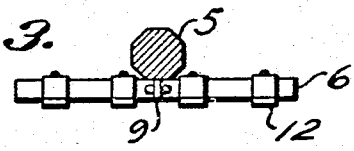
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Fig. 3.



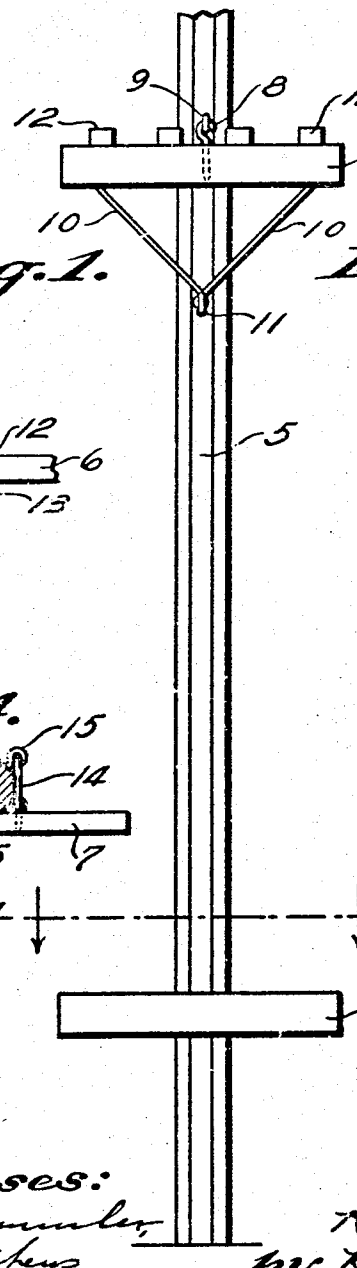


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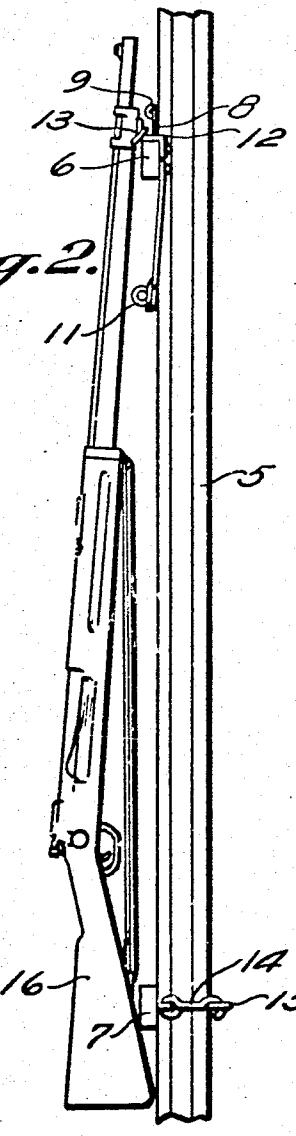


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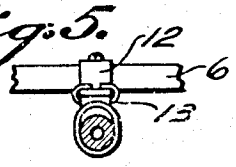
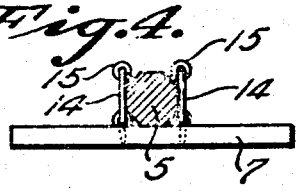


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT Y. WALLACE, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Portable Gun-Racks, of which the following is a specification.

The main objects of my invention are to provide a simple, inexpensive, and improved form of portable gun-rack adapted to be stored in compact form, being light in weight and adapted to be readily attached to or disconnected from a tent-pole for use at military encampments in serving to keep the guns off of the floor of the tent and securing same out of contact with the walls of the tent, thus preventing their becoming injured by moisture in wet weather. I accomplish these objects by the device shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a portable gun-rack constructed according to my invention. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same, showing a gun in position thereon. Fig. 3 is a top plan of the upper cross-bar of the same. Fig. 4 is a horizontal section on the line 4 4 of Fig. 1. Fig. 5 is a plan showing the usual shape of the stacking-swivels of guns.

In the drawings the upright 5 represents a tent-pole, and the gun-rack consists of a pair of horizontally-disposed cross-pieces 6 and 7, which are detachably secured to the pole 5. The upper cross-piece 6 is suspended, by means of a hook 8, from a screw-eye 9 in the front of the pole and is braced against tilting laterally on its suspending-hook by means of a pair of diagonal braces 10, having eyes at each end. The upper ends of the braces are connected by screws near the outer ends of the cross-pieces 6, and the eyes at the lower ends of both braces are secured together and to the pole by means of a screw-eye 11. A plurality of bent plates 12 are secured along the upper edge of the cross-pieces 6 and are provided with upwardly-disposed parts, each forming a broad flattened hook for engaging the stacking-swivel 13 of a gun for suspending the gun from the cross-piece 6. The lower cross-piece 7 is secured to the pole 5 by the hooks 14 and screw-eyes 15, which are so arranged as to secure the cross-piece 7 rigidly to the pole and prevent said cross-piece from swinging around the pole. The cross-piece 7 is located on the pole at such distance below the cross-piece 6 that the stocks 16 of the guns will bear laterally against the cross-piece and be prevented from swinging into contact with the canvas of the tent behind the pole 5. The flat form of the hooks 12 fits the elongated opening in the stacking-swivel and serves to hold the gun securely in a position at right angles to the front face of the cross-piece, thus insuring a symmetrical appearance of the guns on the rack.

In the operation of the device shown the gun is mounted upon the rack by merely slipping the stacking-swivel 13 of the gun over one of the clips 12 on the cross-piece 6. The gun will then hang in a vertical position and rest against the lower cross-piece 7, as shown in Fig. 2. To store the rack when the tents are taken down, the lower cross-piece is removed by merely unsnapping the hooks 14 from the eyes 15, and the upper cross-piece may be removed by unscrewing the screw-eye 11 and then unhooking the hook 8 from the eye 9. The braces 10 may be folded to lie along the back of the cross-piece 6, and the two cross-pieces may be tied together for storage in compact form.

It will be seen that while the rack is collapsible and may be quickly set up or taken down it is rigid and guns may be hung upon either or all of the clips without in any way disturbing the disposition of the parts or of other guns already in position. These racks are especially adapted for use by military organizations. When used in camp, the rack is fastened to one of the tent-poles. After breaking up camp the racks may be secured in rows on the walls of the barracks and are thus of continuous usefulness to the organization.

It will be seen that some of the details of the construction shown may be altered without departing from the spirit of my invention.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A gun-rack comprising an upright, a pair of horizontally-disposed cross-pieces secured to said upright one above the other, the upper cross-piece having thereon a plurality of upwardly-disposed hooks each adapted for engaging the stacking-swivel of a gun, a hook for detachably suspending the upper cross-piece from the upright, braces detachably engaging the pole for preventing said upper cross-piece from tilting on its suspending-hook; and said lower cross-piece being detachably connected to the pole in position for

laterally engaging the stocks of guns suspended from the upper cross-piece and being secured against shifting laterally around the pole, substantially as described.

2. A gun-rack comprising a pole, a cross-piece secured to the pole and having thereon a plurality of upwardly-disposed hooks each adapted for engaging the stacking-swivel of a gun for supporting the gun, a hook for detachably connecting the cross-piece to the pole, a pair of braces pivotally connected to the cross-piece at points on opposite sides of the pole and adapted to have their free ends connected together and to the pole for bracing the cross-piece against tilting, and a second cross-piece secured to the pole and adapted to have lateral engagement with the lower parts of the guns, substantially as described.

3. In a gun-rack, the combination of an upright, a cross-piece having fastening means located centrally thereof for securing the same in a horizontal position on said upright, a plurality of plates each secured to the rear face of the cross-piece and extending across the top thereof and upwardly near and substantially flush with the front face of the cross-piece to form a flat hook adapted to engage the stacking-swivel of a gun for supporting the gun, and a pair of depending braces pivotally connected to the rear face of the cross-piece on opposite sides of said fastening means and having eyes at their lower ends for connecting same together and to the upright, substantially as described.

4. In a gun-rack, the combination of an upright, a cross-piece rigidly secured in a horizontal position on said upright, a plurality of plates each secured to the rear face of the cross-piece and extending across the top thereof and upwardly near and substantially flush with the front face of the cross-piece to form a flat hook adapted to engage the stacking-swivel of a gun for supporting the gun, substantially as described.

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