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Title: Collapsible Tent Frame

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When the tent is pitched with the frame being fully stretched as described above, the center pole 50 moves upwardly along with the center pole ribs 30, so the tent frame of this invention heightens the interior space of the tent in comparison with a typical collapsible tent frame. Therefore, the tent frame of this invention allows users to freely go out of, come into or stand in the tent without being concerned about bumping one's head against the center pole ribs 30 or the center pole 50.

Ex. 1001, 3:29-37

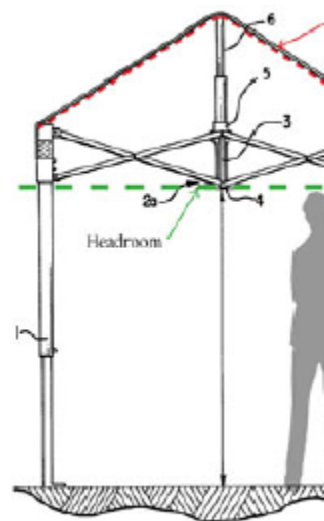


FIG. 2
PRIOR ART

The '040 Patent

- The '040 patent is described and claimed as a stressed tent using the roof as the tension member.

1. A collapsible tent frame, comprising:
a center pole constructed for stretching and sustaining a tent's roof when a tent is pitched with the tent frame;

Claim 1

and sustained by a frame.” (Ex. 1001, 1:11-13). Specifically, the tent roof is most often secured to the side poles and is held up by the center pole and center pole ribs. The center pole specifically heightens the tent roof to create tension in the fabric which prevents sagging. Sagging leads to instability and flapping due to wind or leaking due to a collection of rainwater. These are all common problems identified in the art.

Ex. 1003, ¶144

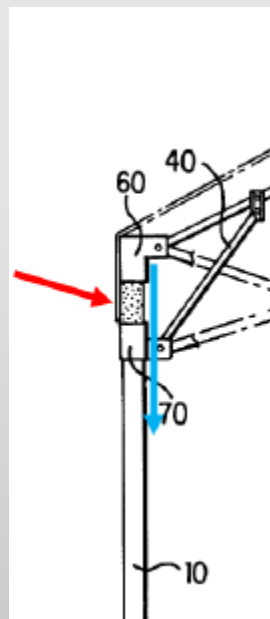


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