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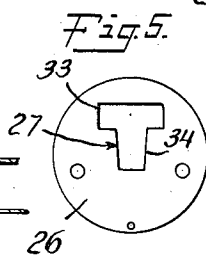
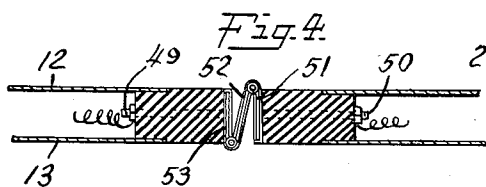
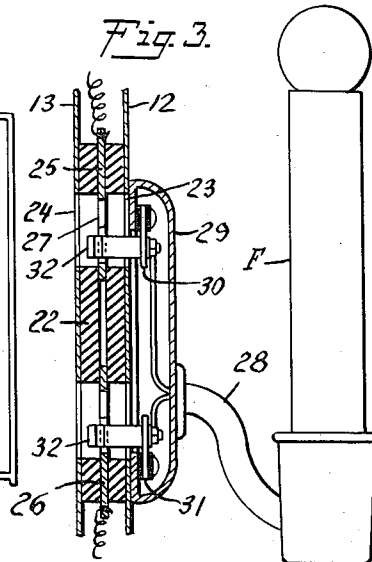
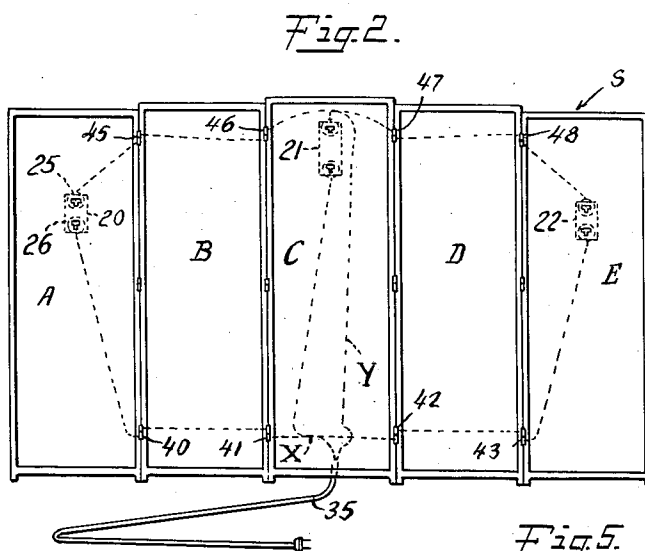
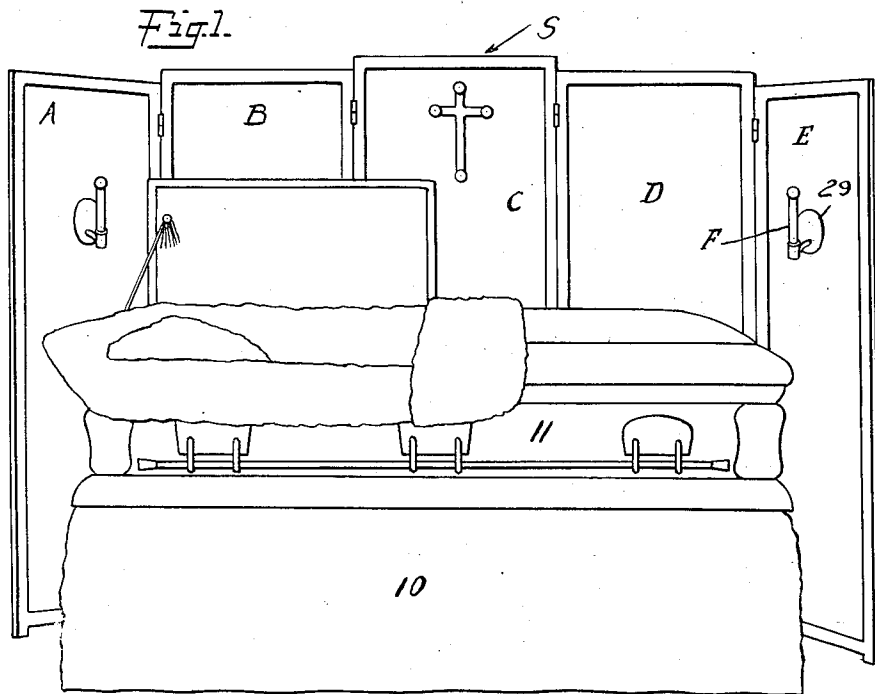


Fig. 6.

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This invention relates to ornamental screens. More particularly stated, the invention relates to a screen such as is used in funeral parlors as a background for the casket. For such use it is desirable and, in fact, necessary that the screen harmonize with the casket and fittings and the ornamental effect is enhanced by providing the screen with lighting fixtures.

This invention has for its object to provide a screen of the character specified so constructed and arranged as to be reversible and, furthermore, having electrical contacts so arranged that the lighting fixtures can be detachably applied to and supported upon either side thereof.

Further objects of the invention will appear from the following specification taken in connection with the drawing which forms a part of this application, and in which

Fig. 1 is an elevational view showing a screen constructed in accordance with the invention as a background for a casket;

Fig. 2 is an elevational view showing the screen opened up and illustrating diagrammatically the electrical connections and fixture contacts in the screen;

Fig. 3 is a detail sectional elevation showing one of the lighting fixtures and the electrical connections thereto;

Fig. 4 is a detail sectional elevation showing the electrical contacts through one of the screen hinges;

Fig. 5 is a front elevation of one of the screen contacts; and

Fig. 6 is a side elevation of a part of one of the movable contacts which is adapted to cooperate therewith.

The invention briefly described consists of a screen comprising a plurality of hinged sections and having ornamental front and back surfaces between which are mounted devices for receiving and supporting lighting fixtures and connecting supply lines thereto. The circuits for these contacts pass through the hinges and these are operative in all positions of angular adjustment of the screen sections. Furthermore, access is provided to the screen contacts through both the front and rear surfaces thereof and the contacts in the screen and the coating contacts of the fixtures are so constructed and arranged that the fixtures will be supported thereby.

Further details of the invention will appear from the following description.

In Fig. 1 there is shown a casket base or pedestal 10 on which is mounted a casket 11 and behind which is disposed a screen S comprising

a plurality of sections A, B, C, D and E. The front and rear surfaces 12 and 13 are covered with any suitable ornamental material, preferably of different color or configuration so that one surface can be used with certain types and designs of caskets and casket pedestals and the other side can be used with other types or designs.

The screen sections are provided with a plurality of lighting fixture contacts 20, 21 and 22 10 and the surfaces 12 and 13 are provided with openings 23 and 24 which register with and give access to the contacts. In Fig. 3 the screen contact comprises a pair of contact members 25 and 26 which are mounted in suitable insulating material and have formed therein key hole slots 27. The lighting fixture F is carried by a bracket 28 having a base or plate 29 which has mounted therein a pair of contacts 30 and 31 which are mounted in suitable insulating material and are provided with heads 32 designed to extend through the upper ends 33 of the key hole slots and to engage behind the vertically extending portions 34 of the slots which communicate with the portions 33. Thus, it will be seen that the 25 fixture contacts 30 and 31 in addition to establishing electrical communication with the screen contacts 26 and 27 also act therewith to support the lighting fixtures. It will also be evident that the lighting fixtures can be applied to either sur- 30 face of the screen.

The electrical connections in the screen for establishing communication with the screen contacts are illustrated particularly in Fig. 2 where there is shown a cord 35 which can be plugged 35 into any socket and has two wires X and Y which are connected in parallel to the screen contacts 26 and 27. The wire X is connected through the lower hinges 40, 41, 42 and 43 to the lower screen contacts 26. The wire Y is connected to the 40 upper screen contacts 27 and leads through hinges 45, 46, 47 and 48.

Fig. 4 shows one of the wires secured to screws 49 and 50 which establish electrical communication with one of the hinges comprising three 45 hinged leaves 51, 52 and 53. The leaves are preferably formed of suitable insulating material and are provided with metallic inserts or strips which establish the communication between the screws 49 and 50. Since the circuit as described 50 passes through the hinges it will be evident that the screen sections can be adjusted to any desired angle without in any way interrupting or interfering with the electrical circuits to the screen contacts.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that the screen constructed and arranged as set forth is adapted for many uses and that the screen can be reversed and either surface exposed to view. Furthermore, the lighting fixtures F can be easily and quickly attached to either surface of the screen.

Although one specific embodiment of the invention has been particularly shown and described it will be evident that the invention is capable of modification and that changes in the construction and in the arrangement of the various cooperating parts may be made without departing from the spirit or scope of the invention, as expressed in the following claims.

What I claim is:

1. A screen comprising hinged sections, a plurality of pairs of spaced lighting contacts on said sections, the contacts of each pair being in substantially the same plane, conductors interconnecting the contacts of the several sections, the front and rear surfaces of the screen having openings for receiving lighting fixture contacts to engage and coact with the first named contacts, and detachable lighting fixtures having contacts arranged to extend through said openings from either surface of the screen and engage with and be supported by said screen contacts.

2. A screen comprising hinged sections, a plurality of pairs of spaced lighting contacts on said sections, the contacts of each pair being in substantially the same plane, the front and rear surfaces of the screen having openings for receiving lighting fixture contacts to engage and coact with the first named contacts, detachable lighting fixtures having contacts arranged to extend through said openings from either surface of the screen and engage with and be supported by said screen contacts, and electrical conduits in the screen extending through the hinges between the

screen sections and connected to the screen contacts.

3. A screen having front and back surfaces, a pair of spaced electrical contacts disposed between said surfaces in substantially the same plane, said surfaces having openings registering with the contacts, and a detachable lighting fixture having contacts arranged to extend through either opening and to engage with and be supported by the screen contacts.

4. A screen having front and back surfaces, a pair of electrical contacts disposed between said surfaces, said surfaces having openings registering with the contacts, and a lighting fixture having contacts arranged to extend through either opening and to engage the screen contacts, said fixture contacts and screen contacts having interengaging parts for supporting the fixture.

5. In combination, a member having front and back surfaces, a pair of spaced electrical contacts between said surfaces in substantially the same plane, electrical conductors connected with said contacts, and detachable electrically operated device having a pair of contacts engageable with the first mentioned contacts, said surfaces having openings alined with the contacts therebetween to give access to said contacts, whereby said detachable device may be supported upon either surface of said member and connected with said conductors.

6. In combination, a member having front and back surfaces, a pair of electrical contacts between said surfaces, and an electrically operated device having a pair of contacts engageable with the first mentioned contacts, said surfaces having openings alined with the contacts therebetween to give access to said contacts, said fixture contacts and screen contacts having interengaging parts for supporting the fixture.

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