

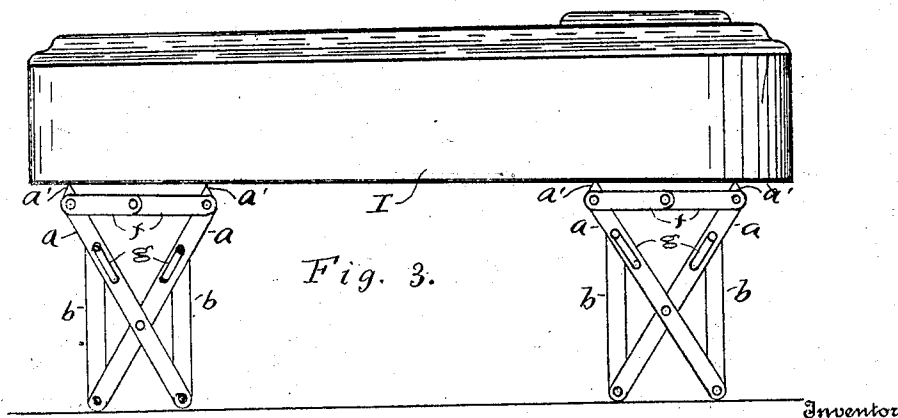
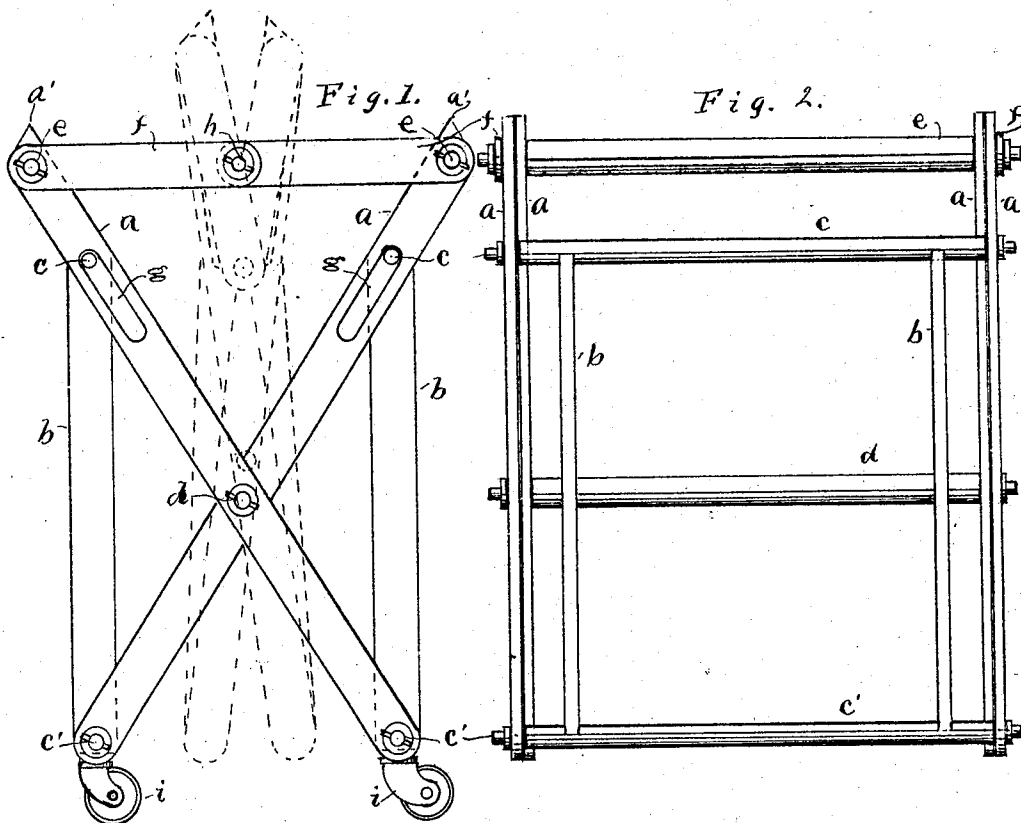
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE VERNON McCONNELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Reed City, in the county of Osceola and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Folding Stools, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in casket-stools or implements for holding caskets, &c., in undertaking-parlors, at funerals, &c.; and its objects are, first, to provide a folding stool with which the weight of the casket and contents will be supported upon directly vertical standards, and, second, to provide a stool that will support the casket without danger of its sliding from its position thereon. I attain these objects by the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is an end elevation of the stool in position to receive the casket and also shown folded in outline. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same, and Fig. 3 shows the stools supporting a casket.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

This stool is constructed with the cross-standards *a a*, pivoted together on the cross-girth *d*, upright standards *b*, pivotally connected with the cross-standards *a* by the cross-bars *c* and slidably connected at the other end by the cross-bars *e*, and cross-braces *f*, pivoted together at *h* at one end and pivoted to the cross-standards *a* by the cross-bars *e* in such a manner that when the stool is in position for supporting a casket (shown in Figs. 1 and 3) the weight of the casket and contents will be upon the cross-bar *c* and directly upon the vertical standards *b*, which, together with the cross-brace *f*, practically relieves the cross-standards of the weight and strengthens the stool many fold.

When the stool is folded for storing, I prefer that it be folded, as indicated by the dotted lines in Fig. 1, with the braces *f* inclining downward, though it may be with these braces upward, if circumstances seem to require.

I prefer that the tops of the standards be

made sharp, as indicated at *a'*, so that they will easily press into the bottom of the casket *I*, and thus avert the danger of the casket being slid off of them, though I do not desire to restrict myself to any special form of point at this place.

The cross-bars *c* are passed through short slots *g* in the cross-standards *a*, which allows them to slide therein, as hereinbefore suggested, so that the cross-standards may be readily brought to the upright position. (Indicated by the dotted lines in Fig. 1.)

i i represent casters attached to the legs of the stools, and I prefer that they be of the ball-bearing class, as these work much more freely than others.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. In a folding stool, cross-legs pivoted together near the center and having a slot in each near the upper ends, vertical standards pivotally attached to the cross-standards at the lower end and slidably mounted in the slots of the cross-standards at the upper end, and cross-braces pivoted to the upper ends of the cross-standards and pivoted to fold at the longitudinal center, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. In a folding stool, crossed standards pivoted together near the center in pairs, and having slots near the upper ends, bars connecting each pair of standards with the other pair, vertical standards pivotally connected to the crossed standards at the lower ends and slidably engaged with said slots in the standards at the upper ends, cross-braces pivoted to the upper ends of the crossed standards and pivoted at the center to fold, and the upper ends of the crossed standards sharpened, substantially as specified.

Signed at Reed City, Michigan, December 5, 1904.

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