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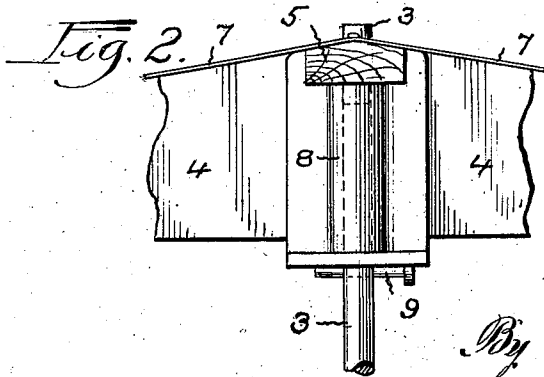
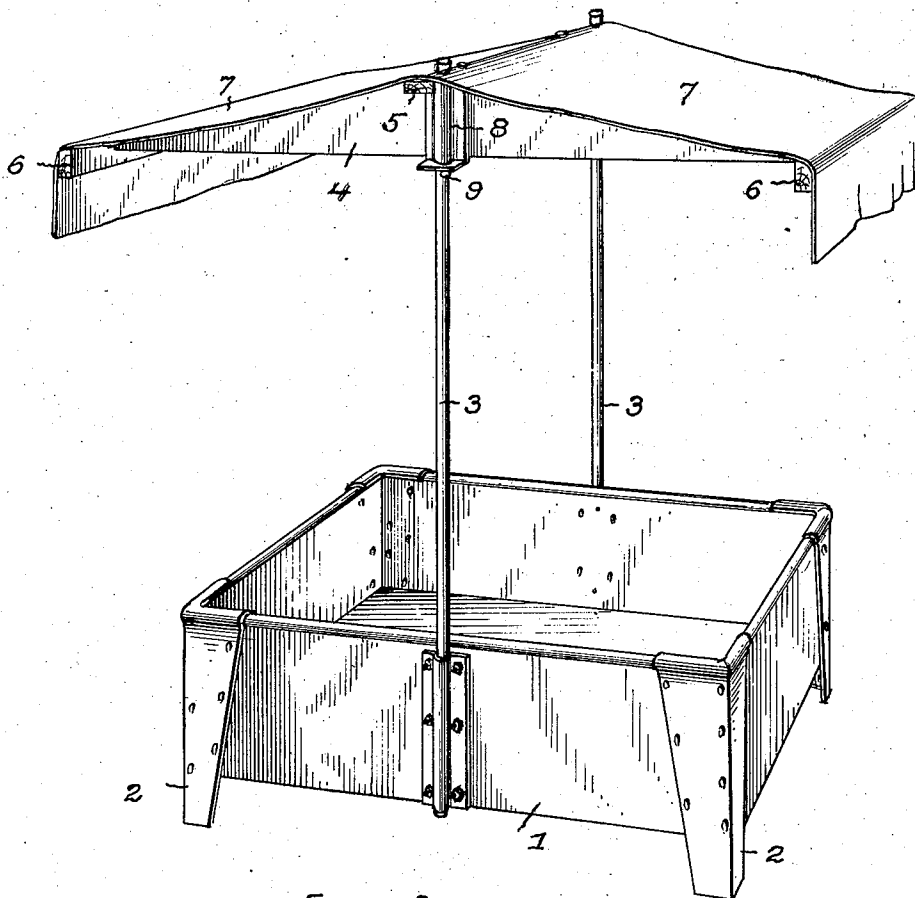
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Fig. 1.



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This invention relates to that type of playground apparatus in which an open top box or container, filled with sand, and usually supported a short distance above the ground, affords means for play and amusement of small children, and this improvement has for its object,

To provide a structural formation and combination of parts in a sand box of the described type, by means of which an overhead shade is provided with such shade made vertically adjustable so that it may be lowered when the apparatus is not in use, to cover and enclose the open top of the sand box and prevent access of cats or other animals to the contained mass of sand and the defilement of the same by the excrements of such animals, all as will hereinafter more fully appear.

In the accompanying drawing:

Fig. 1, is a perspective view of a playground sand box to which the invention is applied.

Fig. 2, is a detail elevation of the upper central portion of the apparatus.

Like reference numerals indicate like parts in both views.

As usual in the present type of playground sand boxes, the box or container 1 is of an open top, shallow, and rectangular shape, preferably formed of plate metal and supported a short distance above the ground by corner posts 2.

The material part of this invention, in connection with the above described sand box structure, comprises a plurality of vertical guide posts 3, fixedly attached at their lower ends to the sides of the sand box 1, to provide a supporting means for a roofing or shade member now to be described.

In the preferred construction shown in the drawing the roofing member, above referred to, comprises a plurality of transverse rafter bars 4 carrying at their mid length a central ridge rail or pole 5, and at their respective ends carrying eave rails 6, the whole constituting a skeleton support for a roofing or covering 7, preferably formed of weather proof fabric.

In the present construction the roof struc-

ture above described, is vertically adjustable on the posts 3 by means of guide sleeves 8, secured to the sides of the rafter bars 4 aforesaid. Such guide sleeves 8 are of an angle formation, the horizontal webs of which are arranged at the bottom of the sleeves and formed with guide orifices which in connection with guide orifices formed in the ridge pole 5, provide effective guiding means for the roof structure in the vertical movement of the same upon the guide posts 3, and with the roof structure in its elevated condition shown in Fig. 1, it is maintained in such position by holding pins 9 passing transversely through the posts 3, immediately beneath the aforesaid horizontal webs of the guide sleeves 3, as shown.

With the roof structure in its lowered position, it rests on the top of the sand box 1, with its pliable roof covering 7 overlapping the margins of the box to protect the contents of the same from the weather, but more especially to prevent ingress of cats or other animals to the contents of the box and prevent the defilement of such contents with excrements from said animals.

Having thus fully described our invention, what we claim, is:—

In a playground sand box the combination of an open top box body, a plurality of vertical guide posts attached to opposite side walls of the box body, a roof structure comprising a rigid frame having side rafter bars, a ridge pole and covering of fabric, said ridge pole having guide orifices for engagement with the aforesaid vertical posts, bracket sleeves of an angular formation attached to the sides of the aforesaid rafter bars and having lower flanges orificed for engagement with the aforesaid vertical posts, and means for holding the roof structure in its elevated position, the same comprising a transverse pin passing through an orifice in each vertical post beneath an orificed flange aforesaid.

In testimony whereof we hereunto affix our signatures.

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