

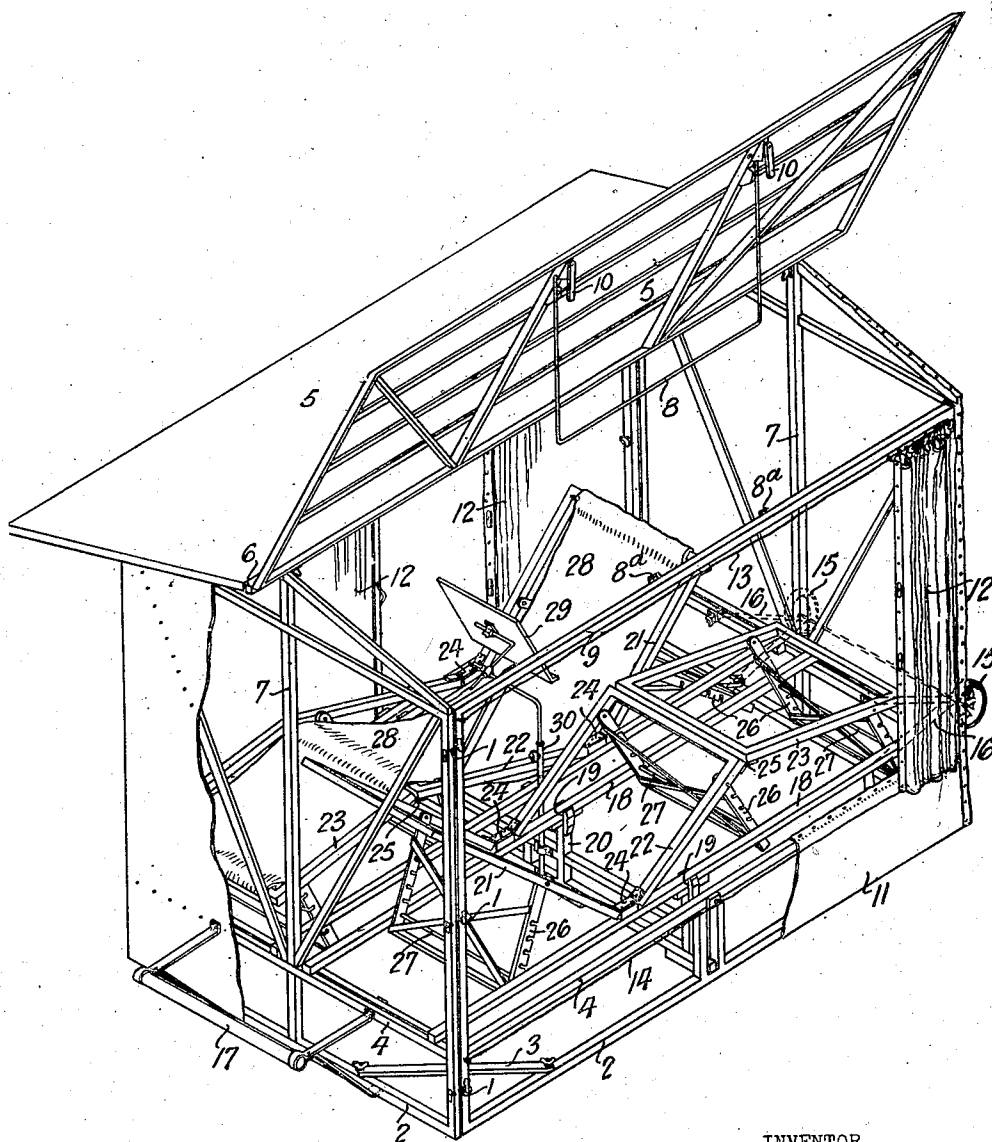
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TENT OR SHELTER.

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This invention relates to improvements in tents or shelters, with the object of providing greater convenience and comfort.

According to this invention a tent or shelter comprises structural members forming a ground support, end sections, side sections and a roof section, horizontals in said end sections, a chair stretcher supported at its ends on said horizontals and a collapsible chair carried by said stretcher. To facilitate transport from place to place the structure is provided at one end with a wheel or wheels normally off the ground and at the other end with a suitable propulsion handle. The chair has a reticulated framework and is preferably formed with three panels, viz, a back panel, a seat panel and a leg rest, each panel being independently adjustable so as to provide a large range of variation in the setting of the chair to suit the requirements of a person sitting or reclining therein.

It will be understood that one, two, or more chairs may be incorporated in the same structure.

The invention is illustrated by way of example in the accompanying drawing which is an isometric view of a complete tent or shelter incorporating in its structure two collapsible and adjustable chairs.

Referring to the drawing, the main structure is built up of end sections and side sections bolted together at the corner uprights by bolts and wing nuts 1 so as to be readily detachable. The ground beams 2 are interconnected by detachable ties 3 as shown. Above the ground beams in the respective sections are intermediate horizontals 4.

The roof comprises two sloping panels 5 hinged to a roof beam 6 which is detachably secured to the central uprights 7 of the end sections. These panels may be opened for ventilation purposes, each having a pivoted stay 8 engaging catches 8^a on the top beams 9 of the side sections when opened, and having locking pieces 10 to secure the roof when closed.

The end sections and roof are covered with weatherproof material such as canvas. The lower portions of the side sections between the ground beams 2 and intermediate beams 4 are covered with canvas, imitation leather or other suitable material 11. The open portions of the side section carry sliding curtains 12 on wires 13 and 14 so that they may be closed or opened as desired.

Wheels 15 are carried on a front extension 16 of one end section so as to be normally off the ground, and a propulsion handle 17 is provided on the other end section so that when desired the tent may be wheeled in like manner to a barrow from place to place.

The tent structure incorporates two collapsible and adjustable chairs. Each chair is carried on a stretcher 18 which rests at its ends on the horizontals 4 and at its centre in recesses 19 in a crutch 20 mounted transversely in the side sections as shown. The stretchers may therefore be readily withdrawn from the structure.

The chair frame consists of a back panel 21, a seat panel 22, and a leg rest 23. The back panel and seat panel are hinged to blocks 24 on the stretcher, and the leg rest is hinged at 25 to the seat panel. To the panels are pivoted notched frames 26 which acting in conjunction with rods 27 transverse to the stretcher support the panels individually in various positions of adjustment. A length of canvas 28, secured at its ends to the top of the back panel and foot of the leg rest, is entrained about the panels to provide the seat proper. Padding is provided at the joint between the seat panel and leg rest. When collapsed, the three panels of the chair lie flat on the stretcher and with the canvas substantially taut the chair may be used as a table. The chairs may also be used as beds.

A pivoted reading stand 29 is mounted in a metal upright 30 carried by the crutch. With the chairs arranged oppositely as shown, the stand may be used for either chair.

Although the tent structure described and illustrated is designed to incorporate two chairs, it will be understood that it may be modified to contain one chair only, or in some cases more than two chairs.

What I claim is:—

1. A tent comprising in combination structural members forming a ground support, end sections, side sections, and a roof section, horizontals in said end sections, a chair stretcher supported at its ends on said horizontals, a transverse crutch mounted in said side sections, said crutch having recesses engaged by said stretcher intermediate its ends, and a chair comprising a back panel and seat panel hinged to said stretcher, a

leg rest hinged to said seat panel, and adjustable supports for said panels and leg rest.

2. A tent comprising in combination structural members forming a ground support, end sections, side sections, and a roof section, a wheel carried by one of said end sections, and normally off the ground, a propulsion handle carried by the other of said end sections, a chair stretcher carried by certain of said structural members, and a chair collapsibly and adjustably mounted on said stretcher.

3. A tent comprising in combination detachably interlocked end sections, side sections and a detachable roof, means for opening and closing said roof, horizontals in said end sections above ground level, a chair

stretcher detachably supported at its ends on said horizontals, a transverse crutch mounted in said side sections, said crutch having recesses engaged by said stretcher intermediate its ends, and a chair comprising a back panel and seat panel hinged to said stretcher, a leg rest hinged to said seat panel, a weatherproof covering for said panels, said panels and leg rest when collapsed lying flat on the stretcher, transverse rods carried by said stretcher, and notched frames for engaging said rods pivoted to the said panels and leg rest respectively.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name this 9th day of September, 1926.

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