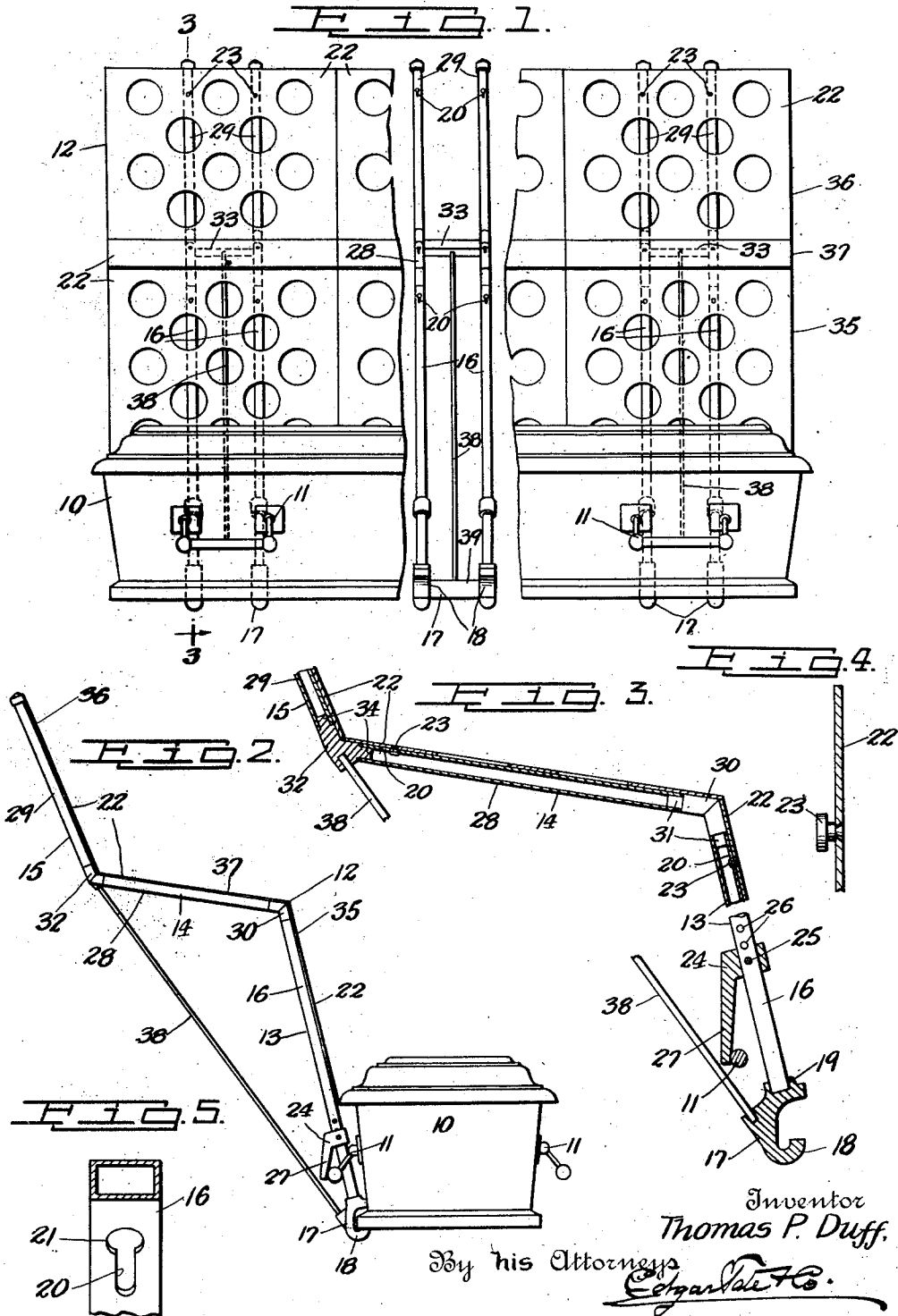


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS P. DUFF, a citizen of the United States, and residing at Jersey City, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Floral-Display Racks, of which the following is a specification, such as will enable those skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to display racks and particularly to apparatus of this class designed to be used in the display of flowers, wreaths and the like, and the object of the invention is to provide an apparatus of the class and for the purpose specified which is designed particularly for use in connection with caskets; a further object being to provide a display rack of the class specified which is composed of a plurality of detachably connected parts which permits of the compact packing of the apparatus in the shipment thereof from place to place; and with these and other objects in view the invention consists in an apparatus of the class and for the purpose specified which is simple in construction and operation and efficient in use, and constructed as hereinafter described and claimed.

The invention is fully disclosed in the following specification, of which the accompanying drawing forms a part, in which the separate parts of my improvement are designated by suitable reference characters in each of the views, and in which:—

Figure 1 is a side view of a casket showing my improved rack mounted in connection therewith, with part of the construction broken away;

Fig. 2 an end view of the construction as shown in Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 a partial section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1 on an enlarged scale and with part of the construction broken away;

Fig. 4 a detail sectional view of a part of one of a number of perforated sheets which I employ; and,

Fig. 5 a perspective and sectional detail view of a part of one of a number of frame members which I employ.

In Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawing I have shown at 10 a burial casket of the usual general form and construction and provided at the opposite sides thereof with handles 11 and, in the practice of my invention, I provide a floral display rack 12

which is adapted to be detachably connected with one side of the casket 10, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

The rack 12 is, in the form of construction shown, composed of three sections 13, 14 and 15 which extend longitudinally of the casket 10. The section 13 consists of three pairs of tubular frame members 16 indicated in full and in dotted lines in Fig. 1, and the separate members in each pair are connected at their lower ends with castings 17 having a pair of hook members 18 adapted to engage the bottom and one side wall of the casket 10 as shown in Fig. 2. The lower end of the members 16 which are square in form in cross section as is clearly indicated in Fig. 5 set in corresponding apertures 19 in the castings 17.

The upper end portions of the members 16 are provided on the front face thereof with elongated apertures 20 enlarged at the top thereof as shown at 21. Supported on or connected with the separate pairs of frame members 16 are perforated sheets 22, the upper end portions of which are provided with two inwardly directed headed studs 23 which are adapted to pass through the enlarged portions 21 of the apertures 20 in connecting the plates 22 with the separate pairs of frame members 16.

The above described construction forms the complete section 13 of the rack and in securing this section in connection with the casket 10 I mount on the separate frame members 16 of each pair adjustable lock devices 24 secured in connection with the members 16 by pins 25 passed through said devices and one of a number of apertures 26 in each member 16. The lock devices 24 are provided with downwardly directed fingers 27, which are adapted to operate in connection with the handles 11 to support the display rack in connection with the casket in the manner illustrated in Fig. 2.

It will be apparent that one or more of the sections 13, 14 and 15 of the rack may be employed or mounted in connection with a casket, and when all of said sections are employed the separate pairs of frame members are extended upwardly by securing supplemental pairs of frame members 28 and 29 in connection with the frame member 16. In accomplishing the above result I employ a plurality of couplings 30 which are approximately elbow-shaped in form and the ends of which are provided with re-

duced prongs 31 which are adapted to pass into the upper ends of the frame members 16 and into one end of the frame members 28 as clearly illustrated in Fig. 3. In connecting the frame members 29 with the frame members 28, I employ other couplings 32 which are cast in pairs, or connected in pairs by cross bars 33 indicated in Fig. 1, and these coupling members are provided with oppositely directed prongs 34 which enter one end of the frame members 28 and the adjacent end of the frame members 29.

The frame members 28 and 29 are also provided with the apertures 20—21, and the apertured plates 22 provided with the studs 23 are adapted to be connected with the separate pairs of frame members, and it will be seen that when the separate frame members are connected together with the perforated sheets thereon, the floral display rack, or the separate sections thereof, will form a bottom and approximately upright wall 35 and a similar top wall 36 joined with the bottom wall 35 by an approximately horizontal table or seat portion 37. In order to suitably brace the rack I provide for each of the separate pairs of frame members, brace rods 38 which are connected with the cross members 33 of the castings 32 and with the cross members 39 of the castings 17. Both of these connections are detachable as are all the connections of the separate parts of the rack.

In the use of my improved display rack, as herein described and shown in the accompanying drawing, flowers of various kinds and classes and in various shapes and forms may be supported in connection with the rack, or approximately upright wall members 35 and 36 thereof, or may rest upon the table or seat portion 37 thereof, and in this way a very practical and effective floral rack is provided which will produce a perfect exhibit of the various flowers, and wreaths at hand, and at the most appropriate place. It will be understood that while I have shown certain details of construction for carrying my invention into effect that I am not necessarily limited to these details, and changes in and modifications of the

construction herein shown and described may be made, within the scope of the appended claims without departing from the spirit of my invention or sacrificing its advantages.

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

1. A floral display rack for use in connection with caskets, said rack comprising a plurality of pairs of frame members adapted to be spaced longitudinally of a casket, means for detachably connecting the separate pairs of frame members with said casket, said frame members being divided into a plurality of detachably connected sections, means for coupling the separate sections together, and brace rods connected with each pair of said frame members for holding the separate sections thereof together.

2. A floral display rack for use in connection with caskets, said rack comprising a plurality of frame members adapted to be spaced longitudinally of and detachably connected with one side of a casket, said frame members being divided into separately detachably connected sections, and perforated sheets detachably connected with each of the sections of said frame member to form a continuous body for the rack.

3. A floral display rack, said rack comprising an upwardly directed frame consisting of two vertically arranged back members joined by an approximately horizontal member, means for detachably connecting the back members with said horizontal member, means for detachably connecting one of the back members of the rack with one side of a casket, and means connected with said last named means and with said frame for holding the separate members thereof together.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in presence of the subscribing witnesses this 27th day of January, 1920.

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