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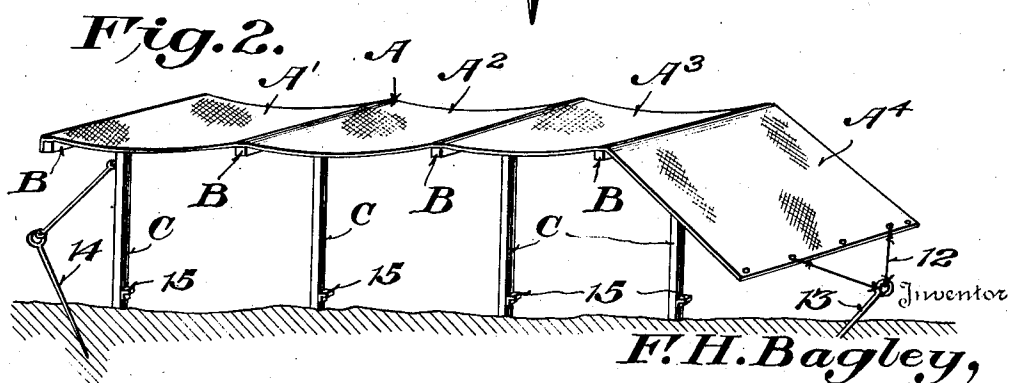
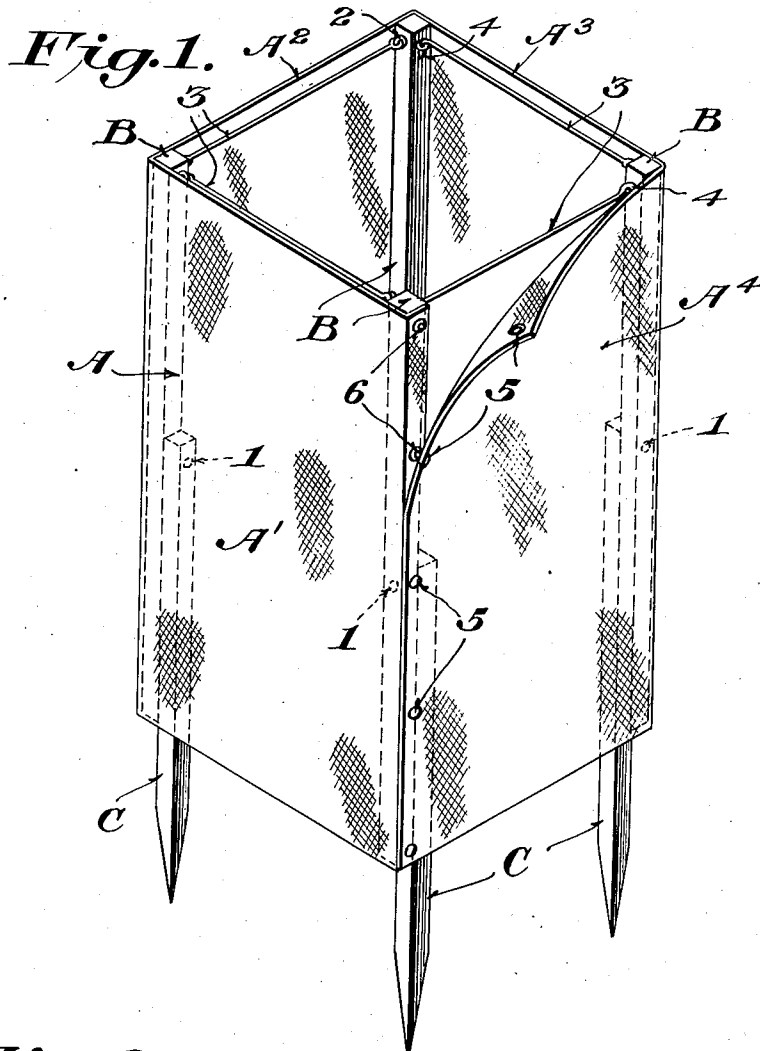
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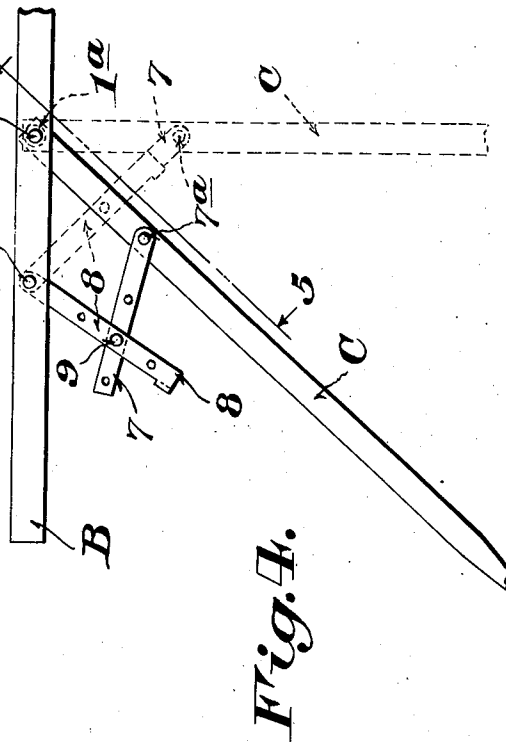
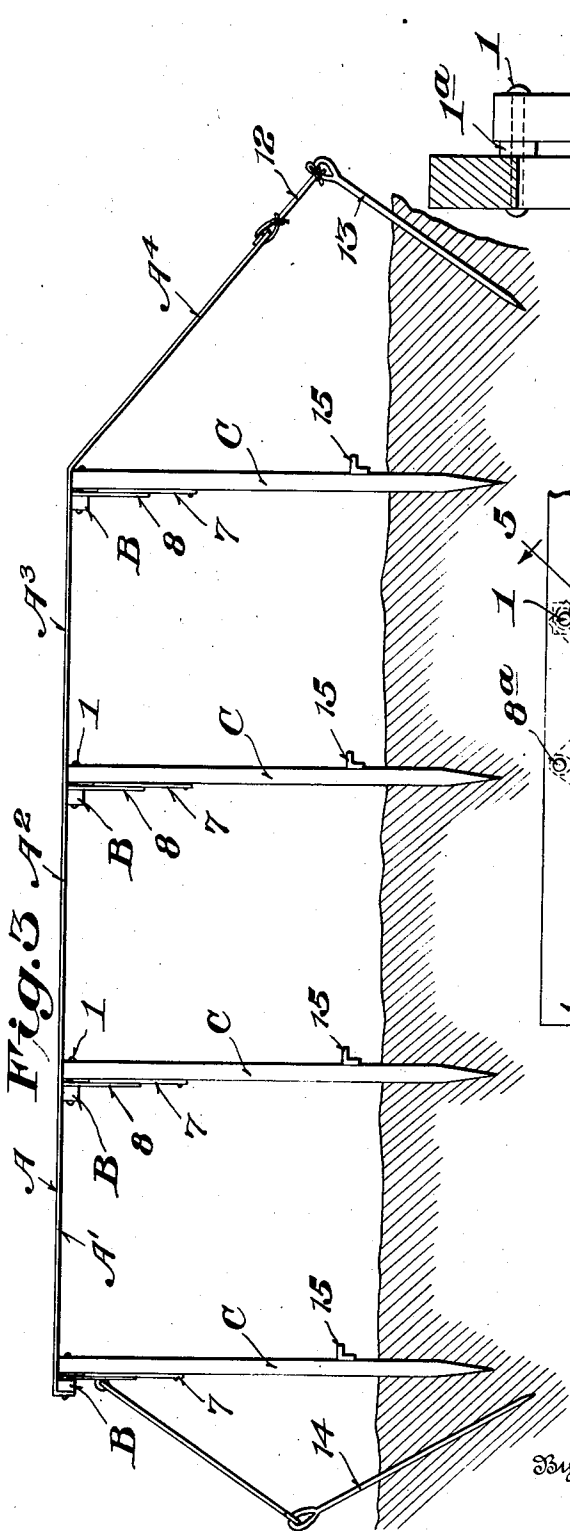
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This invention relates to a portable cabana, particularly adapted for use initially as an enclosure for permitting change to bathing attire, and which may be subsequently set up on the beach as a sun shade or tent after it has fulfilled its original purpose.

A primary object of the invention is to provide a portable device which requires a minimum of space in its knocked down condition, thereby making it readily transportable and stored, and which may be easily and quickly set up to provide an enclosure, so that an individual may have privacy while changing from street clothes to a bathing suit, and which can then be rearranged to utilize the canvas which has formed the enclosure to provide in effect an awning or umbrella to protect against direct exposure to the sun. In that connection, the invention contemplates a construction which can be readily set up by embedding portions thereof in the sand or earth to provide a full height enclosure accessible through one wall of the canvas, and then by removing parts of the device from the ground and lining them up, the portions which carry the canvas can be turned to a more or less horizontal position and form the sun shade.

With the above and other objects in view which will more readily appear, as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the novel construction, combination, and arrangements of parts, hereinafter more fully described, illustrated, and claimed.

A preferred and practical embodiment of the invention is shown in the accompanying drawings in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device set up as an enclosure or bath house.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the invention shown in Figure 1, suitably altered to provide a sun shade.

Figure 3 is a side elevation, similar to Figure 2.

Figure 4 is a detail elevation of the brace means for holding the canvas carrying struts in horizontal position when the device is used as a sun shade.

Figure 5 is a detail view taken at right angles to Figure 4, when the struts are upright to provide an enclosure or bath house.

Similar reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout several figures of the drawings.

Referring to Figure 1, it will be observed that the present device essentially includes a canvas covering designated generally as A and includ-

ing the sections A¹, A², A³ and A⁴. This covering is coextensive in width with and carried by a plurality of struts B, preferably about six feet long, so that when they are in their upright position, the canvas will provide a complete shield for the average grown person. By reason of the covering being carried by the struts it will be observed that the structure can be readily converted from one use to the other, as the mere turning of the struts brings the covering into either the upright position, as shown in Fig. 1, or into the horizontal position, as shown in Fig. 2.

The struts B are each pivotally connected substantially at their medial portions by suitable pivots 1 with a plurality of stake members C. These stake members are intended to be driven or pushed into the ground, so as to firmly anchor the entire device in position when it is used as a bath house, and later when it is used as a sun shade.

When the device is used as an enclosure or bath house, it is set up as shown in Figure 1. That is to say, the stake devices C are set in the ground in rectangular or equivalent enclosure forming relation, and the struts B are parallel therewith. In order to maintain the struts in proper relation at the top, one of the inner sides of each strut carries an eye 2 adapted to receive the hook portion of an elongated hook member 3 carried by an eye on the adjacent face of the opposite strut member. As will be apparent, from Figure 1, when all of the hook members 3 are properly positioned, the upper end of the enclosure will be adequately braced. Of course, the lower ends of the struts B will be properly braced because they are anchored in the ground by the stake members C.

The section A⁴ of the canvas is intended to be used as a door. In other words, the fourth section of canvas has one edge or extremity free, and is provided with suitable openings 5 at such free edge to engage with fasteners 6, carried by the outer face of the strut B.

When the device has served its purpose as an enclosure or bath house, two of the stake members C may be withdrawn from the earth or sand and lined up with the two stake members which are left remaining in the earth. Thus, when all of the stake members are aligned, the strut members B may be turned on their pivots 1 to a horizontal position, or to any desired angular position, thereby causing the canvas to assume a corresponding position, and serve as a sun shade.

The pivots 1 may be of the headed bolt type

with wing nuts thereon, or any equivalent form of fastening. However, in order to hold the struts in desired angular position, it is proposed to provide any suitable form of brace, such for example as shown in Figure 4, or any equivalent means. These braces may consist of the arms 7 and 8 respectively connected as at 7a with the stake members, and as at 8a with the strut members B. The arms are pivoted medially as indicated at 9 and have the stop members 10 to make the arms rigid when they are in alignment. For the purpose of accommodating the brace members, including the arms 7 and 8, the stake members C and strut members B are provided at the location of the pivot 1 with a spacing washer 11, as will be seen from Figure 5, which shows the strut and brace members in the position they assume when the device is used as an enclosure.

In order to steady the device when it is set up as a sun shade, the canvas section A⁴, which normally constitutes the door for the enclosure, may be tied by a suitable flexible connection 12 to a tent pin 13. Also the stake C opposite the canvas section A⁴ may be likewise connected by a suitable flexible connection with a tent pin 14.

Each of the stake members C may be provided with a driving lug 15 for the purpose of assisting the emplacement of the stakes in the earth or sand.

From the foregoing, it will be apparent that the present invention provides a construction which may be easily carried in an automobile and readily set up at a beach for the two-fold purpose of providing a bath house and a sun shade, thereby providing an economical device which adequately meets the essential needs of families, or parties visiting bathing beaches, or making excursions to similar outing fields.

I claim:

1. A device adapted to be used as a bath house and a sun shade, comprising a plurality of strut members, a flexible sheet carried by and connecting said strut members and having a free edge portion adapted to be detachably connected with one of the strut members when said strut members are arranged in rectangular formation to provide a bath house, a plurality of stake members pivotally connected at their upper ends with the medial portions of the strut members, whereby the strut members may be moved into angular relation to the stake members when said stake members are alined in a vertical plane, means connecting the stake members and the strut members substantially in the zone of the pivots for holding the same in position to provide an enclosure or sun shade, and means for connecting the free end of the flexible sheet with the ground when the struts are angularly disposed relatively to the stake members.

2. A device of the class described including four stake members, four strut members having their medial portions pivotally connected with the stake members, a flexible covering carried by the outer sides of the four stake members, one edge of said fabric covering being permanently connected to one of said strut members, and the other end of said covering adapted for detachable connection with said strut member having the covering permanently attached thereto,

whereby when the stake and strut members are assembled in rectangular formation the flexible covering forms an enclosure with a flexible door, said stake members and strut members being adapted to be moved out of rectangular relation into rectilinear alinement, whereby the strut members may be moved to an angular position relative to the stake members thereby to support the flexible covering in a relatively horizontal position, hook and eye means carried by the strut members for connecting the same when the stake and strut members are in rectangular formation, and means for connecting the ends of the fabric covering with the ground when the said covering is disposed in its substantially horizontal position.

3. A portable cabana convertible for use as a bath house and as a tent, comprising a plurality of stakes adapted for embedment in the ground in enclosure-forming arrangement or progressively in series, a strut member associated with each stake and having a pivotal connection therewith whereby the strut member may be turned into either a position substantially in line with the stake or into a position substantially at right angles thereto, and a flexible covering sheet carried by the struts and adapted to be wrapped around the stakes and struts when used in the form of an enclosure, and also adapted to be stretched out lengthwise in a substantially horizontal position to form a tent when the struts are turned to the aforesaid horizontal position.

4. A portable cabana convertible for use as a bath house and as a tent, comprising a plurality of stakes adapted for embedment in the ground in enclosure-forming arrangement or progressively in series, a strut member associated with each stake and pivoted at its medial portion thereto, whereby the strut member may be turned into a position substantially in line with the stake and constituting an upper extension thereof, or into a position substantially at right angles thereto, and a flexible covering sheet carried by the struts and adapted to be wrapped around the stakes and struts when used in the form of an enclosure, and also adapted to be stretched out lengthwise in a substantially horizontal position to form a tent when the struts are turned to the aforesaid horizontal position.

5. A portable cabana convertible for use as a bath house and as a tent, comprising a plurality of stakes adapted for embedment in the ground in enclosure-forming arrangement or progressively in series, and a strut member associated with each stake and having a pivotal connection therewith whereby the strut member may be turned either in a position substantially in line with the stake or in a position substantially at right angles thereto, a flexible covering sheet carried by the strut members and adapted to be wrapped around the stakes and strut members when the latter are arranged in the form of an enclosure and also adapted to be stretched lengthwise in a substantially horizontal position to form a tent when the struts are turned to a horizontal position, said flexible covering sheet having an extension at one end adapted to be held into position as a shade at one end of the structure when used as a tent.

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