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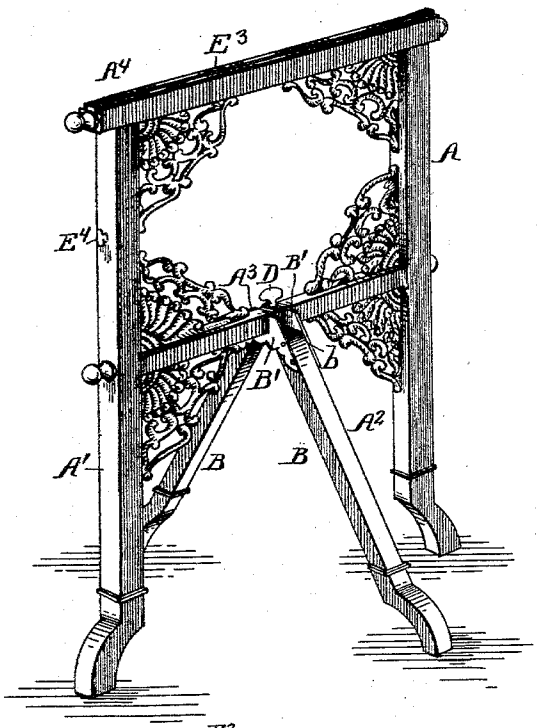

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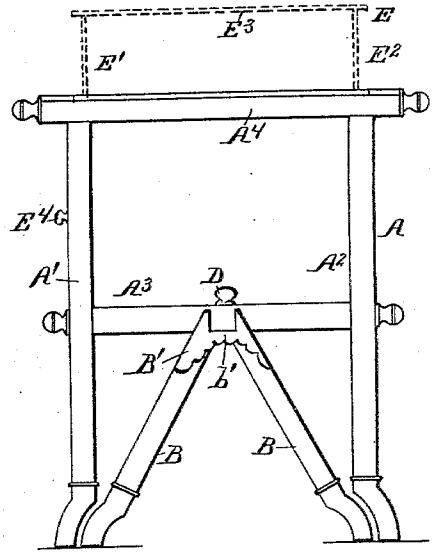

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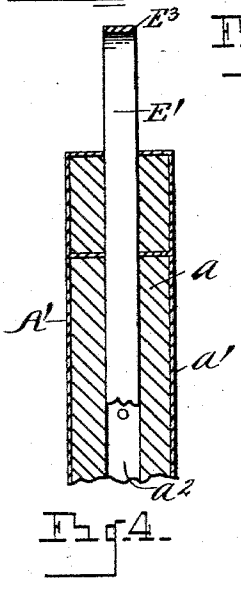

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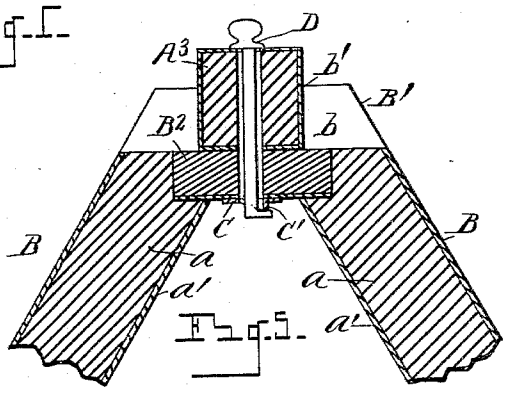

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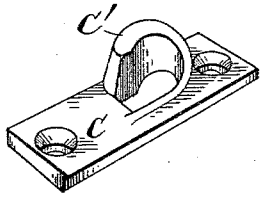

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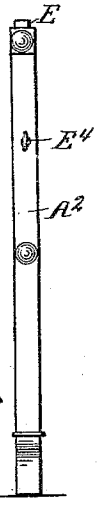

Fig. 3.

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PEDESTAL FOR BURIAL-CASKETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, WILLIAM H. BLACKFORD and WILLIAM HOLDSWORTH, citizens of the United States, residing at Detroit, county of Wayne, State of Michigan, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Pedestals for Burial-Caskets; and we declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

Our invention has for its object certain new and useful improvements in pedestals for burial-caskets; and it consists in the construction and arrangement of devices hereinafter specified and claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view in perspective, illustrating our invention, the movable legs being in opened position. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same, showing the movable legs in folded or closed position. Fig. 3 is a view in elevation at right angles to Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a detail view in section, showing the construction and arrangement of certain of the parts. Fig. 5 is a view in vertical section, showing the connection of the movable legs with the cross-bar of the main frame of the pedestal. Fig. 6 is a detail view of the cam-plate.

Our invention contemplates a pedestal of this class which may be readily folded into compact position for storage and transportation, and which may be readily set in open position ready for use.

We carry out our invention as follows:

A represents the main frame of the pedestal, constructed with standards A' A^2, united intermediate their ends by a cross-bar A^3 and at their upper ends by a top plate or bar A^4. The main frame A may be ornamented in any desired manner, as indicated in Fig. 1, or otherwise.

B B represent movable legs converged and united at their upper ends in any suitable manner, as by brackets B'. These brackets form therebetween a recess *b* to receive the cross-bar A^3 when the legs B B are in folded position. The brackets are also provided with recesses *b'* at right angles to the recess *b* to receive the cross-bar A^3 when the movable legs B B are in open position. The legs B B are also further united by a connecting bar or brace B^2, (shown in Fig. 5,) provided on its under face with a cam-plate C. (Shown in detail in Fig. 6.)

It will be evident that in order to adjust the movable legs B B, either into closed or open positions relative to the frame A, said legs must first be moved downward sufficiently to permit their disengagement, or the disengagement of the brackets B' with the cross-bar A^3, when the legs may be turned either into closed or open position, when they will be moved upward again to engage said movable legs or their brackets B', with the cross-bar A^3, either in the recess *b* or *b'*, as the case may be.

To hold the movable legs B B in engagement with the cross-bar A^3 in handling the pedestal, we prefer to employ a key D, the cross-bar A^3, the bar B^2, and the cam-plate C being provided with a suitable orifice or passage through which the key may be inserted into position. The cam-plate C is constructed with a cam C', the adjacent end of the key D being constructed and arranged to ride upon the face of the cam to tighten or lock the movable legs B B in engagement with the cross-bar A^3.

It will be obvious by referring to Fig. 5 that when the key D has been turned so as to cause its adjacent end to ride along the face of the cam C' sufficiently the movable legs B B will be held in engagement with the cross-bar A^3. When it is desired to change the position of the legs B B, the key must be turned in the opposite direction. This will allow the movable legs to be turned into the desired position, when they are held in such position by turning the key along the cam C'. This forms a very convenient and easy way of holding the parts in engagement, permitting their ready adjustment, and also permitting the parts to be tightened up, so as to take up any loose motion and prevent rattling or the swaying of the parts.

We prefer to construct the parts of the frame A and also the legs B B of wood, (in-

dicated at a,) covered with brass, (indicated at a',) the brass giving a neat and tasteful appearance to the pedestal.

Another feature of our invention has for its object to make the pedestal vertically-adjustable, so that a single set of pedestals may be used with different caskets and overcome the necessity of an undertaker being supplied with pedestals of various heights. We carry out this feature of our invention by providing a vertically-adjustable frame E, which may be formed with vertical bars E' E^2, connected at their upper ends by a cross-bar E^3. The bars E' E^2 are telescoped into the vertical standards A' A^2 of the frame A, said standards being constructed with channels (indicated at a^2, Fig. 4) to receive the corresponding bars E' E^2. A set-screw E^4 is provided to hold the adjustable frame E in given position. In Fig. 2 the frame E is shown adjusted upward in vertical position.

What we claim as our invention is—

In a pedestal, the combination with a main frame A provided with a cross-bar A^3, and with vertical standards, of a vertically-adjustable frame E provided with adjustable vertical bars E', E^2, means to hold the frame E in a given position, movable legs provided with recesses b and b' at right angles the one to the other, whereby said legs may be engaged with said cross-bar in a plane with the main frame and at right angles thereto, a cam, and a key acting on said cam to tighten said legs in engagement with said cross-bar, said frame and vertical bars the one telescoped into the other, for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof we sign this specification in the presence of two witnesses.

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