To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Thomas B. Hennessy, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, county of Cook, and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Canopy for Mortuary Purposes, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a canopy for mortuary purposes and has for its object the production of a portable canopy the frame of which shall be strong, durable and capable of standing by itself for supporting not only the canopy but suitable draperies or curtains.

A further object of my invention is to provide a frame as mentioned which may be quickly "knocked down" or taken apart, and the parts thereof packed into a small compass for convenience in transportation. And a further object is to provide means whereby the lower curtain inclosing a cooling-board or other support for the corpse may be adjusted to the correct height.

Other objects will appear hereinafter.

With these objects in view my invention consists in the novel construction and arrangement of parts which will be hereinafter fully described and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

My invention will be more readily understood by reference to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, and in which,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved canopy frame in its preferred form;

Fig. 2 is a front elevation of a frame extension arm, Fig. 3 is a detail elevation of the bridge or top member of the frame.

Figs. 4 and 5 are detail top plan views of the portions of the frame provided for the reception of said bridge, Fig. 6 is a detail top plan view illustrating an adjustable arm used for supporting the lower curtain rod, Figs. 7 and 8 are detail sections showing clamping devices employed in the frame, Figs. 9 and 10 are respectively, a side elevation and a top plan view of end portions of the curtain rod showing the connection between the same and the supporting arm.

Figs. 11 and 12 are respectively, a top plan view and a side elevation illustrating the extendible means in said curtain rod, Figs. 13 and 14 are respectively, a top plan view and a side elevation showing means provided for folding said curtain rod and other portions of the frame, and Figs. 15 and 16 are detail views showing the means of connection provided at the corners of the top frame.

Referring now to the drawings, 1, 2 and 3 designate members of extendible tubular standards, cone clutches 4 and 5 being provided to hold said members in any adjusted position. A tripod 6 is provided for each standard, each clutch of which comprises male and female conical portions 7 and 8 respectively. Depending from the end members of the top frame are socket members 9 which are adapted to engage either the ends of the members 8 or enlarged upturned ends 10 of horizontal arms 11, the latter having the ends opposite the ends 10 bent downwardly as at 12 to engage sockets in the upper ends of the members 3. The extendible arms 11 are provided in case it is necessary to provide a greater spacing between the standards and they may be readily inserted as shown in detail in Fig. 6. Each end member 13 of the top or canopy frame comprises bent ends 13' to which the side members 14 of the top frame are connected by means of buttons 15 provided in the ends 13'. and slots 16 engaging said buttons provided in said side members. After the slots 16 are engaged with the buttons 15 slideable sleeves 17 mounted on the side members 14 are moved over the ends 13'. Buttons 18 by means of which curtains may be attached are provided on the side members 14 and end members 18. Each side member 14 is foldable, pivots 19 and slideable sleeves 20 being provided as shown in detail in Fig. 14. In order to support the canopy a bridge is provided which comprises members 21 having bent ends 22 which are adapted to fit into slots 23 provided in the members 14. The members 21 are hinged by means of a pivotal screw 24 as shown in detail in Fig. 3. In order to prevent the center of the bridge from settling a stop 25 is provided in one of the members 21 and a slot 26 in the other member to engage said stop. A support for a corpse is arranged within the canopy as shown.

The lower curtain is attached to the lower curtain rod 27 by means of buttons 18 similar to the buttons provided in the top frame. This curtain rod is arranged on substantially the same level as the corpse support and is foldable, the pivot 19 and sleeve 20 being provided as in the members 14 to accomplish this purpose. The curtain rod 27 is also ex-
tensible, sleeves 28 shown in detail in Figs. 12 and 13 being mounted on the ends of the rod 27 as clearly illustrated. The curtain rod supporting arms 29 are provided with bent portions 29' to which the rod 27 is connected by means of the button 30 provided in the portion 29' and the slot 31 provided in said rod. After engagement of the button 30 with the slot 31 the sleeve 32 is moved as indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 10 which makes the connection secure. The rod 29 is longitudinally adjustable in the lug 33 in which the set screw 34 is screwed. The lug 33 is integral with the clamp 35 which is vertically adjustable on the member 2 by means of the thumb screw 36. An auxiliary support 37 is provided for the rod 29. Thus it is apparent that the curtain rod 29 is laterally and vertically adjustable. White curtains or draperies are used, the same being semi-transparent, and in order to produce a colored effect lavender or other colored curtains are placed behind the white curtains, thus producing a richer effect than when colored curtains alone are used.

While I have shown what I deem to be the preferable form of my improved canopy, I do not wish to be limited thereto as there might be various changes made in the details of construction and arrangement of parts described without departing from the spirit of my invention, and hence I desire to avail myself of such changes and alterations as fairly fall within the scope of the appended claims.

Having described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. In a device of the class described, end standards, brackets adjustably mounted on said standards, extensions on said brackets having horizontal transverse perforations, arms extending through said perforations, lugs on said brackets below the perforations in said extensions, said arms being adapted to rest on said lugs and a curtain rod extending between said arms and detachably connected thereto, substantially as described.

2. In a device of the class described, a pair of standards having sockets in their upper ends, horizontal arms each having one end turned downwardly to engage one of the respective sockets and the other end turned vertically upwardly, a canopy frame, and downwardly extending socket members on said frame adapted to receive the upturned ends of said arms, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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