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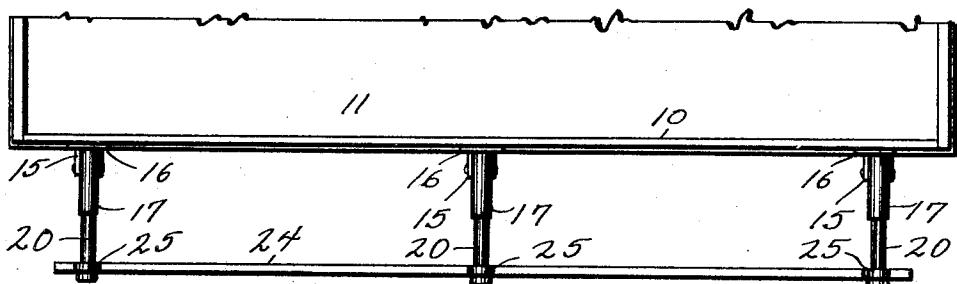


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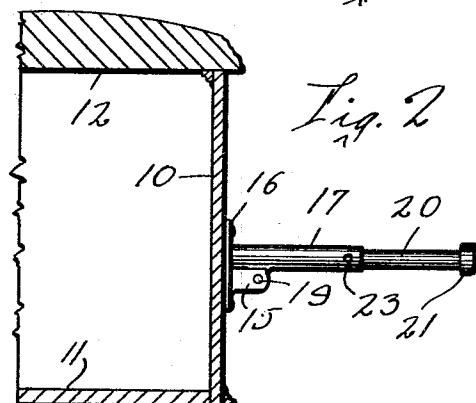


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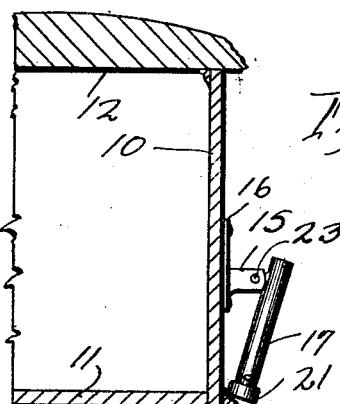


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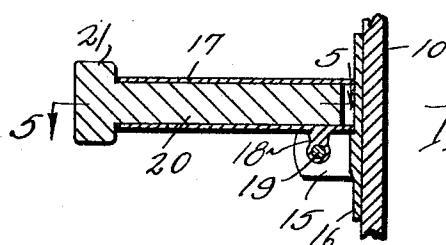
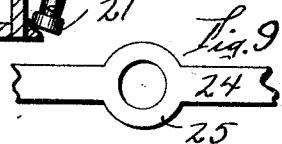


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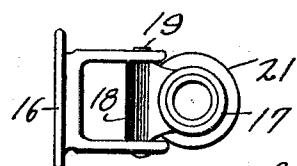


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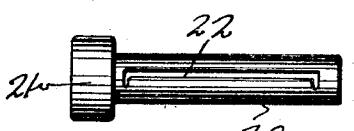


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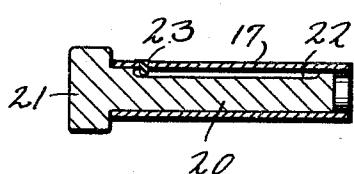


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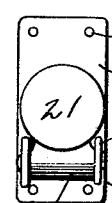


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My invention relates to casket handles and has for its object to provide an extensible handle for a casket which will facilitate carrying the casket over a grave.

5 A further object is to provide a handle which may be collapsed or telescoped and folded to a position against the side of the casket wherein it occupies a minimum of space.

10 Another object is to provide a casket construction including a plurality of extensible handles and, in combination therewith, a removable rail which may be employed where desired, as, for instance, where the body 15 carried in the casket is exceedingly heavy.

A further object is to provide an extensible casket handle embodying locking means for holding the extensible portion of the handle in either extended or retracted position.

20 Another object is to provide an extensible casket handle of relatively simple, durable, and inexpensive construction, and yet possessed of an abundance of strength.

With these and other objects in view, my 25 invention consists in the construction, arrangement and combination of the various parts of my device, whereby the objects contemplated are attained, as hereinafter more fully set forth, pointed out in my claims, and 30 illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a sectional view taken transversely through a casket, equipped with my invention,

35 Figure 2 is a similar view, the handle being shown in extended position,

Figure 3 is a detail, longitudinal, sectional view through the handle and the adjacent casket portion,

40 Figure 4 is a side elevation of the extensible portion of the handle,

Figure 5 is a sectional view taken on the line 5—5 of Figure 3,

45 Figure 6 is an end elevation of the handle in extended position,

Figure 7 is a plan view of the handle in folded position;

Figure 8 is a plan view of a casket equipped 50 with the extensible handles, the latter being provided with the removable rail, and

Figure 9 is a detail, elevational view of a portion of the rail.

I have used the reference character 10 to indicate the side wall of a casket having the bottom wall 11 and the cover 12.

55 The handle of my invention includes a bracket 13 provided with openings 14 to receive screws or securing elements by means of which the bracket is secured to the side wall 10 of the casket.

60 The bracket 13 has the integral spaced ears 15 which are positioned near the lower end of the bracket to leave an upwardly extending bracket plate 16 to form an abutment for the end of the handle member 17 which is 65 pivoted between the ears 15.

66 The handle member 17 is formed as a tube, and is provided intermediate its ends with an integral ear 18 which is drilled to provide a hinge sleeve to receive the hinge pin 19 by 70 means of which the handle member 17 is hinged between the ears 15.

75 A handle member 20 is telescopically mounted within the tubular handle member 17, and is provided at its outer end with a knob 21 which limits the member 20 proper when telescoped to a position wherein the inner end thereof is a trifle short of the end of the tubular handle member 17. Thus the engagement of the handle member with the 80 bracket plate 16 is between the end of the tubular handle member 17 and the plate.

85 The tubular handle member 17 and the ear 18 are arranged so that the telescoping member 20 may move past the ear 18, and thus a maximum amount of space for reception of the telescoping member is provided with a minimum amount of projection of the tubular handle member beyond its pivot.

90 This is rather important in view of the fact that the utility of the invention is increased by an increase in the length of the extended handle (up to a certain limit), and yet when the handle is in its inoperative position shown in Figure 1, it is desirable that it project below its hinge pivot a minimum distance. In view of the fact that casket handles are positioned near the bottom of the casket in order that the casket may be carried in as elevated a position as possible, this 95

feature is of importance. It will be seen that should the reclining handle extend below the bottom of the casket that it would interfere with the resting of the casket on a flat supporting surface.

The telescoping handle member 20 is provided with a double, bayonet slot 22 and a set screw 23 is threaded through the tubular handle member 17 near the outer end thereof and extends into the bayonet slot 22. By giving the telescoping handle member 20 a slight turn after it has been drawn or pushed to extended or telescoped position, the set screw 23 may be caused to enter either one of the short end portions of the bayonet slot 22, thereby locking the telescoping handle member against longitudinal movement.

The rail member 24 is provided with spaced integral rings 25 to receive the respective handle members 20, and when mounted thereon as shown in Figure 8, the rail may be moved inwardly or outwardly together with the telescoping handle members 20.

The rings 25 are made large enough so that they will receive the tubular handle member 17, although not large enough to slip over the knob 21 and thus the members 20 may be telescoped to entirely closed positions and locked in these positions while the rail 24 is attached.

The engagement of the end of the tubular handle member 17 against the plate 16 places the handle member in a rigid, outstanding position relative to the side of the casket and enables the weight of the casket to be supported by the handle when the latter is lifted.

Some changes may be made in the construction and arrangement of the parts of my invention without departing from the real spirit and purpose of my invention, and it is my intention to cover by my claims any modified forms of structure or use of mechanical equivalents, which may be reasonably included within their scope.

I claim as my invention:

1. In a casket handle, a bracket including a plate member attachable to a casket and an ear formed integrally therewith and extending laterally therefrom, a tubular handle member provided with a bore extending substantially the full length thereof, and an ear formed integrally with said tubular handle member, projecting from one side thereof, and positioned intermediate the ends of said bore, said ear being pivoted to the bracket ear, one end of the tubular handle member projecting beyond the ear a distance sufficient to allow said end to engage against the plate member when the tubular member is in an outstanding position relative thereto, and an extensible handle member telescopically mounted within the tubular handle member and of a length sufficient to substantially fill the same when telescoped.

2. A pair of casket handles, each comprising, a bracket including a plate member attachable to a casket and an integral ear formed thereon, a tubular handle member pivoted at one side to said ear, one end of the tubular handle member projecting beyond the pivot point sufficiently so that it may engage the plate member when the tubular handle member is in an outstanding position relative thereto, an extensible handle member telescopically mounted within the tubular handle member, a rail provided with a pair of rings receiving the extensible handle members of the respective handles, the extensible handle members being provided with knobs larger than the openings of said rings, the openings of said rings being of sufficient diameter to receive the tubular handle members, and inter-engaging means on the tubular and extensible handle members, respectively, for locking the latter in a closed position wherein its head will retain the rail in position receiving the tubular handle members.

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