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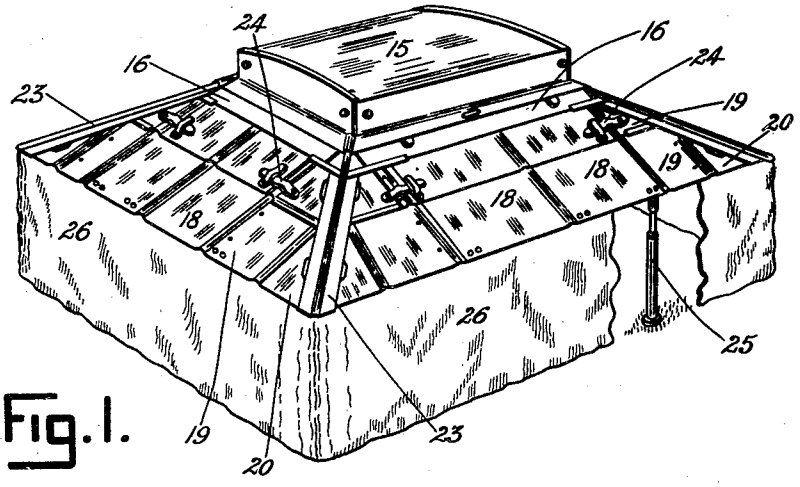


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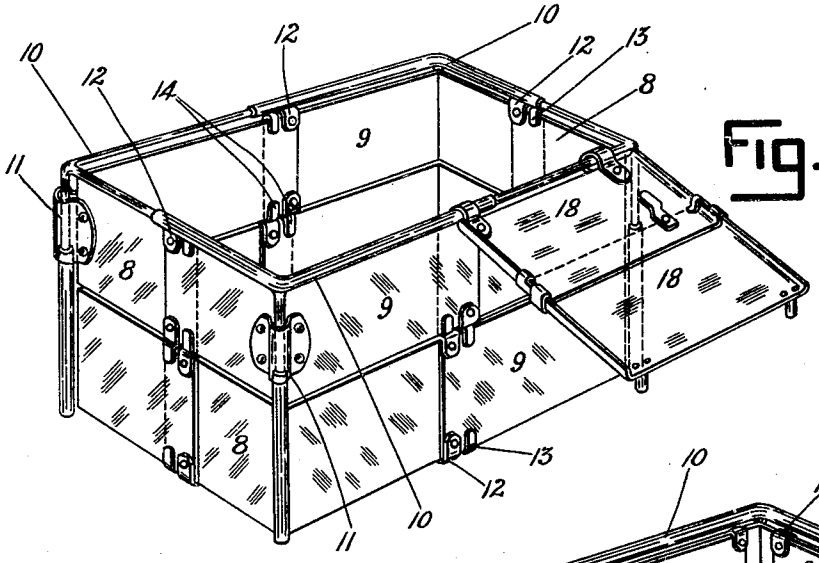


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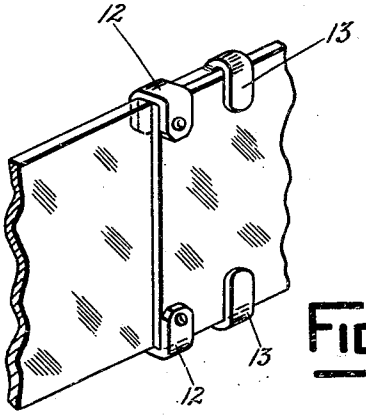


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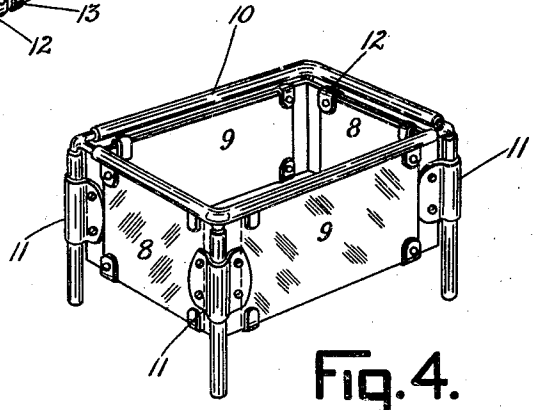


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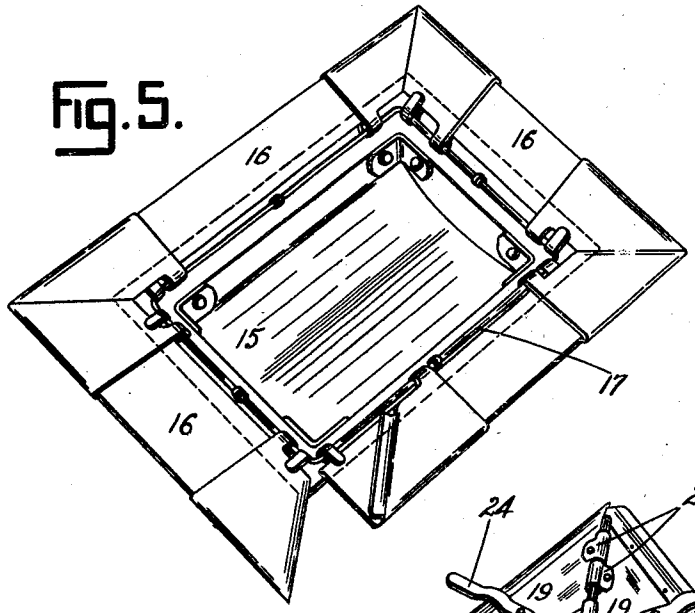


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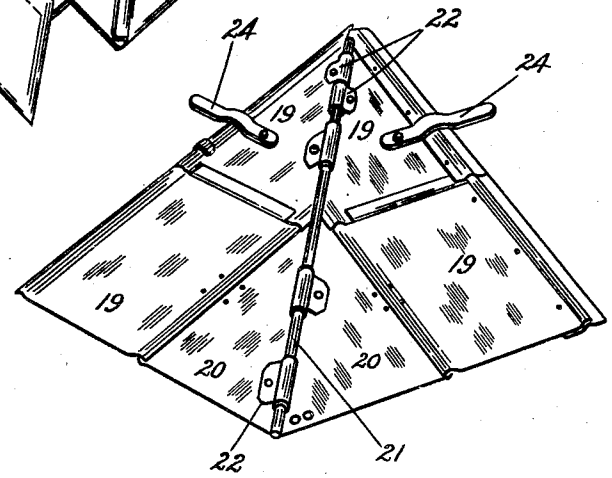
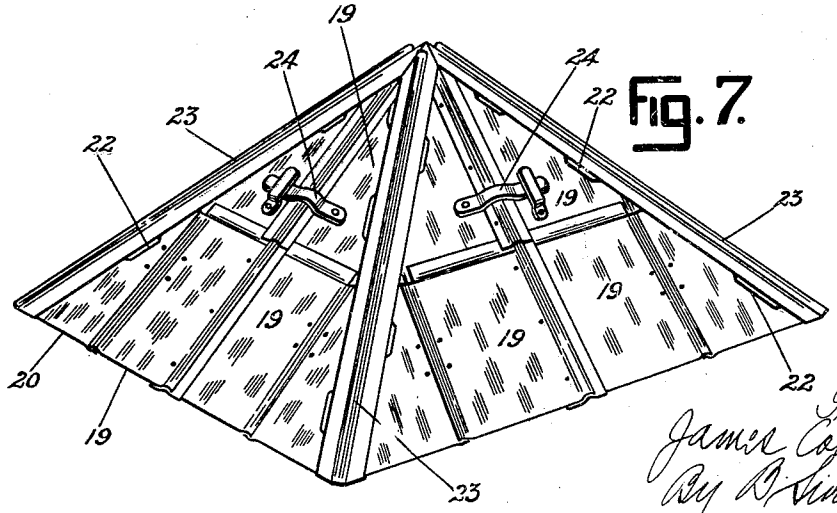


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This invention relates to improvements in portable camping outfits and particularly to apparatus adapted to be confined in a small space to facilitate transportation.

An object of the present invention is to devise means for the protection of motorists and others when camping out.

A further object is to provide a collapsible device which when not in use may be compacted into a small space, and when desired expanded and assembled to form housing means for persons desirous of camping out.

A still further object is to provide means of the above nature having triangular sectional members capable of forming the corners of a roof, or capable when disposed adjacent to each other of forming a pyramidal shaped shelter.

According to the invention I provide a plurality of sheet metal sections, some of which are adapted to form a box like body portion while others are adapted to form a roof, and verandah therefor.

The sections forming the body are adapted to slide one upon the other in such manner that the body can be telescoped longitudinally and transversely. A framework also capable of being telescoped is provided to support the body members. This framework has telescopic legs.

A roof member having a rigid cap portion and telescopic flap members is adapted to be mounted upon the body portion.

A verandah portion adapted to surround the body portion is formed from rectangular telescopic members, and telescopic and hinged triangular corner sections. These latter sections may be assembled without the body portion and rectangular members, to form a pyramidal shaped roofing or covering for use by those desiring to camp out.

The verandah portion is hingedly connected to the framework and is supported at its outer edges by telescopic stanchions, and may be surrounded by a canvas awning.

In use the device is extended to the size desired and is assembled upon the camping site; but when it is desired to move to another site the parts are telescoped into their smallest dimensions and will occupy very little space, in fact most of the parts may be placed in the telescopic body portion as a box, and carried upon a motor car, trailer or other vehicle.

But in order that the invention may be more readily understood, reference will now be made to the accompanying drawings wherein,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my portable camping outfit extended to its full capacity and showing the verandah portion surrounded by a canvas awning.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the body portion showing the sections and frame members extended to the maximum capacity and showing the method of attaching one of the rectangular members which are provided to form the verandah.

Figure 3 is a detail view showing the manner in which one rectangular member slides upon the adjoining member.

Figure 4 is a perspective view showing the body portion telescoped to its smallest capacity.

Figure 5 is a perspective view of the underside of the roof member showing the telescopic flap members attached thereto, one member being partly drawn back for the purpose of illustration.

Figure 6 is a perspective view illustrating the assembly of the triangular and hinged sections to form a corner for the verandah.

Figure 7 is a perspective view showing how the triangular sections may be assembled to form a shelter of pyramidal shape.

The body of the outfit is formed by two portions adapted to be placed one above the other. Each portion has telescopically sliding end sections 8 and similarly formed side sections 9. The upper portion of the body is loosely secured to a telescopic framework 10 by looped plates 11. If desired the framework 10 may be used without the sliding sections 8, 9.

The sliding sections 8 and 9 have lugs 12 and 13, see Figure 3, to enable one to slide over the other. Tongues 14 which may be formed integral with the lugs, are provided to support the upper portion of the body upon the lower portion thereof.

The roof member has a rigid cap portion 15 and telescopic flap members 16 which are adapted to form a flashing for the verandah portion, see Figure 1. The telescopic flap members 16 (see Figure 5) are slidable in a similar manner to the sections 8 and 9 and are hinged or clipped to the cap frame 17.

The verandah portion which is adapted to surround the body portion, is formed from rectangular telescopic members 18, one of which is shown in Figure 2, and corner sections of triangular shape. Each corner section consists of a sliding section 19 and a section 20 hinged thereto. The diagonal edges of the corner sections overlap one another and are secured by a rod 21 which is passed through straps 22 attached to the respective sections. The ridge capping 23 slides over the rod 21 into the position shown in Figures 1 and 7. The corner sections are secured to the rectangular members 18 by bolts or latches 24.

The outer edges of the verandah portions are supported by telescopic stanchions 25, and a canvas awning 26 may surround the verandah portion.

The triangular corner sections forming the verandah may be arranged around a suitable centre pole so as to form the pyramidal shelter shown in Figure 7.

I claim.

1. A portable camping outfit comprising a frame work, a roof member carried by the frame work, flap members and a cap frame carried by the roof member, a body portion for the frame work comprising telescopically sliding wall sections, said body portion having upper and lower parts, one of said parts being loosely secured to the said frame work; a verandah portion comprising rectangular telescopic members, triangular corner sections detachably connected together and hinged portions, the diagonal edges of which are adapted to overlap one another, means for locking the verandah sections to the rectangular telescopic members; and stanchions for supporting the other ends of the verandah portion.

2. A portable camping outfit comprising a frame having horizontally and vertically disposed telescopic members, a roof member resting on the frame and extending over a body portion, flap members and a cap frame carried by the roof member, said body portion for the frame comprising telescopically sliding upper and lower wall sections, one of said wall sections being detachably secured to the said frame, a verandah portion hinged to the frame and comprising rectangular telescopic members, triangular corner sections detachably connected thereto, the diagonal edges of which are adapted to overlap one another, means for locking the verandah sections to the rectangular telescopic members, and stanchions for supporting the outer edge of the verandah portion.

3. A portable camping outfit comprising a frame having horizontally and vertically arranged telescopic members, a roof member resting on the frame and extending over a body portion, flap members and a cap frame carried by the roof member, said body portion comprising upper and lower telescopically sliding wall sections adapted to be connected together, one of said sections being loosely secured to the said frame, a verandah portion comprising rectangular telescopic members, triangular corner sections detachably connected thereto, and hinged portions, the diagonal edges of said triangular portions being adapted to overlap one another, means for locking the verandah sections to the rectangular telescopic members, and stanchions for supporting the outer edge of the verandah portion.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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