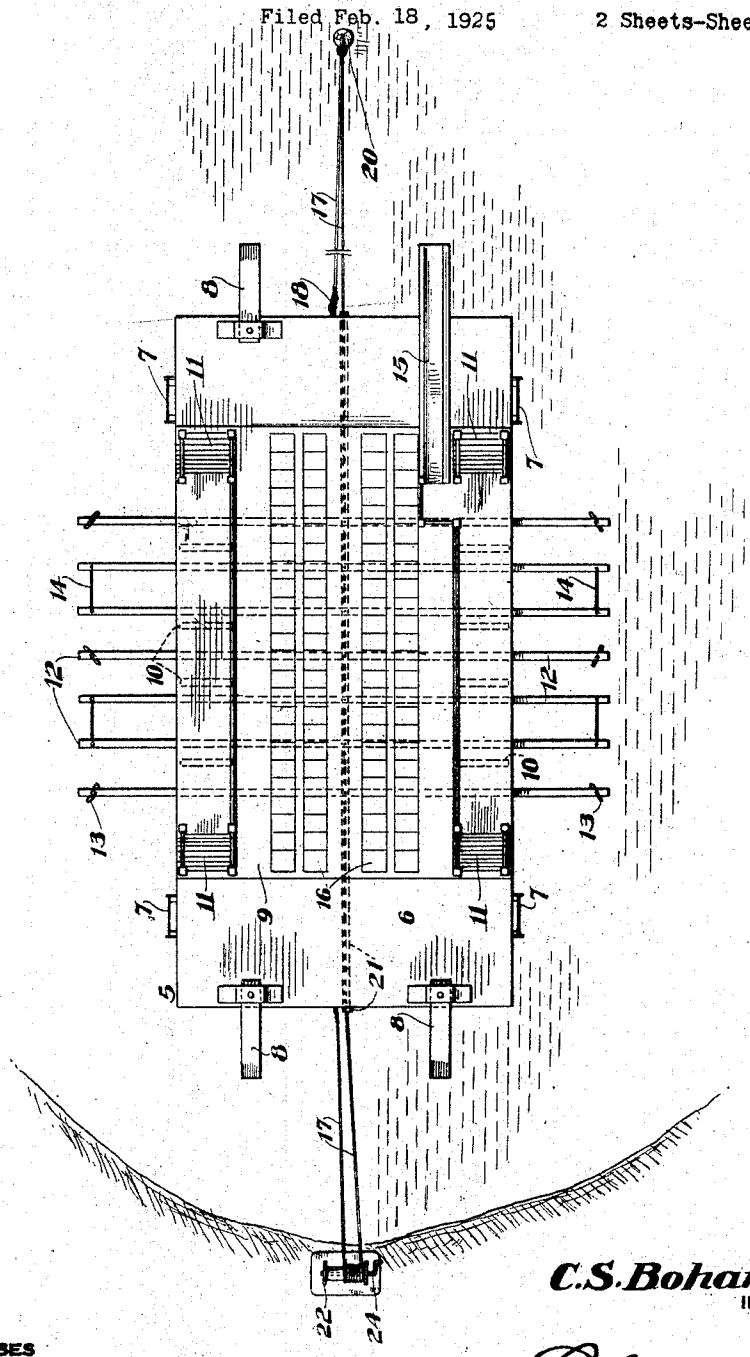
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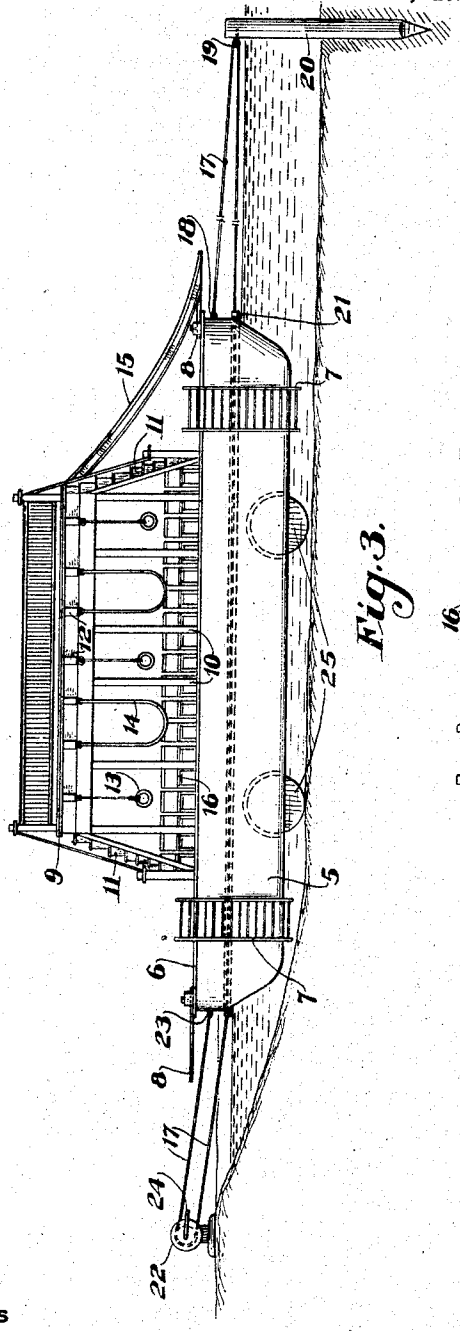


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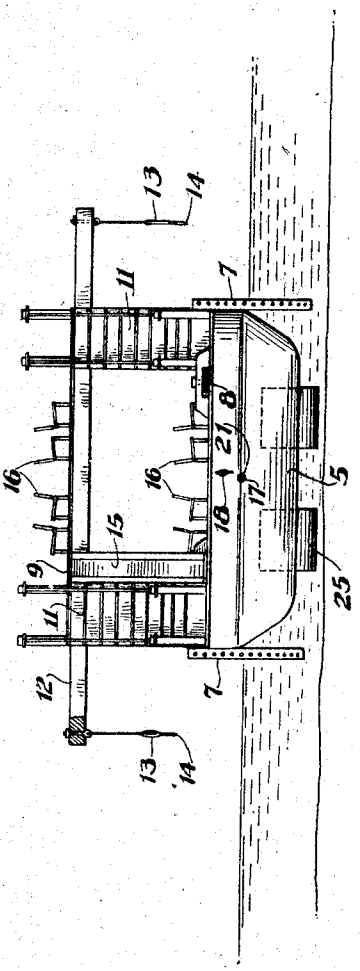


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLAUDE S. BOHANNON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Nokomis, in the county of Sarasota and State of Florida, have invented a new and useful Bathing Barge, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a boat in the nature of a barge adapted to be used for recreational purposes.

The general object of the invention is to provide a boat of this type, primarily designed to be used as a floating base for bathing and diving, and equipped also with various other devices to be used for exercise, amusement or repose. Another important feature of the invention is the provision of means whereby the boat may be moored at some distance off shore, and may be easily moved back and forth between its mooring place and a point on shore, where it may be drawn either partly or wholly out of the water.

The invention will be more specifically described in connection with the accompanying drawings, which illustrate one form in which the invention may be embodied.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a plan view of the invention.

Figure 2 is a side elevation thereof.

Figure 3 is an end elevation thereof.

The invention, as illustrated, comprises a flat bottomed boat or barge, having a hull 5 of sufficient capacity to support the desired super-structure and any desired number of bathers and spectators. The upper surface of the hull forms a lower deck 6, which is provided at the sides with companion ladders 7 to enable the bathers to easily reach the same from the water. A number of diving boards 8 project over the edges of the deck 6.

The super-structure comprises an upper deck 9, supported by suitable stanchions 10, and easily reached from the lower deck by means of steps or ladders 11 at either end. A plurality of transverse beams or girders 12 are secured to the upper deck, and project over the water to provide supports for trapeze rings 13, and for swings 14. An inclined chute or slide 15 may also be secured to one end of the upper deck, with its lower end overhanging the water. The upper deck may also be used for high diving. Rows of seats 16 may also be provided on either or both decks for the convenience of the bathers and for spectators.

The postion of the boat or barge is determined by means of a cable 17, which is secured at one end to the outer end of the hull, as at 18, and passes thence over a sheave 19 mounted on a buoy or mooring post 20, located at some distance off shore where the water is deep enough for the enjoyment of aquatic sports. From the sheave 19, the cable passes shoreward, and through a tubular guideway 21 extending from end to end of the hull near its longitudinal center, and near the water line. The cable passes thence about a winch 22 located on the shore, and has its inner end secured, as at 23, to the inner end of the hull 5. The winch 22 may be operated by means of a hand crank 24, or by any suitable power device, and when rotated in one direction will tow the barge outwardly toward the mooring post 20, and when rotated in the other direction will tow the barge toward the shore. The under side of the hull 5 is provided at each end with a pair of rollers 25, which, when the barge approaches the coast line, will engage and ride over the bottom, and provide supports by means of which the barge may be drawn inwardly until it is nearly or wholly out of the water.

From the foregoing description, it will be seen that a barge constructed in the manner described will afford means for supporting any desired number of amusements and recreation devices, the character of which may be varied as fancy dictates. It may be used either on inland lakes and streams, or on the ocean, and may be towed to any location desired. When installed in the manner indicated, it provides a perfectly clean and sanitary base from which all the various aquatic sports may be indulged in, and it may be conveniently moved off-shore or inshore to a point where the water is of the depth desired. In case a storm suddenly arises, the barge may be pulled to the shore in a few minutes.

While I have shown and described in detail the preferred construction of the invention, it is obvious that various modifications may be made in the size, shape and relative arrangement of the various features, as well as in the character of the devices

used thereon, without any material departure from the salient features of the invention as expressed in the claim.

What is claimed is:

A device of the character described comprising a barge provided with a continuous tubular guideway extending longitudinally through the hull thereof near the water line, a mooring station located off shore, a sheave supported by said station, a cable attached at one end to the outer end of the barge, extending thence about said sheave and through said guideway to a point on the shore and thence back to the inner end of the barge to which it is attached, and means located at said point on the shore to move the cable in either direction to tow said barge back and forth between the mooring station and said point on the shore.

In testimony, that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature.

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