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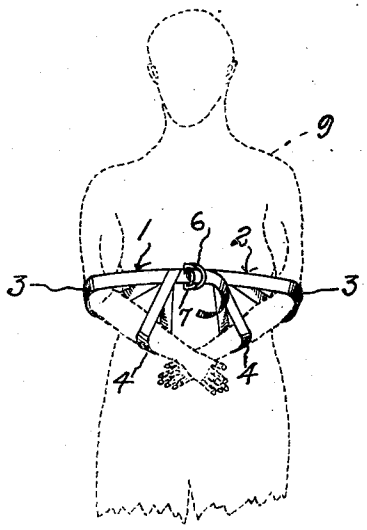



Fig. 1.

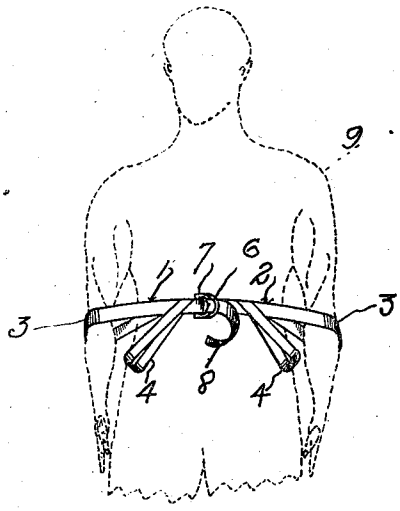



Fig. 2.

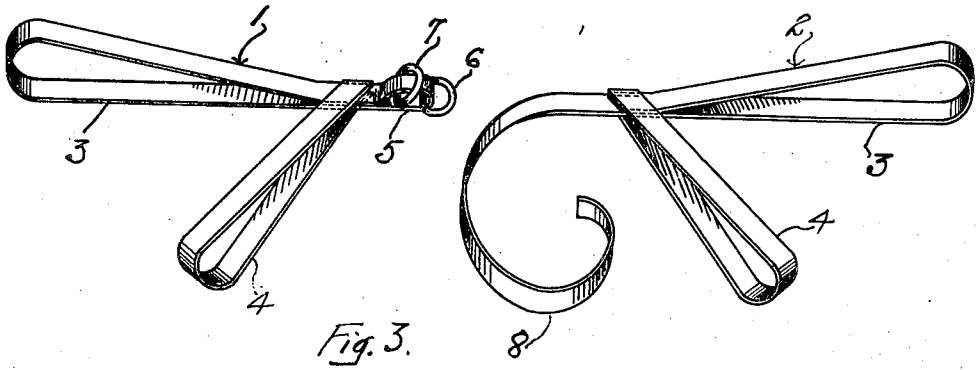



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The present invention is directed to improvements in devices for holding the arms of a human body when the same is being prepared for burial.

The primary object of the invention is to provide a device of this character so constructed that it will effectively hold the arms in straight line position or in determined folded positions.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device of this nature so constructed as to in no way obstruct the circulatory system of the body and prevent the embalming fluid passing therethrough.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device of this kind operable to hold the arms firmly to enable the hands to be massaged without releasing the device, the construction being such that no objectionable indentations will be made in the arms.

Still another object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which is extremely simple in construction and operation and one which may be readily sterilized.

With these and other objects in view, this invention resides in the novel features of construction, formation, combination and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter more fully described, claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a front view of the device showing it in use on a torso and holding both arms folded.

Figure 2 is a similar view, but showing the arms in straight line positions.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the holder, the sections forming the same being shown disengaged.

The device comprises a pair of sections 1 and 2, formed from suitable pliable material of strap like form. Each section consists of arm engaging loops 3 and 4, the latter being angularly disposed relative to the former.

The section 2 has one of its stretches terminating in a strap 8 for engagement with the rings 6 and 7 in a well known manner, and not only furnishing a means of connection between the sections, but also means for adjusting the same.

In Figures 1 and 2 the torso is indicated in dotted lines by the numeral 9, and in Fig. 1 the loops 3 and 4 of each section engage the arms of the body adjacent the elbows and forearms, respectively, whereby the arms will be held in folded positions, as shown in this figure. It will be of course understood that after the sections engage with the arms that the strap 8 may be adjusted and secured in the rings 6 and 7 to hold the sections in determined adjusted positions.

In Figure 2 the loops 3 of each section are in use only in order that the arms will be held in straight line positions.

If only one arm is to be held in a folded position and the other in a straight line position selected loops 3 and 4 of one section are engaged with the arm to be folded, and the loop 3 only of the other section is engaged with the other arm to hold the same in straight line position.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that a device for the purpose specified has been provided which will prevent distortion of the arms after the body has been embalmed. Further the construction is such that it may be applied to the body after the embalming thereof, and being in no way bulky in size and shape, a spread over the body will completely hide the device.

What is claimed is:

1. A device for holding the arms of a body being prepared for burial comprising a pair of sections, means for adjustably and detachably connecting the sections with each other, each section comprising a loop adapted to engage the arm above the elbow, and a loop carried by each of the first named loops and disposed in angular relation thereto and adapted to engage the arms below the elbows, as and for the purpose set forth.

2. A device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the second named loops are of less length than the first named loops to hold the arms folded.

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