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HAMMOCK HEADREST

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FIG. 1.

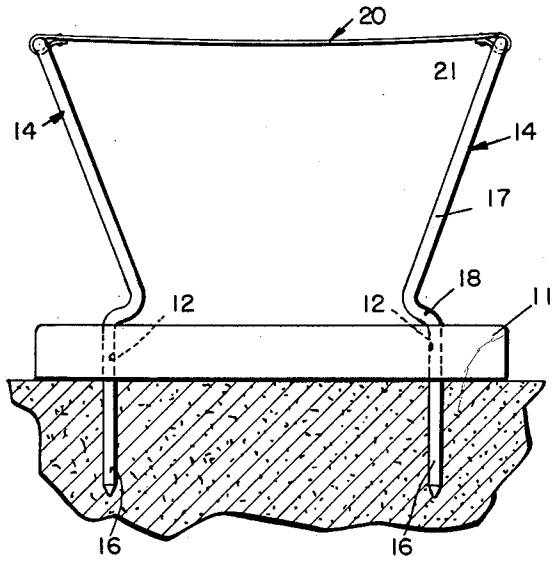


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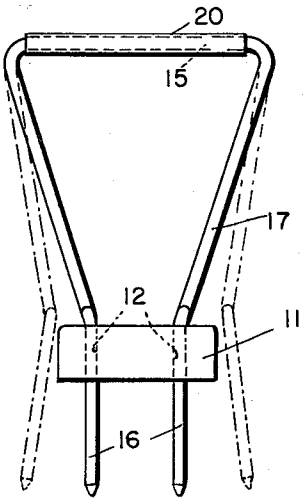


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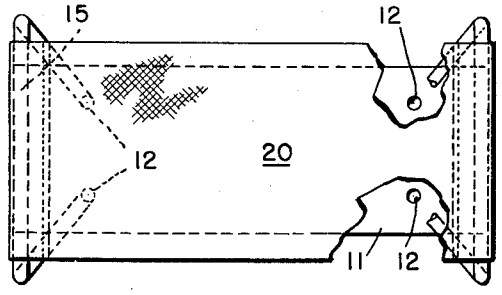


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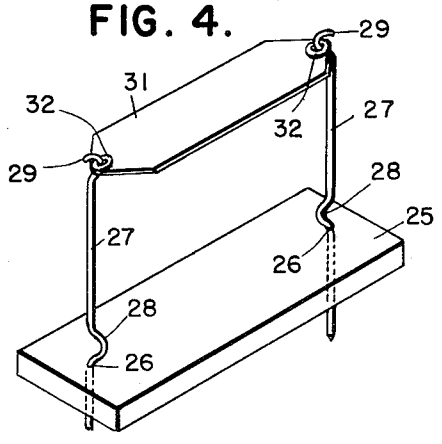


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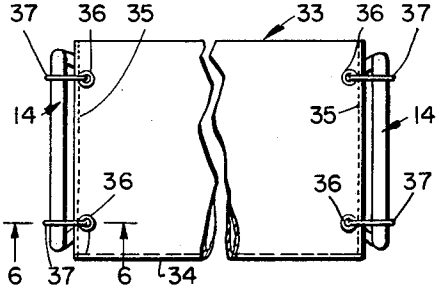
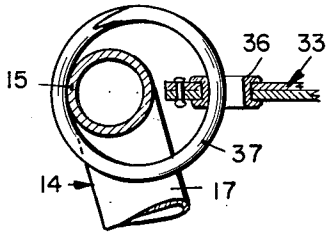


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HAMMOCK HEADREST

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This incention has to do with a headrest for supporting a person's head when reclining on the ground.

An object of the invention is to provide a single, novel headrest or head support for a person to use when reclining, or partially reclining, on the ground.

Another object is to provide a portable, collapsible headrest which is easy to use and which requires but a minimum of space when collapsed.

A further object is to provide a headrest which is designed to be used on the ground for supporting a person's head a few inches above the ground and which embodies means whereby the device can be anchored firmly in the ground. In this connection it is an object to provide such a device which can be readily used regardless of the condition of the soil or ground, that is, whether the soil is sandy, rocky, or otherwise, and whether it is level or uneven.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a device which is inexpensive and can be readily manufactured.

These and other objects will be apparent from the drawing and the following description. Referring to the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a side elevational view of a headrest embodying the invention;

Fig. 2 is an end elevational view of the headrest of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a plan view of the headrest, partially broken away;

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of an alternate form of the invention;

Fig. 5 is a partial plan view of a modified form of headrest; and

Fig. 6 is an enlarged section on line 6—6 of Fig. 5.

More particularly describing my invention numeral 11 indicates a base which may be formed of any suitable material such as wood or plastic for example. The base is provided with laterally spaced holes 12 at each end for the purpose of receiving and mounting hammock supports indicated generally by 14. The hammock supports are of generally U-shape and each includes a central portion 15 and a pair of legs. The legs are each formed to provide a lower section 16 which is adapted to extend through the base 11 substantially at right angles to the plane of the base and an upper section 17 which is disposed at an obtuse angle to the lower section, the two being connected by an angularly disposed intermediate section 18. Since the lower sections of the legs are forced into the ground in the normal use of the device I may make them somewhat pointed as shown.

As indicated by the broken lines in Fig. 2, I prefer to form the hammock supports so that the sections 16 are somewhat wider apart normally than when they are received in the holes 12 in the base so that it is necessary to spring the legs together to mount them in the base. This provides a firmer connection between the base and the supports.

Stretched between the supports 14 is a hammock 20 which may be formed of canvas or cotton drill or other suitable fabric. This is mounted on the central or base portion 15 of the supports 14 and in the form of the invention shown the ends of the hammock are stitched to form tubular endless pockets 21 to receive the supports 14.

In the use of the device, assuming it is disassembled, it is first assembled by inserting the legs of the hammock supports in the holes 12 in the base. The device may

be placed upon the ground and forced down until the projecting portions of the sections 16 of the hammock supports penetrate the ground and serve to anchor the headrest. The base 11 will then rest upon the surface of the ground and the device is ready for use. A person's head is received on the upper surface of the hammock and it will be apparent that the head is supported comfortably several inches above the ground.

In Fig. 4 I show another form of the invention wherein the hammock supports are of different shape. Referring to that figure, the base of the device is indicated by 25 and this is provided with a hole or bore 26 at each end to receive the supports 27. These are each substantially straight rods provided intermediate their ends with a laterally bent portion 29. The bent portions 28 limit the downward movement of the supports relative to the base. A special hammock 31, formed of canvas or the like and provided at each end with a reinforced eye 32 is stretched between the two supports with the upper end portions 29 of the supports received in the eyes 32 of the hammock. This device is used in the same manner as the one previously described.

In Figs. 5 and 6 I show another form of the invention wherein the hammock, indicated by 33, is double, being folded at 34 and stitched at each end at 35. Reinforced eyes 36 are provided for receiving split rings 37 which serve to secure the hammock to the supports 14. The advantage of this form of the invention is that the hammock can serve as a container for all the other parts of the device when it is disassembled.

Although I have shown and described specific forms of my invention I contemplate that various changes may be made without departing from the scope thereof as set forth in the claims.

I claim:

1. A hammock-like headrest comprising a flat, plate-like base adapted to rest upon the ground, a pair of spaced wire, hammock supports removably anchored in said base and including end portions projecting below the base for penetrating the ground, said supports extending a substantial distance above said base, and a hammock member suspended between the upper end portions of said supports.

2. A hammock-like headrest comprising a substantially flat, plate-like base member, said member having a pair of laterally spaced holes therein at each end, a pair of wire hammock supports, said supports being substantially U-shaped in form and comprising a central portion and a pair of legs, said legs being closely received in the holes in said base member, said base being sufficiently thick to anchor said legs against pivotal movement toward said base, and a hammock member supported by the central portions of said supports and suspended therebetween.

3. A headrest as defined in claim 2 in which the legs of said hammock supports are bent intermediate their ends to provide upper and lower portions disposed at an obtuse angle to each other, said hammock supports being so disposed that their upper portions diverge above said base member.

4. A hammock-like headrest comprising a substantially flat base member, said member having a pair of laterally spaced holes therethrough at each end, a pair of wire hammock supports, said supports being substantially U-shaped in form and comprising a central portion and a pair of legs, said legs being received in the holes in said base member and projecting through the base member a substantial distance for insertion in the ground, said base being sufficiently thick to anchor said legs against pivotal movement toward said base, said legs converging from said central portion toward said base, and a hammock member suspended between the central portions of said supports.

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