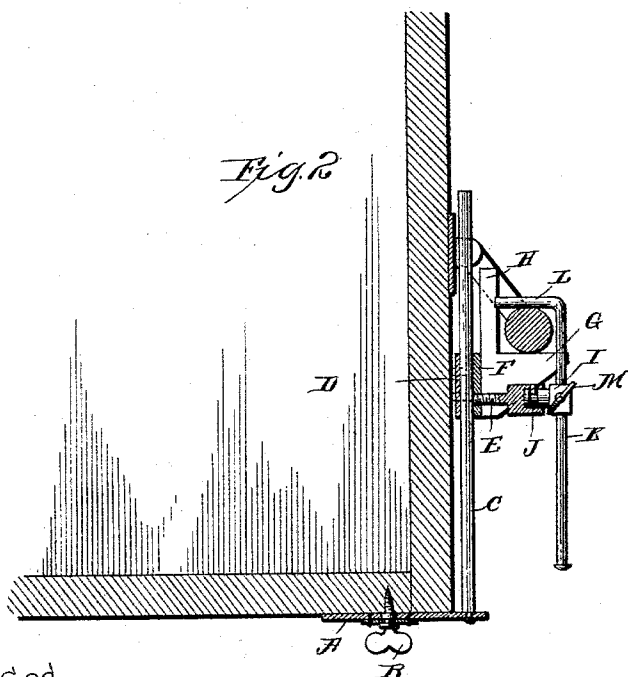
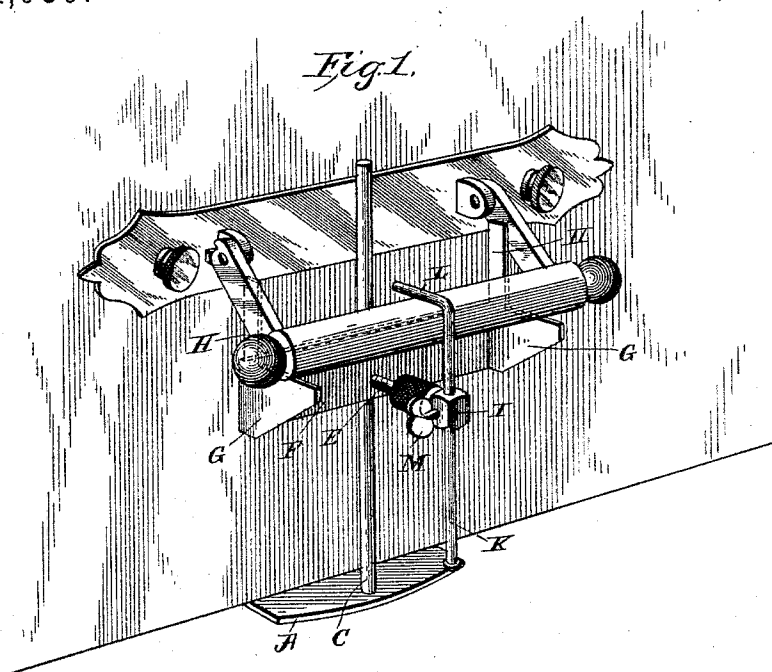


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELRA A. YOCUM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Mendon, in the county of Mercer and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Coffin-Handle Gages, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a new and useful improvement in gages for adjusting handles to coffins, caskets, and the like, and has for its object to provide a device of this description by means of which handle-bars may be placed parallel with the lower edge of the casket, and which will also facilitate the placing of the entire number of handle-bars at like distances from the lower edge of the casket, thus rendering the operation of securing the bars very simple.

With these ends in view this invention consists in the details of construction and combination of elements hereinafter set forth, and then specifically designated by the claims.

In order that those skilled in the art to which this invention appertains may understand how to make and use the same, I will describe its construction and operation in detail, referring to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective of my improved adjuster shown in position for gaging the placing of a handle-bar; and Fig. 2, a section through a portion of a casket, illustrating the method of applying my improvement thereto.

Referring to the drawings in detail, A represents a plate of such size and shape as to readily fit against the lower portion of the casket and provided with a thumb-screw B, by means of which it may be attached thereto. Projecting upward from this plate is a rod C, upon which slides a clamp D, adapted to be held in any position upon the rod by a set-screw E. Secured to the clamp in any convenient manner is a gage-plate F, terminating in right-angled brackets G, and these brackets have the vertical arms H, projecting upward therefrom.

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the head of the screw and through this block passes the finger K, having a horizontal section L at the upper end thereof and being held in any adjustment by the set-screw M. From this it will be seen that to place a handle-bar in any position by my improvement it is only necessary to attach the plate A to the under side of the casket in such a position that its outer edge may project beyond the edge of said casket, by which means the gage-plate will be held parallel to the lower edge thereof, and the height at which it is desired to secure the handle-bar is determined by the adjustment of the gage-plate upon the rod C, and when properly adjusted it may be held in position by the set-screw E, as before described. When the gage-plate is thus attached, the handle-bar is placed upon the brackets and there clamped by the finger K, when it is only necessary to secure the escutcheon by suitable screws, and when the adjuster is removed it is obvious that the handle-bar will stand parallel with the lower edge of the casket. The remaining handle-bars may be likewise located, and if the gage-plate remains in the last adjustment each handle-bar will bear the same relation to the lower edge of the casket.

Heretofore much annoyance and loss of time has been occasioned in placing handle-bars on coffins, caskets, and the like so that all may fall in the same horizontal plane and be parallel with the lower edge of the casket, but my improvement entirely overcomes these disadvantages.

Having thus fully described this invention, what is claimed as new and useful is—

1. An adjuster for coffin-handles consisting of a plate, a rod projecting upward from said plate, a clamp slidable on the rod, a gage-plate carried by said clamp, a block swiveled to the set-screw of said clamp, and a finger adjustably secured in said block, as and for the purpose described.

2. An adjuster for coffin-handles, consisting of a plate, means for securing said plate to the bottom of a casket, a rod projecting upward from said plate, a clamp slidable on the rod, a gage-plate carried by said clamp,

said gage-plate having its ends bent at right angles to the body portion, arms projecting upward from said ends, a block swiveled to the head of the set-screw of the clamp, a finger adjustably secured on said block, said finger having one end bent at right angles, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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