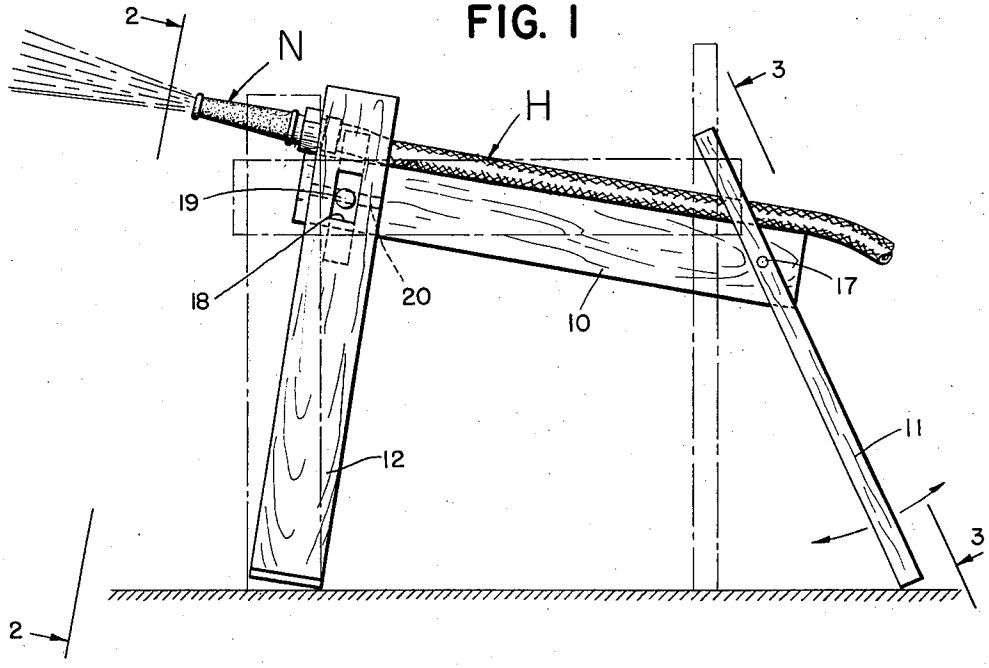
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FIG. 1



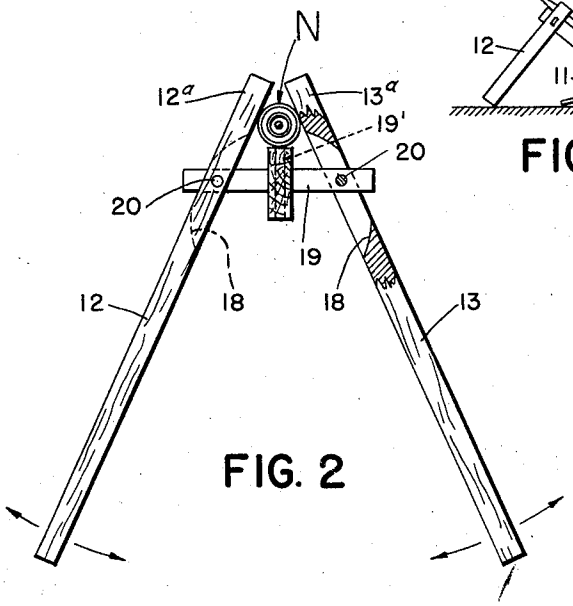




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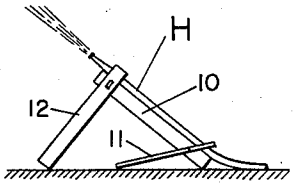



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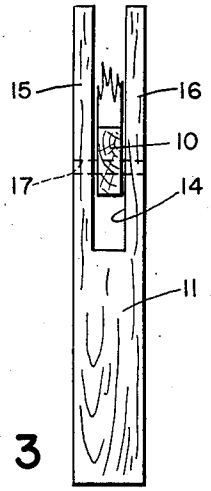



FIG. 3

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This invention relates to an improvement in supports or racks adapted for use in supporting garden hose and directing the stream of water projected or sprayed from the nozzle thereof to the part of the lawn or garden which is to be watered.

An object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which will securely and firmly support the hose and so position its nozzle that the water issuing therefrom will be directed to the area to be watered.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device of this charcter, and having these advantages and capacities, which is simple, compact, and closely organized in its construction, capable of being fabricated from materials abundantly available, and this with a minimum of manufacturing effort and with economy.

Other objects and advantages reside in certain novel features of the construction, arrangement, and combination of parts, which will be hereinafter more fully described and particularly pointed out in the appended claims, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, and in which:

Figure 1 is a view in side elevation showing a support or rack for garden hose embodying the present invention and illustrating the manner in which the device is used to support the hose and position its nozzle so as to direct a stream of water to the place desired;

Figure 2 is a view in end elevation partly in section viewing the structure from line 2—2 of Figure 1, with parts shown in section for the sake of illustration;

Figure 3 is a view in end elevation viewing the structure from line 3—3 of Figure 1, with parts shown in section for the sake of illustration; and

Figure 4 is a view in side elevation on a reduced scale, showing a different position of the device.

Referring to the drawing, it will be seen that the support or rack in which the present invention is embodied comprises a frame 10 which is constituted of a bar-like member preferably of wood and functioning in the organization as a beam or strut.

A single leg 11 supports the lower end of the frame member 10. A pair of legs, designated at 12 and 13, supports the forward end of the frame member.

The leg 11 may also be advantageously constituted of a rectangular piece of wood solid in its lower structure but having its upper end provided with a longitudinally extending and centrally disposed slot 14. The slot 14 extends out through the upper end of the leg 11. By slotting the member its upper end is bifurcated and in effect provides two arms 15 and 16 which bound the opposite sides of the slots. These arms embrace or straddle the rearward end of the frame member 10 and are pivotally interconnected therewith by means of a pintle or pivot pin 17, which may also be constituted of wood. The parts are so dimensioned, proportioned, and interrelated that the upper ends of the arms 15 and 16 project above the top of the rearward end of the frame member 10.

The legs 12 and 13 are also constituted of rectangular pieces of wood, and they are solid and continuous in their structure except for the provision of relatively short slots 18 adjacent to though spaced from their upper ends. In the assembly, the slots 18 of the legs 12 and 13 receive the trunnion-like projections of a cross bar 19 which extends through an opening in the forward end of the frame member 10. The cross bar 19 is fixed in some suitable manner to the forward end of the frame member 10, as for example by means of a dowel or set pin 19' which passes vertically through the forward end of the frame member 10 and through a diametrical opening in the pivot cross bar 19. Pivot pins or pintles 20 are provided to pivotally interconnect the upper portions of the legs 12 and 13 with the trunnion-like projections of the cross bar 19 so that the legs 12 and 13 may spread or be angled with respect to each other to provide a better or more stable support for the forward end of the frame and to bring the upper end portions 12a and 13a of the legs 12 and 13 into gripping or grappling engagement with the nozzle N of a garden hose, designated generally at H.

When the device is in use, the hose H is extended through the upper portion of the slot 14 and along the top of the frame 10, and its nozzle N is disposed in between the upper end portions 12a and 13a of the legs 12 and 13. When the legs are spread so that their upper portions 12a and 13a converge, then the upper portions are brought into gripping engagement with the nozzle N and in conjunction with the supporting action of the frame 10 and of the guiding or positioning action of the slotted upper end of the leg 11, securely sustain the hose and maintain the position of its nozzle so that the stream of water issuing from the nozzle will be directed to the

area selected by the user and which is to be watered. The position of the device may be varied, as illustrated by the two extreme positions shown in Figures 1 and 4.

The device is extremely simple in its construction, is economical to manufacture, may be constituted of wooden parts, and is highly advantageous in use. In addition, the nature of the construction is such that it may be compactly packaged and shipped knocked down and readily assembled by the seller or user.

While I have shown and described one construction in which the invention may be advantageously embodied, it is to be understood that the construction shown has been selected merely for the purpose of illustration or example, and that various changes in the size, shape, and arrangement of parts may be made without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the subjoined claims.

I claim:

1. A support for garden hose comprising a frame constituted for a bar-like beam, a single leg supporting the rear end of the frame and having its upper end slotted, the slotted end of said leg embracing and being pivotally interconnected with the rear end of the frame and projecting above the same so as to be adapted not only to support the rear end of the frame but also provide a guide for the hose, a pair of legs supporting the front end of the frame and pivotally interconnected therewith for rocking movement transversely with respect thereto, the upper ends of the members of the pair of legs projecting above the frame and being adapted to grip the nozzle of the hose to position it and to cooperate with the frame and the slotted end of the rear leg in supporting the hose.

2. A support for garden hose comprising a frame constituted of a bar-like beam, a leg pivotally interconnected with the rear end of the frame for supporting the same and having a hose guide projecting above the frame, a pair of legs for supporting the front end of the frame and pivotally interconnected therewith for rocking movement transversely with respect thereto, and means carried by the pair of legs for gripping and positioning the nozzle of the hose.

3. A support for a garden hose comprising a frame, means pivotally interconnected with the rear end of the frame for supporting the same and also constituting a hose guide for positioning the same in supporting engagement with the top of the frame, and a pair of legs pivotally interconnected with the forward end of the frame for rocking movement transversely with respect thereto so as to support the frame and to provide a means for gripping the nozzle of the hose to position it and direct the water issuing therefrom to the area to be watered.

4. A support for garden hose comprising a frame constituted of a bar-like beam, a single leg supporting the rear end of the frame and having its upper end slotted, pivotally interconnected with the rear end of the frame and projecting above the same to provide also a guide for the hose, trunnions projecting laterally from the forward end of the frame, a pair of legs pivotally interconnected with the trunnions for rocking movement transversely with respect to the frame, and having their upper ends projecting above the same swingable into gripping engagement with the nozzle of the hose to maintain the same in position and thereby direct the stream of water issuing from the nozzle to the area to be watered.

5. A support for garden hose comprising a frame constituted of a bar-like beam, means supporting the rearward end of the frame in spaced relation to the ground, a hose guide at the rearward end of the beam for positioning the hose in supporting engagement with the top of the beam, and a pair of legs supporting the front end of the beam and pivotally interconnected therewith for rocking movement transversely with respect thereto, the upper ends of the members of the pair of legs projecting above the frame and being adapted to grip the nozzle of a hose to position it and to cooperate with the frame and the hose guide to support and secure the hose in position.

6. A support for a garden hose comprising a frame constituted of a bar-like beam, a single leg supporting the rear end of the frame and having its upper end slotted, the slotted end of said leg embracing and being pivotally interconnected with the rear end of the frame and projecting above the same so as to be adapted not only to support the rear end of the frame but also provide a guide for the hose, and means for supporting the front end of the frame and for gripping the nozzle of the hose to secure it in position.

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