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Fig. 1.

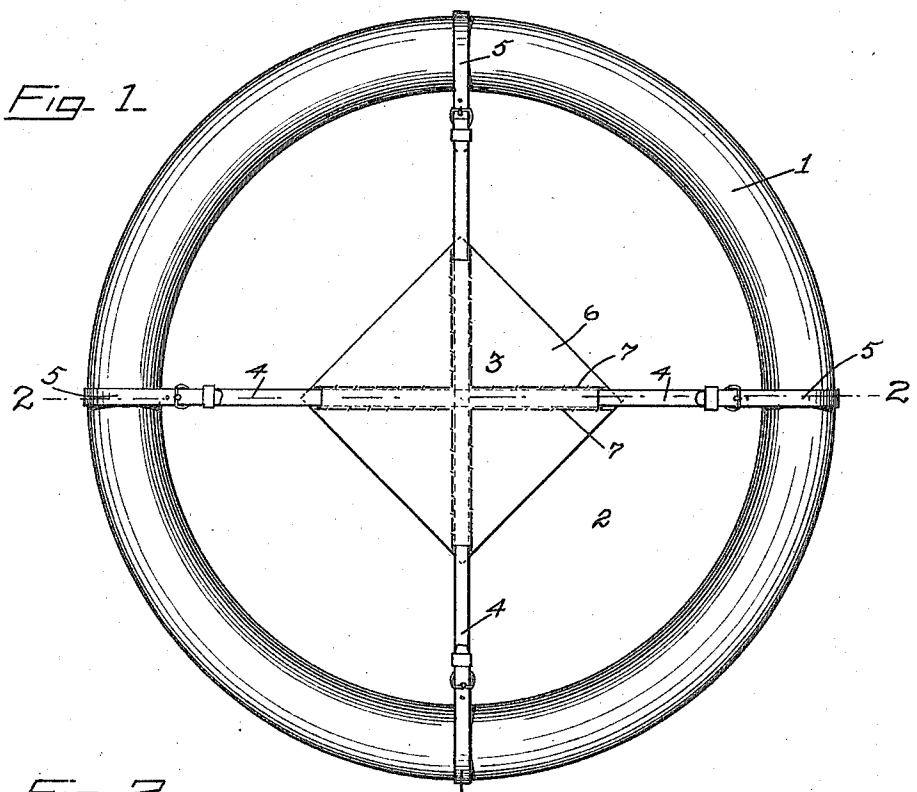


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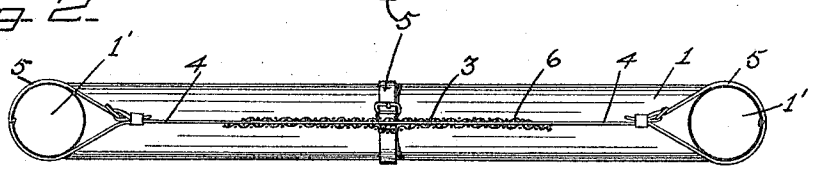
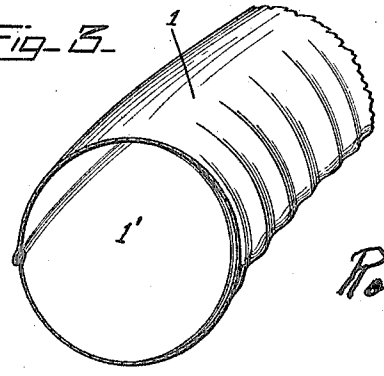


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROLLIE B. FAGEOL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Oakland, in the county of Alameda and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Amusement Devices for Bathers, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to an amusement device for bathers, adapted for use at bathing resorts, beaches and the like to enable the user thereof to ride the surf or to lie supported by the apparatus on the surface of the water.

The invention may also be employed as a life preserver when desired, and consists primarily in a buoyant support having an open center, and across which extends a supporting frame attached to the buoyant support, whereby the user may sit on said supporting frame or lie on the same and be supported on the surface of the water.

With the above mentioned and other objects in view, the invention consists in the novel construction and combination of parts hereinafter described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings and pointed out in the claim hereto appended; it being understood that various changes in the form, proportion, size and minor details of construction within the scope of the claim may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

To more fully comprehend the invention, reference is directed to the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a view in plan of an embodiment of my invention, disclosing the buoyant support and the body supporting frame in the center thereof. Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view taken on line 2—2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a view in detail of a portion of the buoyant support, disclosing the ridges thereon caused by the bending thereof into circular form.

Referring more particularly to the several views of the drawings, wherein like characters of reference designate corresponding parts,—1 is a suitable buoyant supporting frame, preferably tubular in cross section, providing the air containing chamber 1′, and circular in form, and the same is approximately six feet in diameter, so that a person lying diametrically across the same will be enabled to rest their head on one side and their feet directly opposite. The buoyant support is preferably of metal suitably coated and is either stamped or bent by any well known process into any suitable shape.

Positioned in the open center 2 of the buoyant support 1 is a suitable body supporting frame 3, consisting preferably of the intersecting members or straps 4 detachably secured at their opposite ends, as at 5, around the buoyant support. A central member or rest 6 is secured to the supporting frame members or straps 4 at their intersection, and the same is retained in position on the straps, preferably by the stitching 7 which extends longitudinally of the side edges of the straps.

It is to be understood that any suitable body supporting frame may be employed, either to completely close the open center of the buoyant supporting frame, or one which partly closes the same, as in the drawing; and it is desirable that the edges of said supporting frame or a portion thereof be secured in any suitable manner to the buoyant support.

The device is preferably coated with a suitable waterproof paint which will preserve the same.

It is to be understood that the buoyant supporting frame may be made in any suitable configuration, either in plan or cross section, and either with an air chamber or of a material capable of floating, the form illustrated enabling the device to be set on edge and rolled on the beach from place to place, as desired.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:—

A device of the class described, comprising a rigid annular frame providing a buoyant support, a body supporting frame within the opening in said annular support and comprising flexible intersecting members extending across said opening, with their ends passing around said supporting frame, and detachably secured to the main body portion

of their respective members, and a flexible seat carried at the intersection of said members and of a less area than that of the opening in said annular frame, and provided with intersecting channels through which said frame members pass.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of a subscribing witness.

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