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RECEIVING STAND FOR CASKET LOWERING DEVICES

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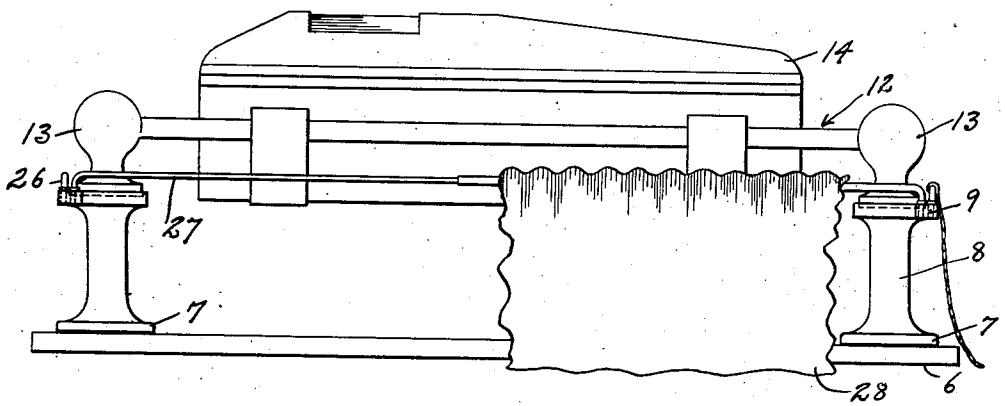


Fig. 1

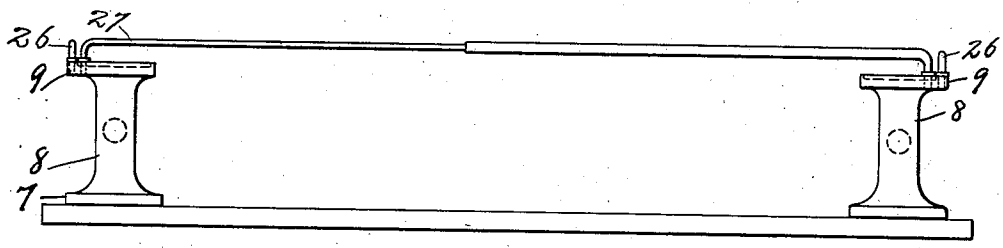


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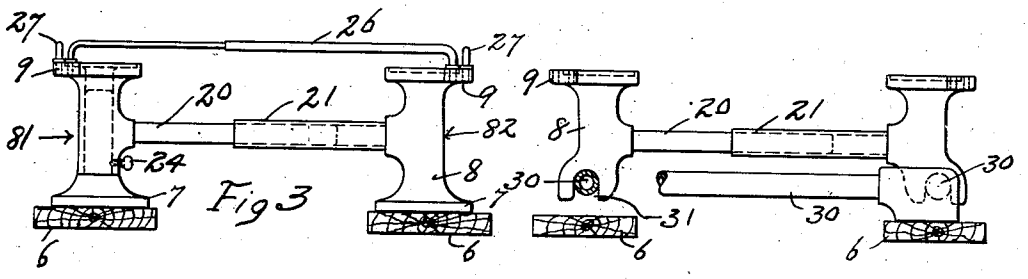


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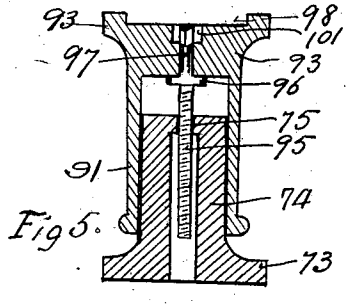


Fig 5.

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RECEIVING STAND FOR CASKET-LOWERING DEVICES

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My invention relates to a support for a casket to be used over an open grave. The object accomplished is the construction of an adjustable support to be placed around an open grave, the top of which is on a horizontal plane regardless of the contour of the land in which the grave is dug, said support being high enough so that when the pall bearers place the casket thereon they need not stoop down. The device is adapted to have a curtain surrounding the grave so that those present at the funeral ceremony cannot readily look into the grave, and when the casket is lowered it is lowered behind curtains, and relieves the by standers of the shock of seeing it lowered into the earth.

In the drawing accompanying this specification Fig. 1 shows the support viewed from the side and holding a casket lowering device on which rests a casket, said figure showing also a portion of a curtain adapted to enclose the open grave.

Fig. 2 is a side view of the support.

Fig. 3 is an end view of the support showing an adjustable post and means for regulating the width.

Fig. 4 is a modified form of Fig. 3.

Fig. 5 is a sectional view of a modified form of an adjustable post.

Referring to the drawing, 6 represents ordinary planks which are placed along the side of the open grave. The support is placed upon these planks. Said support consists of four posts, each post having a base 7, an upright member 8 and a top 9. A casket lowering device 12, forms of which are well known and which are not described in detail herein, is adapted to hold a casket 14.

The upper face of top 9 has a recess 98 as shown in Fig. 5 so that the corner blocks 13 of the casket lowering device will fit therein and prevent its slipping off of the support. The end posts designated 81 and 82 are connected by arms, 20 and 21, which arms telescope one into the other so that they can be adjusted as to the distance they are placed apart.

In some cases graves are made on a hillside. For the purpose of having the tops of the four posts on a common horizontal plane, one or more of said posts can be made adjustable as to height as shown in Fig. 3. Base 7 has an upright tube 81 attached thereto or integral therewith. Top 9 has a depending tube 91 attached thereto or integral therewith and one of said tubes is adapted to slide or telescope into the other. A screw 24 can be used to clamp the tubes together at the adjustment desired.

The modified form shown in Fig. 5 comprises a base 73, and an upward hollow extension 74, attached to the base. Extension 74 has a female screw 75, attached thereto. The upper portion of the post consists of the top member 93 having a depending tubular extension 91 which slidingly fits over the hollow extension 74. A screw 95 having a head 96 is adapted to fit in the female screw 75, said screw having an extension 97 above the head thereof which extension is passed through hole 99 in the top 93. The upper end of said extension terminating in a hexagon, square or other shape which permits a wrench being used thereon to turn the screw. A recess 101 may be formed in the top 93 so that a wrench can be applied to turn screw 95 to lengthen or shorten the post. Other common means for turning the screw may be substituted.

Curtain rods 26 and 27 can be placed around the top of the posts to support curtain 27 which curtain encloses the grave.

In Fig. 4 is shown posts having a modified form base which form is used when a railing 30 surrounds the grave. Railing 30 is ordinarily used when a vault is lowered into the grave, the vault being suspended from said railing, the vault not being shown on the drawing. The base of the posts has recesses 31 formed therein to engage the rails 30.

It is suggested that the spirit of my invention comprises the adjustable support permitting the casket to be placed over the grave at a convenient height for depositing it thereon, and for permitting a curtain to encircle the grave, and to hold rigidly the casket lowering device on an approximately horizontal plane.

Having described my invention, I claim:

1. In a catafalque the combination of four

posts, means for connecting and holding said posts in an upright position selectively spaced distances apart, forming an approximately rectangular enclosure, and adapted to receive a coffin within said enclosure, the tops of said posts being adapted to hold a coffin lowering device, each of said posts being formed of a base portion and a top portion, said base portion being adapted to telescope within the top portion, means for adjustment of the height of each post consisting of screw means positioned on the approximate lateral center line of the assembled base portion and top portion, the upper end of the screw being adapted to receive a wrench, a recess formed in the top portion of the post surrounding the upper end of the screw, said lowering device being adapted to cover the tops of the posts and to hide the screw adjustable means.

2. In combination with a coffin lowering device having four corner supports, of an auxiliary stand having four posts positioned to register with the four corner supports of the lowering device, each of said posts consisting of two parts adapted to longitudinally telescope one within the other, screw means positioned along the approximate lateral center line of said post adapted to adjust said post as to height, said screw means when assembled with the post being wholly hidden from view except the ends thereof, and said corner supports of the lowering device being adapted when assembled with the posts to hide from view the top end of said screw.

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