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Fig. 1.

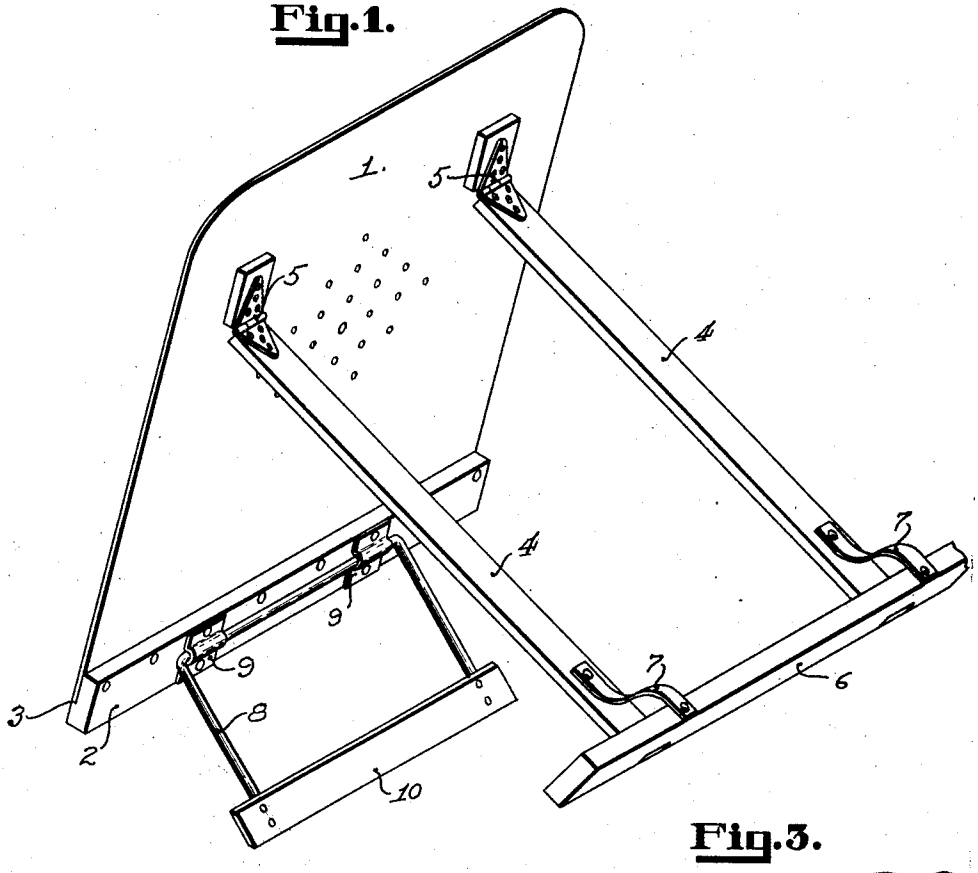


Fig. 2.

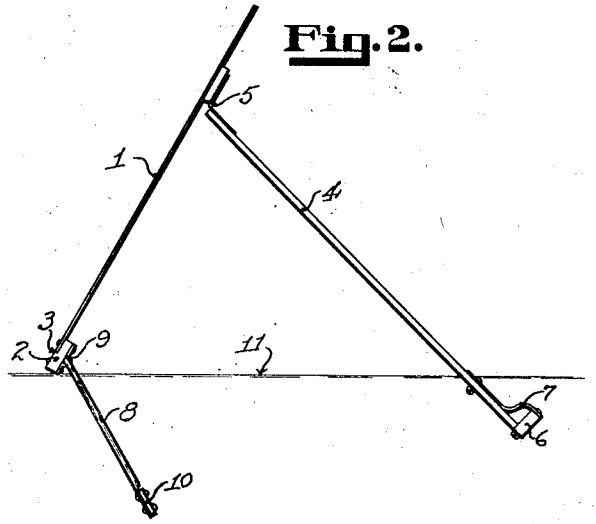
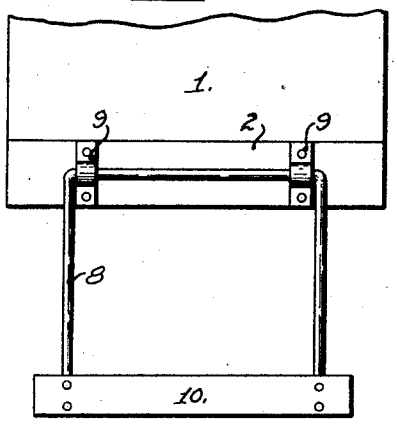


Fig. 3.



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My invention relates to a portable rest for supporting the back and head of a person sitting or reclining upon the ground.

The principal object of the invention is to provide means for securely anchoring such a back and head rest when used in sand, as upon a beach, without interfering with its angular adjustment to any desired position. A second object is to provide such a rest which is light in weight and easily folded into compact size. These and other objects will become apparent from the following description of a preferred embodiment of the invention, which should be read with the understanding that the form, proportion, and arrangement of the several parts may be varied, within the limits of the claims hereto appended, without departing from the spirit of the invention as set forth in said claims.

With this in view a preferred embodiment of my invention will now be described fully with reference to the accompanying drawings, wherein:—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of my back and head rest as seen from the rear.

Fig. 2 is a side elevation.

Fig. 3 is a rear elevation of the lower portion of the rest and the anchor member associated therewith.

In the drawings, the reference numeral 1 designates the body or back-supporting members of the device, against which the user may lean his back, shoulders, or head, according to whether he sits or reclines upon the ground. The back-supporting member 1 may be formed of any suitable material having the necessary strength, such for example as the well known laminated wood chair seat or back. At its lower edge, said back-supporting member is provided with a horizontal reinforcing foot strip 2, the edge portion of the back-supporting member being mortised into the forward edge of said strip, as shown at 3, and permanently secured thereto in any suitable manner.

For holding the back-supporting member 1 at the desired angle, I provide a brace member consisting of a pair of arms 4, whose upper ends are secured to the rear face of said back-supporting member by hinges 5, and whose lower ends are joined by a transverse foot piece 6. I prefer to make said foot piece relatively wide and flat, as shown, to offer greater resistance to loose sand. The ends of the arms 4 are preferably mortised into one edge of said foot piece, and the joints thus formed are reinforced by metal strips 7.

To hold the lower edge of the back-supporting member 1 from slipping, I provide an anchor member adapted to be forced into the sand. This anchor member may be of any suitable and convenient form, but I prefer to make it in the form of a bail 8 of iron, bent as shown, with its central portion hinged to the foot piece 2 by suitable cleats 9, and with its projecting ends rigidly joined by a relatively flat blade 10. The anchor member, as will be readily understood, can be folded up against the rear face of the member 1, and the brace member can be similarly folded down, thus making a compact, flat device which is easily carried about.

In the use of the device, the anchor member is swung downwardly approximately to the position shown, and is pushed downwardly into the sand as shown in Fig. 2, the surface of the sand being indicated by the line 11. The brace member is then extended sufficiently to provide the desired angle for the back-supporting member 1, and its foot piece 6 is allowed to rest upon, or is forced a slight distance into, the sand, as shown. The anchor member, with its flat blade 10 buried in the sand, prevents the bottom of the back-supporting member from slipping or shifting, and yet permits its angle to be adjusted, as desired, by suitable positioning of the brace member.

I claim:

1. A back and head rest comprising a back-supporting member; a swinging bail carried by the lower portion of said member at its back; an anchor blade carried by said bail; and a brace member hinged to the rear face of the upper portion of the back-supporting member.

2. A back and head rest comprising a back-supporting member; a foot strip secured to the rear face of said member at its lower edge; a bail hinged to said foot strip; an anchor blade carried by said bail; a pair of rearwardly extending arms hinged at their upper ends to the upper portion of said back-supporting member; and a foot piece carried by the lower ends of said arms.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification.

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