

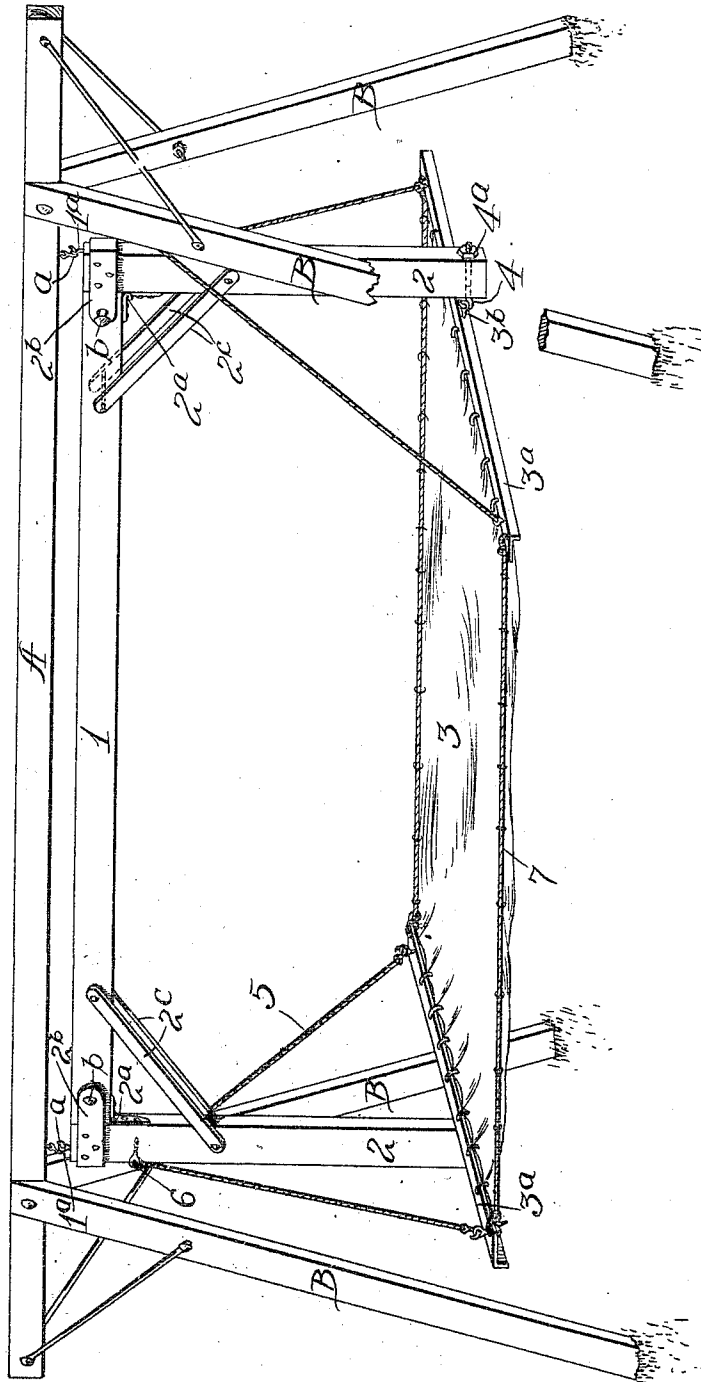
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD B. WILLIAMSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Stony Creek, Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hammock-Beds, of which the following is a specification.

My present invention relates to improvements in hammock beds, and has for its objects to provide a construction which may be readily suspended from a portable frame, and in which the supporting surface will be held in a substantially horizontal plane while in use without requiring any longitudinal bars in connection with the hammock bed.

The invention includes the novel features of construction and arrangement and combination of parts hereinafter described and particularly set forth in the appended claims.

Referring by reference characters to this drawing, A designates the horizontal bar of a portable support from which my improved hammock bed is shown as supported, this horizontal bar being provided with legs or standards B by which it is supported, said legs or standards B being suitably braced and connected, as shown. The horizontal bar A is provided with hooks *a* or other suitable devices which are engaged by corresponding hooks or eyes *1^a* carried at the corners of a hammock bed support, which is shown as comprising a longitudinal bar 1 located below and parallel with the bar A, from the opposite ends of which depend the arms or members 2, by the lower end of which the hammock bed 3 is supported. I prefer to make the hammock frame folding, and for this purpose connect the bars 2 to the horizontal bar 1, by means of hinges, as shown at *2^a*, so that the members 2 are capable of being folded against the under side of the horizontal bar 1, but are held in their vertical position by the pivoted loops *2^b*, secured by removable bolts *b*, and the removable braces *2^c* which have their ends locked to the respective bars.

The hammock bed may be composed of any suitable material such as canvas or woven wire fabric, and is provided at its ends with rigid bars *3^a* which are provided

at their centers with eyes *3^b* which are engaged by hooks 4. These hooks are preferably adjustably connected with the lower ends of the members 2, and a convenient means of adjustment is by providing the hooks 4 with threaded shanks which pass through openings in the lower ends of the members 2, where they are provided with nuts *4^a*, so that by screwing upon the nuts the hooks may be drawn outwardly, and thus the hammock bed 3 stretched tight so as not to sag to any appreciable or unpleasant extent under the weight of the occupant. In order to prevent tilting of the hammock bed, the ends of the bars *3^a* are connected by guys 5 with a suitable fastening device 6 near the upper ends of the standards 2.

It will thus be seen that I provide a very simple form of device by which a hammock bed free from longitudinal bars or stretchers may be kept from the objectionable sagging of the ordinary hammock, which device may be produced at an extremely low cost and may be suspended from a fixed device or portable device such as shown in the present drawings, which hammock supporting device is capable of being folded into compact form for shipment. If desired, the ends of the bars *3^a* may be connected by wires or non-stretchable cords 7 to which the edges of the hammock bottom may be connected for the purpose of preventing sagging.

Having thus described my invention what I claim is:

1. In combination a suitable support, a hammock frame pivotally suspended therefrom and comprising a longitudinal member and depending members connected at their upper ends to the ends of said longitudinal members, cross bars carried at the lower ends of said depending members, and a hammock bed tightly stretched between said cross bars, substantially as described.

2. In combination a longitudinal bar and members depending at the ends thereof, and constituting a hammock supporting frame, a hammock bed of flexible material having end bars, and means for adjustably connecting said end bars to the lower ends of the vertical members of the hammock frame, substantially as described.

3. In combination a longitudinal bar and
vertical members pivoted thereto at the ends,
detachable bracing means for holding said
vertical members at right angles to the lon-
5 gitudinal bar; a hammock bed of flexible ma-
terial having end bars adjustably connected
to the lower ends of the vertical members,
and guys or braces connecting the ends of

the end bars to the vertical members, sub-
stantially as described.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature
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