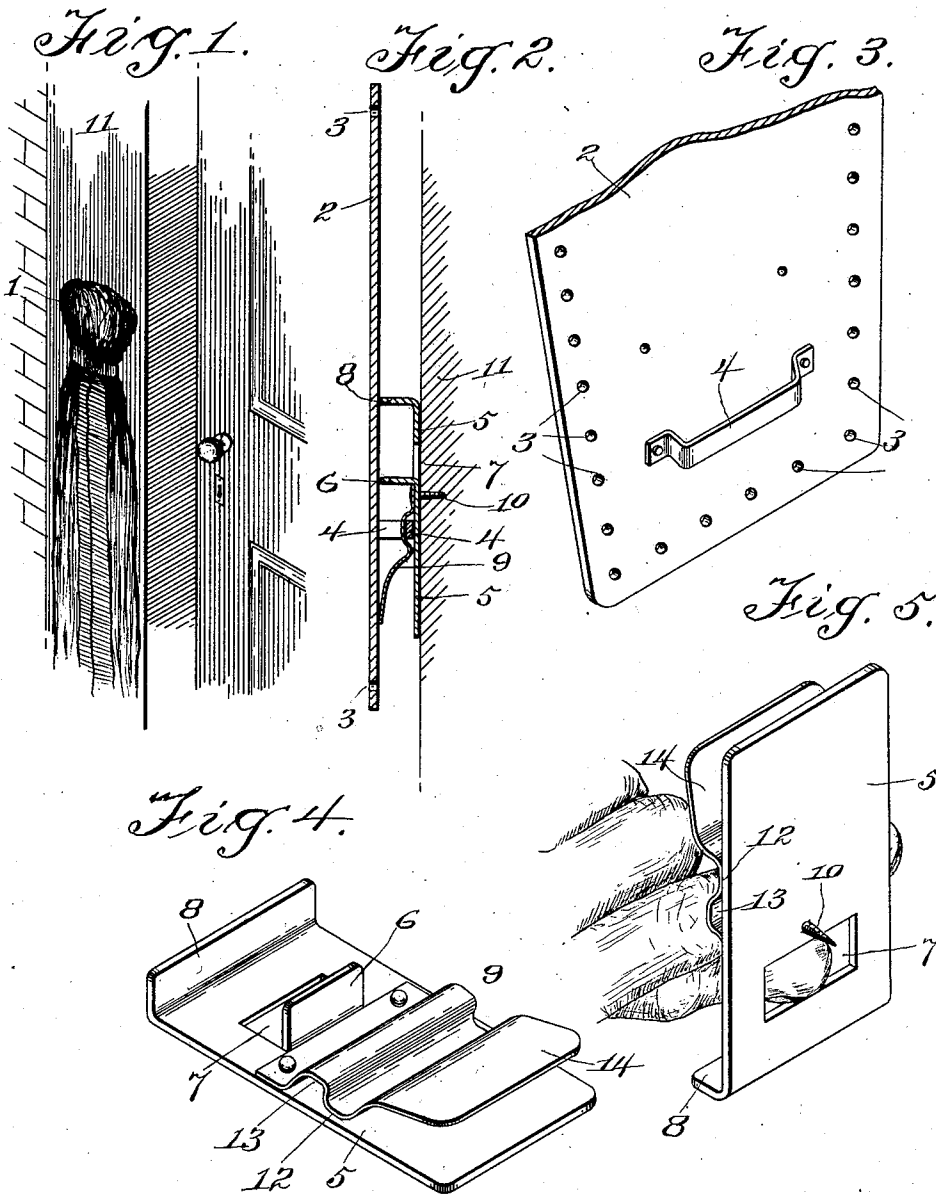


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MAURICE T. MILLER, citizen of the United States, residing at Scranton, in the county of Lackawanna and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Door-Crape Hangers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to the class of undertaking, and pertains especially to means for attaching and suspending door crape for funerals.

The object of the invention is to provide a metal head-plate for door crape adapted to have such crape permanently attached thereto, so that the same plate and the same crape may be repeatedly used without injury either to the plate or to the crape, and so that the crape head is not disturbed or displaced with respect to the plate owing to such repeated usage; and to provide means (on the back or reverse side of said plate to that occupied by the crape-head) for hooking the plate to a special hanger for suspending the plate.

A further object of the invention is to provide a hanger or holder of novel and peculiar construction and arrangement for suspending the head-plate from a door or door-casing or other place where it may be applied.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a hanger or holder of such novel and peculiar construction and arrangement of parts as to be attached to and removed from a door or other place for hanging door-crape without defacing or damaging the door or other object to which it is attached, and adapted to be revolved or turned in attaching and detaching it, without the use of tools or implements.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a hanger having a screw-pin on one side thereof for attaching the hanger and a spring catch on the other side thereof for suspending head-plates of door crape.

Various other objects, advantages and improved results are attainable in the practical application of the invention, as will be hereinafter set forth.

In the accompanying drawings forming part of this application:—Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the application of the invention. Fig. 2 is a central vertical section of the device shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the head-

plate partly broken away. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the hanger looking at its outer face. Fig. 5 is a similar view of the hanger looking at its inner face.

The same reference numerals denote the same parts throughout the several views of the drawings.

The crape-head or rosette 1, is attached to the outer face of a head-plate 2, by stitching, sewing or tying the edges of the head 1, through a series of small apertures 3 made in the plate 2 adjacent the edges thereof, and said plate is composed of non-rustable sheet metal or other suitable material (not pasteboard or fabric) of sufficient rigidity and thickness as to remain in flat plate form. The inner face of the plate 2 is provided with a loop 4 so as to leave an interval or space between the body of the loop and this face of the plate for hanging the plate on a holder or hanger, now to be described in detail.

The holder or hanger comprises an L-shaped bracket, the vertical member 5, of which has a flange 6 struck up therefrom and projecting at right angles to the outer face of said bracket member 5, so as to leave an opening 7 in the said member adjacent to and between the flange 6 and the short member 8, of the bracket: the function of the flange, the opening, and the short member of the bracket will be hereinafter more fully explained: the hanger further comprises a plate-spring 9 attached to the front or outer face of the member 5, and a short screw-pin or stud 10, projecting from the inner or back face of the member 5, and adapted to be screwed into a door-siding 11, or other place for attaching the hanger thereto; said spring-plate 9 has a shoulder 12 bearing against the member 5, a groove 13 for holding the loop 4, and a spring-wing 14 adapted to engage the plate above the loop 4, while the spring 9 of the hanger-member 5 engages the said plate 2 below the loop 4, and parallels the member 5 with the plate 2, while suspending the latter. The flange 6 forms a grasping means for the thumb and fingers in screwing and unscrewing the holder or bracket, and the opening 7 permits the thumb or finger to be inserted there-through in grasping the flange 6.

It will be understood that the hanger or bracket-screw is first screwed to a door, door-sash, door-siding, or other place where it is desired to hang the crape, by simply

turning the bracket, and then the loop 4 of the plate is passed over the wing 14 and over the spring shoulder 12 into the groove 13; a reverse movement of the plate 2 will
 5 remove it from the bracket or holder, carrying with it the crape.

It is obvious that the head-plate and the bracket or holder are capable of various mechanical modifications in the manufacture thereof as to the method of making,
 10 relation of parts, and the material; and that the device may be expeditiously applied to a door or adjacent thereto.

It will be seen that the head-plate permits
 15 the crape to hang straight therefrom without special adjustment of the hanging crape; that the crape-head is not disturbed, soiled or mutilated in applying the crape to and removing it from a door or other place of
 20 attachment; and the connection between the holder or hanger and the head-plate is such as to hold the latter rigid and firmly in proper position.

It will be observed that when the device
 25 is not in use it may be preserved in connected or joined condition ready to be applied without the use of tools or implements; and

that it may be repeatedly used from time to time as desired or as occasion may demand.

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

1. A door crape and a support therefor comprising a crape head plate, a loop on the inner face of the plate, and a holder for the
 35 plate having a spring catch on the front face thereof for engagement with the loop, and a screw projecting from the inner face of the holder.

2. A door crape and a support therefor
 40 comprising a plate to which the crape is attached, a loop on the inner face of the plate, and a screw plate having a top flange projecting from the outer face thereof into engagement with the crape plate above the
 45 loop, and a spring catch depending from the outer face of the screw plate for the loop and engaging the crape plate below the loop.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand in the presence of two witnesses.

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