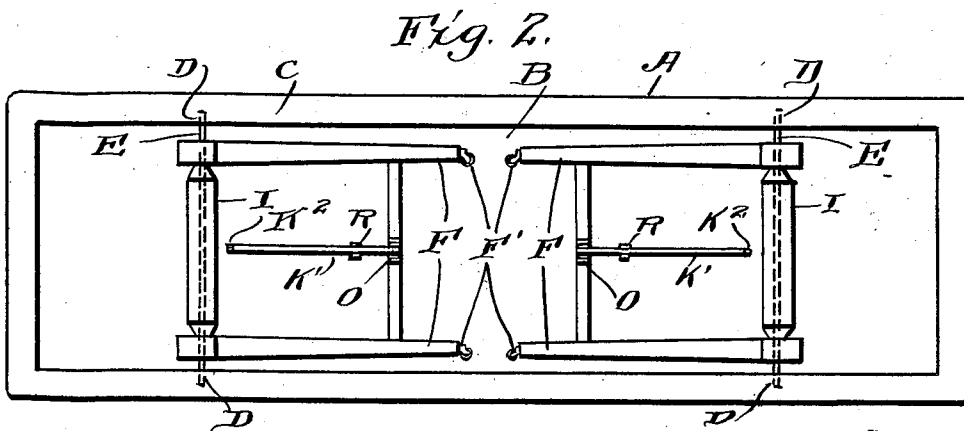
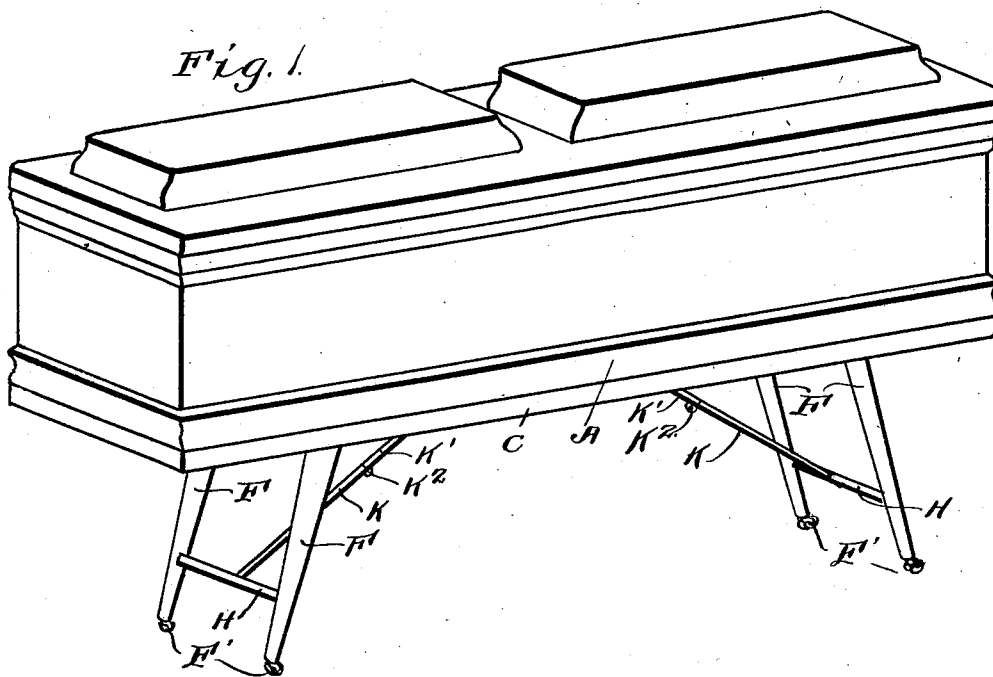


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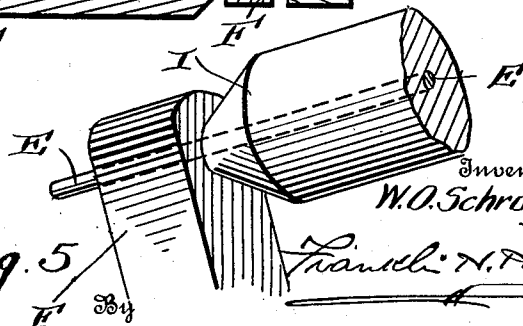
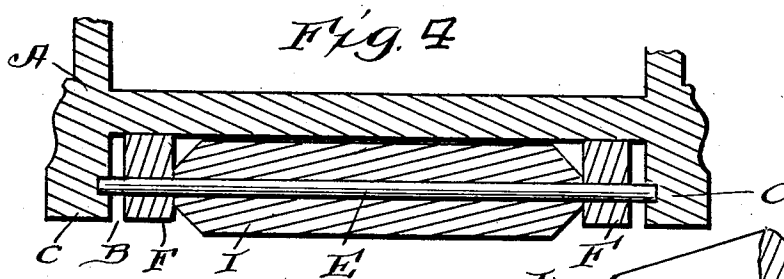
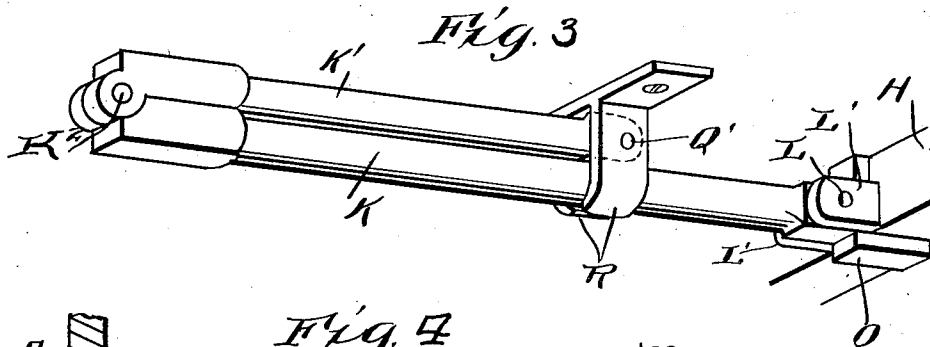
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM O. SCHROYER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Burial-Caskets; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in burial caskets and the object in view is to produce a simple and efficient device of this nature which may be plain or ornamental as desired and consists essentially in the provision of a truck or pair of pedestals hinged to and adapted to support the casket and held, when not in use, in a folded relation within a recessed portion of the bottom.

The invention consists further in connection with the folding pedestals of rollers journaled thereon and designed to support the casket when the pedestals are not in use, and affording means for preventing the casket molding from becoming torn or injured when the casket is placed within a hearse or funeral car.

My invention comprises various details of construction and combinations and arrangements of parts which will be hereinafter fully described and then specifically defined in the appended claims.

I illustrate my invention in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing my improved casket with truck or pedestals opened and utilized as a support for the casket. Fig. 2 is a bottom plan view of a casket showing the pedestals folded. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view showing the manner of holding the hinged sections of the pedestals against the bottom. Fig. 4 is a cross sectional view longitudinally through one of the rollers mounted upon the pedestal, and Fig. 5 is a detail view of a hinged connection between the pedestals and casket.

Reference now being had to the details of the drawings by letter, A designates an ordinary casket having a recess B formed in the bottom thereof about which is a marginal molding C. Apertures D are arranged

opposite each other in said molding and a rod E is mounted within said apertures. The pedestals consist of legs F, F', each of which has preferably a caster wheel F' pivoted at its end and said legs are connected by means of a round H. Journaled upon each of said rods E is a roller I which is parallel with the round H and extending the full width of the space intermediate the legs. Said pedestals, when folded against the bottom of the casket, will be contained entirely within the recesses with only the rollers I projecting below the lower marginal edges of said molding, sufficient to support the latter a slight distance above the object upon which the casket rests. Said rollers besides serving as means to support the casket when the legs are folded serve an additional function of holding the hinged ends of the legs spaced apart. Braces, made up of two sections K and K' hinged together at K², serve to hold the pedestals rigid, when open for use, and also to hold the pedestals folded in the manner shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings. A clamping member R is secured to the bottom of the casket and is adapted to hold the legs when folded against the bottom of the casket.

The operation of my improved truck or pedestal attachment for caskets will be readily understood and is as follows:—When it is desired to open up the pedestals or adjust them to the position shown in Fig. 1, it may be easily done by first releasing the folding sections of the legs and clamping members and straighten the same out as shown, thus forming a support for the casket for display or other purposes. When the pedestals are folded, the rollers projecting below the lower marginal edges of the molding will serve as means for preventing the cover of the molding becoming injured, the weight of the casket resting entirely upon the rollers which will also serve to allow the casket to be moved into or out of a hearse or funeral car without injury to the casket.

By the provision of a casket made as shown, it will be apparent that it will be unnecessary for the undertaker to carry about cumbersome trucks or pedestals for supports for the casket or to provide devices of this nature in undertaking rooms when it is desired to display caskets of various kinds.

By the provision of a casket embodying the features of my invention, the pedestals or truck will at all times be invisible and

always at hand and ready for use when desired and, by the provision of the attachment, the casket may be conveniently moved from place to place.

5 What I claim to be new is:—

1. A burial casket having a recess in the bottom thereof, rods mounted in the walls of the recess, legs journaled upon the rod and a roller mounted upon each rod and
10 having its ends bearing against said legs to hold the same spaced apart.

2. A burial casket having a recess in the bottom thereof and having rods mounted in

the opposite walls of the recess, legs pivotally mounted upon the rods, a roller mounted upon each rod and having its ends bearing against said legs to hold the same spaced apart and means for holding the legs folded between the walls of said recess, as set forth. 15

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my
signature in the presence of two witnesses. 20

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