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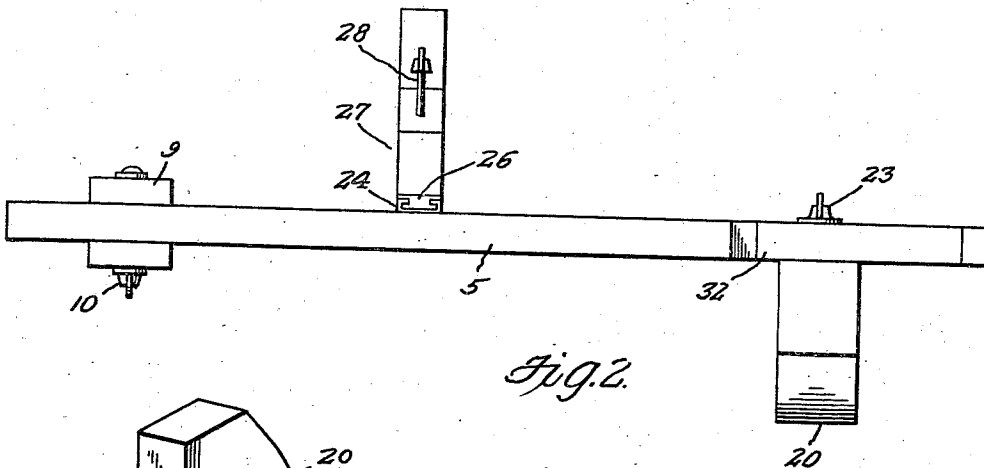
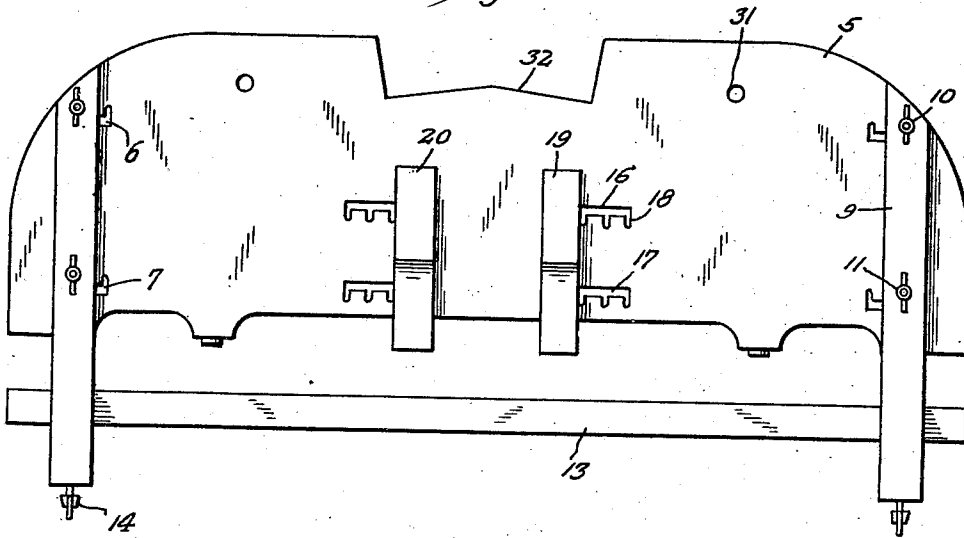


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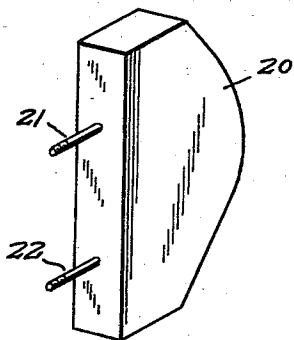


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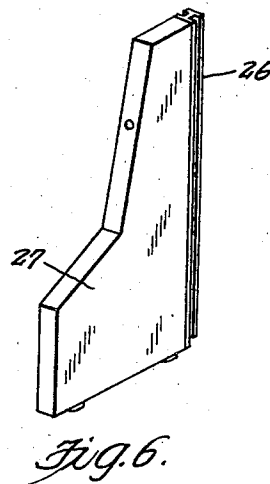
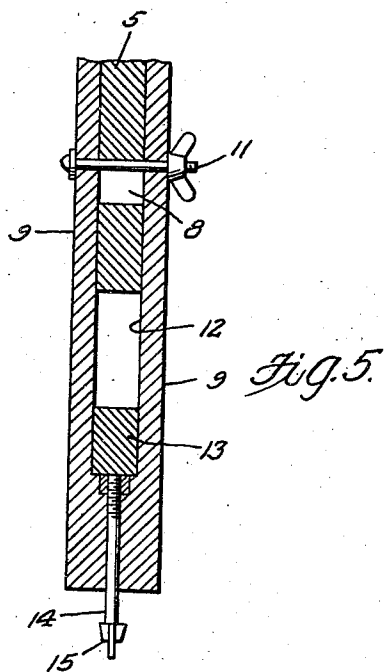
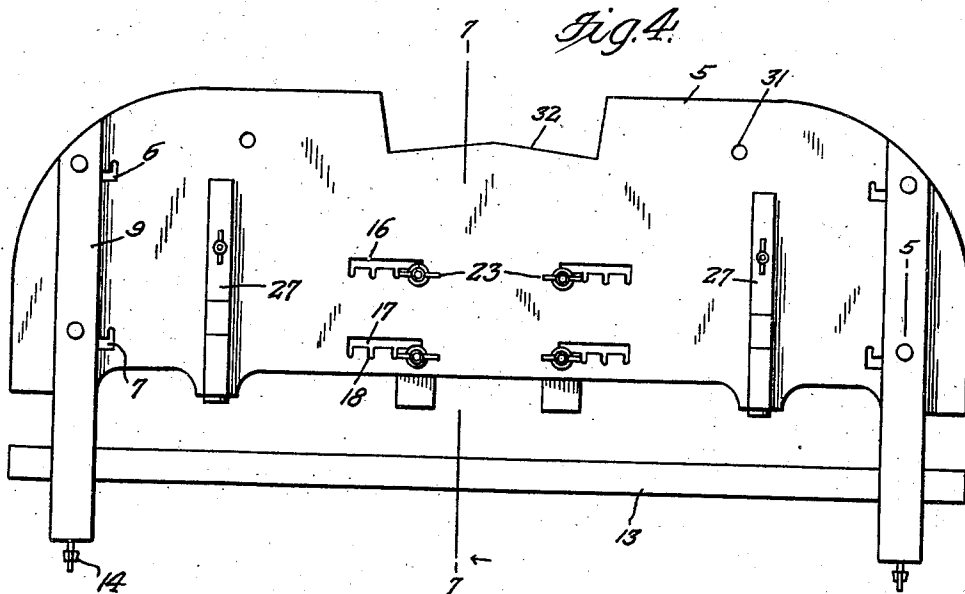
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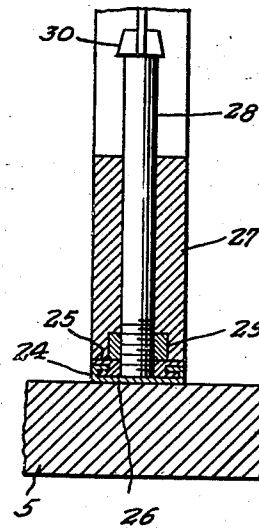
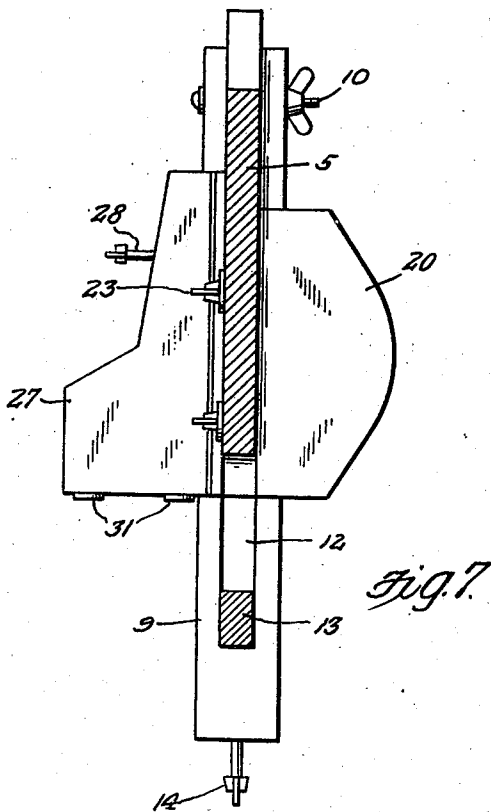
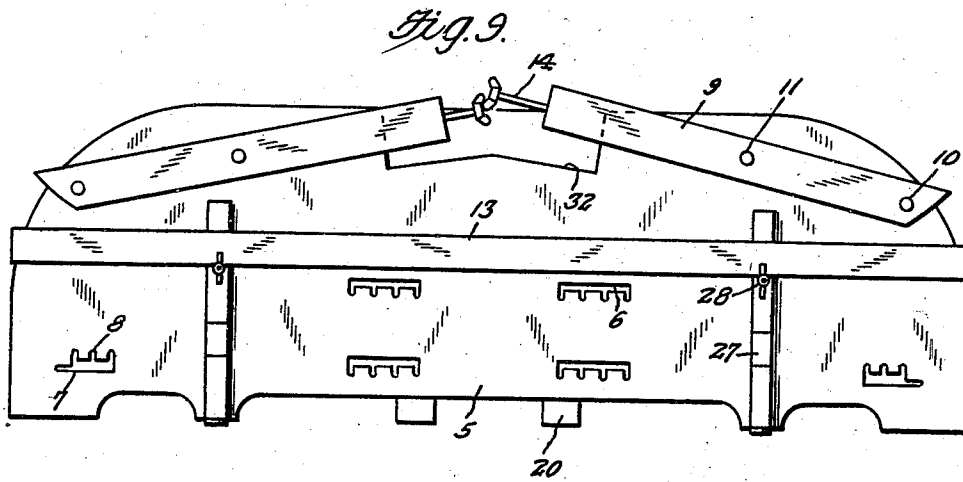
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The present invention relates to a new and useful improvement in foot rests for embalming tables adapted to provide an abutment for the feet of a body lying on the table to maintain the same in an upright position and the invention has for an important object to provide a foot board adapted for positioning transversely of the table together with means for securing the board in an upright position and in which the board securing means includes foldable legs adapted for swinging into folded position against the board into a compact form, when not in use.

A further object of the invention is to provide means for adjusting the legs to accommodate tables of various widths and also to provide foot props on one face of the board together with means for securing the props in laterally adjusted position.

An additional object is to provide supporting blocks at the rear face of the board together with means for adjusting the blocks vertically thereon in order that the blocks may rest either on the upper edge of a flat rimmed embalming table, or on the upper edge of a splash shield provided at the rear portion of certain types of tables.

A still further object is to provide an attachment of this character of simple and practical construction, which is efficient and reliable in use, relatively inexpensive to manufacture, which may be easily and quickly installed in position on the table and otherwise well adapted for the purposes for which the same is intended.

Other objects and advantages reside in the details of construction and operation as more fully hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming part hereof, wherein like numerals refer to like parts throughout, and in which:

Figure 1 is a front elevational view.

Figure 2 is an enlarged fragmentary top plan view.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of one of the foot props.

Figure 4 is a rear elevational view.

Figure 5 is a fragmentary sectional view through one of the legs taken substantially on the line 5-5 of Figure 4.

Figure 6 is a perspective view of one of the supporting blocks.

Figure 7 is a vertical sectional view taken substantially on the line 7-7 of Figure 4.

Figure 8 is an enlarged horizontal sectional view through one of the supporting blocks, and

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Figure 9 is a rear elevational view showing the legs in folded position.

Referring now to the drawings in detail wherein for the purpose of illustration I have described a preferred embodiment of the invention, the numeral 5 designates the foot board adapted for positioning transversely of an embalming table, the board adjacent each side edge thereof having upper and lower longitudinal slots 6 and 7 with which spaced apart vertical reentrance slots 8 communicate.

A pair of legs 9 are positioned against each face of the board and are provided with upper and lower bolts and wing nuts 10 and 11 adapted for insertion respectively in the slots 6 and 7. By loosening the wing nuts the bolts may be moved into the vertical reentrance slots for securing the legs in transversely adjusted position on the board.

The lower ends of the legs extend downwardly below the bottom edge of the board 5 into a position below the edge of the table (not shown) and the legs 9 are formed with vertically extending slots 12 adapted to receive a locking bar 13 extending transversely beneath the table.

A bolt 14 is threaded through the bottom of the leg by means of a wing head 15 on the bolt and adapted to engage the lower end of the locking bar 13 for clamping the latter against the bottom edge of the table.

Adjacent the center of the board 5 are right and lefthand upper and lower horizontal slots 16 and 17 having downwardly extending spaced parallel reentrance slots 18 communicating respectively therewith. Right and left foot props 19 and 20 are provided with upper and lower bolts 21 and 22 inserted in the respective upper and lower slots 16 and 17, the bolts having wing nuts 23 for clamping the props in position against the front face of the board.

It will be apparent that the bolts 21 and 22 may be moved along the horizontal slots 16 and 17 and then into the reentrance slots 18 to secure the props in a desired laterally adjusted position.

The props 19 and 20 are adapted for positioning against the outer side of the feet of the body for supporting the feet in an upright position.

To the rear face of the board 5 are secured a pair of vertical channel members 24 having inwardly extended flanges 25 and behind which are slidably received the edges of a slide 26 formed on the edge of the block 27. A bolt 28 is threaded through a nut 29 recessed in the block by means of a wing head 30 on the outer end of the bolt,

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the inner end of the bolt being inserted through the slide 26 for abutting the channel 24 to secure the block in vertically adjusted position on the board.

The bottom edge of the block 26 is provided with rubber or other resilient feet or pads 31 adapted to bear against the edge of a flat rimmed embalming table, or against the upper edge of a splash shield where the table is provided therewith whereby the blocks 27 will assist in maintaining the board 5 in an upright position.

In the operation of the device, the board 5 is placed in an upright position transversely of the table, the legs 9 adjusted laterally so as to abut the opposite side edges of the table and the locking bar 13 is then inserted in the slots 12 beneath the table and clamped against the underside thereof by means of the bolts 14.

The blocks 27 are then moved downwardly in the guide channels 24 so that the lower edge of the blocks will either rest on the top of the table or on the rim or splash shield at the foot thereof and tightened in position by the bolts 28 to assist in supporting the board in an upright position.

The foot props 19 and 20 are then adjusted laterally in the slots 16 and 17 and secured in a proper adjusted position by the bolts 21, 22 and the wing nuts 23.

When the board is removed from the table the legs 9 may be folded in a position against the

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sides of the board as shown in Figure 9 by removing the lower bolts and wing nuts 11 and swinging the lower ends of the legs upwardly and inwardly on the bolts 10 as a pivot and openings 31 are formed adjacent the upper edge of the table in which the bolts 10 may then be inserted to secure the legs in their folded position. The upper edge of the board is formed with enlarged notch 32 to accommodate the solid lower ends of the legs.

It is believed that the details of construction and manner of use of the device will be readily understood from the foregoing without further detailed explanation.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim as new is:

A foot rest for embalming tables comprising a member disposed transversely of the surface of the table, means for securing the member against movement on the table, said member having horizontal slots therein, and spaced parallel vertical slots communicating with the horizontal slots, foot props positioned against one side of the member and adapted to abut the sides of the feet of a body resting on the table, and pins carried by the props and adapted for selective engagement in said vertical slots to secure the props in adjusted position transversely of the table.

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