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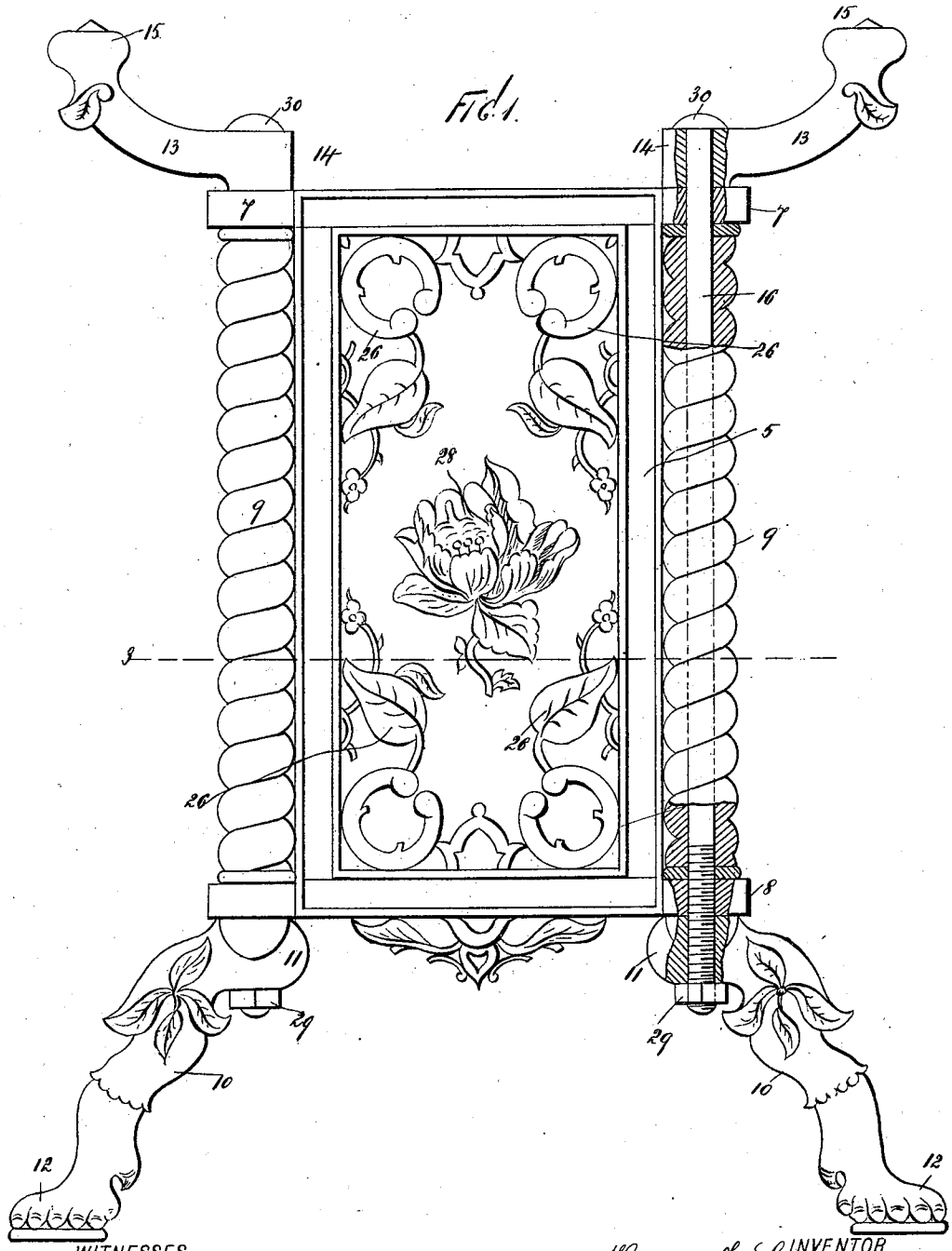
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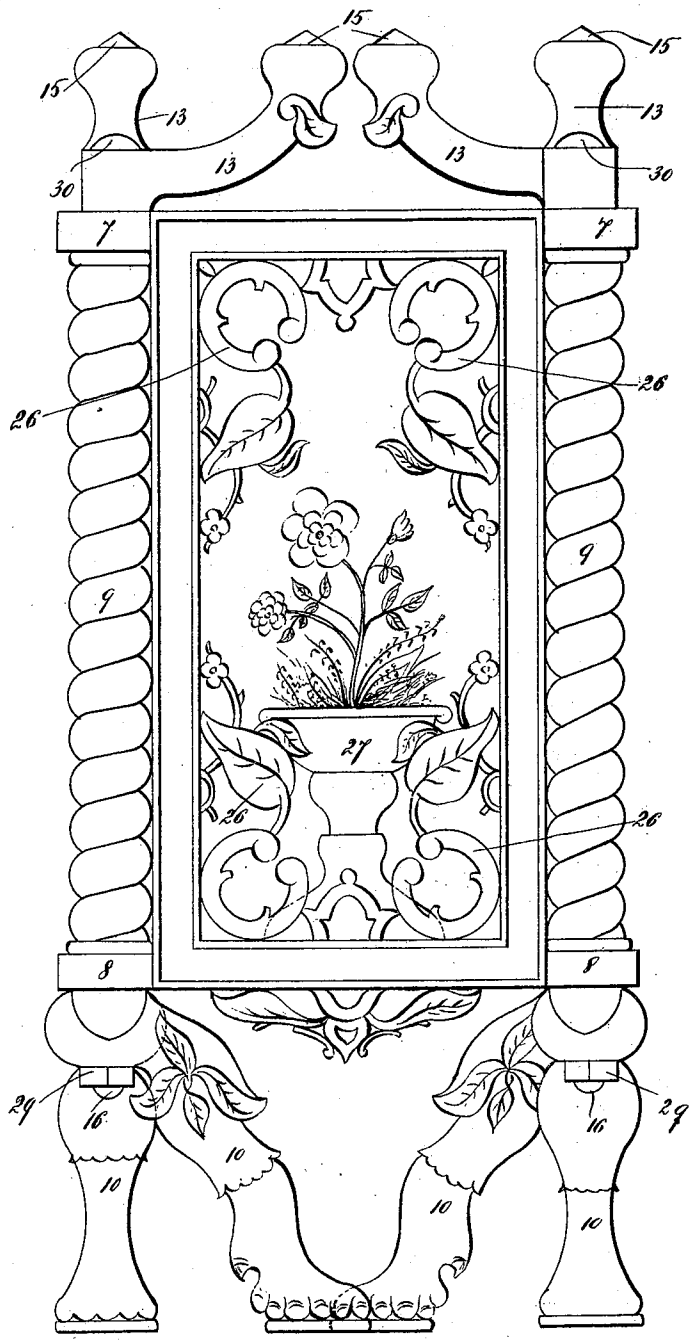


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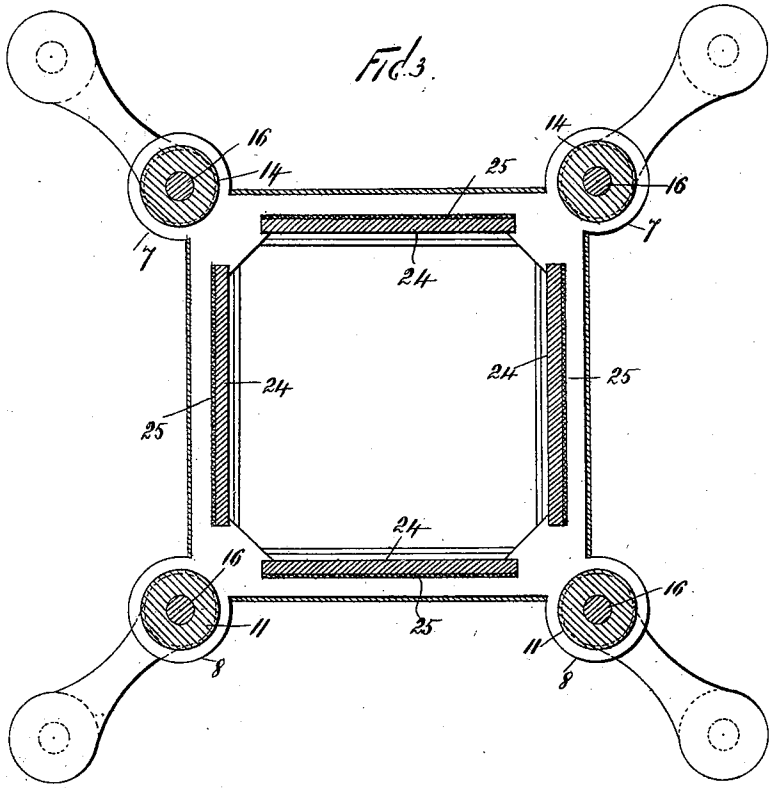
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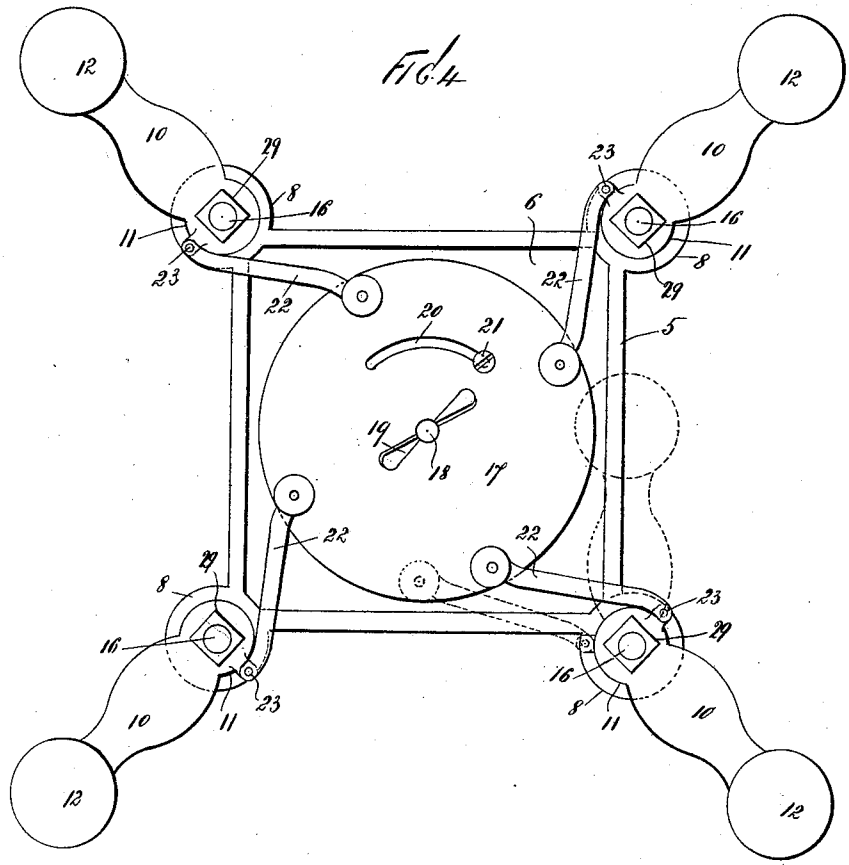
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STAND OR SUPPORT.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 620,943, dated March 14, 1899.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRY TAYLOR LOOMIS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Oneida, in the county of Madison and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Stands or Supports, of which the following is a full and complete specification, such as will enable those skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to stands or supports and particularly to devices of this class which are designed for use by undertakers as a support for burial-caskets; and the object thereof is to provide an improved device of this class having at the lower end thereof legs by which it is supported and at the top or upper end arms on which the burial-casket rests, the corresponding legs and arms at each corner being connected and adapted to be turned outwardly when in use or inwardly or parallel with the sides of the stand or support when not in use, a further object being to provide a stand or support of the class specified which is provided with removable side panels having facings or coverings of different color to correspond with the color of the casket or the trimmings thereof, a further object being to provide a stand or support for the purpose specified comprising an open rectangular frame having removable side panels and a stationary bottom, whereby said panels may be removed when desired and the stand or support be given the appearance of an open framework; and with these and other objects in view the invention consists in the construction, combination, and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

The invention is fully disclosed in the following specification, of which the accompanying drawings form a part, in which—

Figure 1 is a sectional side view of my improved stand or support, the legs and arms thereof being in position for use; Fig. 2, a similar view showing the legs and arms in the folded position and showing the side panels removed; Fig. 3, a cross-section on the line 3 3 of Fig. 2, and Fig. 4 a bottom plan view.

In the drawings forming part of this specification the separate parts of my improvement are designated by the same numerals of reference in each of the views, and in the practice of my invention I provide a stand or support for the purpose herein specified which comprises an upright rectangular frame 5, which is preferably square in cross-section, and said frame is provided with a bottom 6, and at the upper corners with circular shoulders or projections 7, and at the lower corners thereof with corresponding circular shoulders or projections 8, and between the top shoulders or projections 7 and the bottom shoulders or projections 8 at each corner is a corrugated, grooved, or otherwise ornamented column 9.

The base of the stand or support is provided at each corner with a leg 10, and these legs 10 may be shaped and ornamented in any desired manner, and each of said legs is provided at its upper end with a head 11 and at its lower end with a foot 12.

The stand or support is also provided at the top thereof and at each corner with an arm 13, and each of said arms is provided with a circular head 14, and said arms are curved upwardly and provided with rests or supports 15, on which the casket is placed.

The arms 13 may be ornamented in any desired manner, and said arms and legs at each corner are connected by a shaft or rod 16, which passes through the corresponding column 9, and said columns may be rigidly connected with said shafts or rods, so as to turn thereon, or they may be rigidly connected with the frame of the stand or support and the shafts or rods 16 may turn therein, and in either event the arms 13 and the legs 10 are rigidly connected with said shaft, and said shafts are adapted to turn in the circular heads 7 and 8 of the frame through which they pass. I also provide a revoluble disk 17, which is mounted on the under side of the bottom of the frame of the stand or support, as shown in Fig. 4, and said disk is provided centrally with a shaft 18, having a handle 19, by which it may be turned, and in one side of said disk is a segmental slot 20, through which passes a screw or pin 21, secured to the bottom 6. The disk 17 is also provided with four pivoted and curved arms 22, and each of these arms is pivotally connected at 23 with the head 11 of one of the legs 10, this

connection being made by means of a lug or projection formed on said head, and by turning the disk 17 by means of the handle 19 the legs 10 and the arms 13 when in position for use, as shown in Figs. 1, 3, and 4, may be turned in line with the sides of the frame of the stand or support, as shown in Fig. 2, and whenever desired the turning of the said disk in the opposite direction will throw said legs and arms into position for use, as shown in Fig. 1.

The frame of the stand or support is also provided with removable side panels 24, (shown in Fig. 3,) and these panels may be inserted into position in said frame through corresponding openings in the top thereof, and said panels are in practice provided with a facing 25, of cloth or similar material, and a number of these panels are provided in order that they may be changed, so that the covering of the facing of cloth or similar material will correspond in color with the color of the casket or its trimmings.

The open sides of the frame of the stand or support are preferably provided at the corners thereof with ornamental open or fret work 26, and when it is not desired to use the panels they may be removed and a flower-pot 27 (shown in Fig. 2) may be placed within the frame of the stand or support and rest on the bottom thereof, and the said panels or the facings thereof may be decorated or ornamented when desired, as shown at 28 in Fig. 1.

My improvement is simple in construction and operation and perfectly adapted to accomplish the result for which it is intended, and it will be apparent that changes in and modifications of the construction described may be made without departing from the spirit of my invention or sacrificing its advantages. The shafts or rods 16 are preferably screw-threaded at one end and provided with a nut 29, and said shafts or rods are preferably provided at the opposite end with a head 30, and the frame of the stand or support may be composed of any desired material and formed in any desired manner.

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

1. A stand or support of the class described, said stand or support comprising a central vertical portion or frame, shafts or rods connected with said central vertical portion or frame at opposite points, arms connected with the upper ends of said shafts, and legs connected with the lower ends of said shafts, said shafts being adapted to be turned in their bearings, whereby said arms and legs may be turned outwardly or inwardly, substantially as shown and described.

2. A stand or support of the class described, said stand or support consisting of a central vertical portion or frame which is angular in form in cross-section, shafts or rods mounted at the corners of said central portion or frame, outwardly and upwardly directed arms connected with the upper ends of said shafts or rods, outwardly and downwardly directed legs connected with the lower ends of said shafts or rods, and means for turning said shafts or rods so as to turn said arms and legs outwardly or inwardly, substantially as shown and described.

3. A stand or support for the purpose specified, comprising a central vertical portion or frame, rectangular in cross-section, a shaft or rod passing through each corner thereof, arms connected with the upper ends of said shafts or rods, legs connected with the lower ends of said shafts or rods, and means for turning said shafts or rods and said arms or legs, and for holding the same in the desired position, substantially as shown and described.

4. A stand or support for the purpose herein specified, said stand or support consisting of an upright rectangular frame, a shaft or rod passing through each corner thereof, legs rigidly connected with the lower ends of said shafts, arms rigidly connected with the upper ends thereof and means for turning said shafts, consisting of a disk pivotally connected with the bottom of the said frame and curved arms pivotally connected therewith, and with the heads of said legs, substantially as shown and described.

5. A stand or support for the purpose herein specified, consisting of an open rectangular frame having removable side panels, shafts passing vertically through the corners of said frame, legs connected with the lower ends of said shafts, arms connected with the upper ends of said shafts, and means for turning said shafts, arms and legs, substantially as shown and described.

6. A stand or support for the purpose herein specified, consisting of an open rectangular frame having removable side panels, shafts passing vertically through the corners of said frame, legs connected with the lower ends of said shafts, arms connected with the upper ends of said shafts, and means for turning said shafts, arms and legs, said corners of said frame being also provided with columns through which said shafts or rods pass, substantially as shown and described.

7. A stand or support for the purpose herein specified, comprising an upright rectangular frame, said frame being provided with removable side panels, and with columns at each corner thereof, a shaft or rod passing through each of said columns, arms connected with the upper ends of said shafts or rods, legs connected with the lower ends of said shafts or rods, said arms and said legs being rigidly connected with said shafts or rods and means for turning said shafts or rods, substantially as shown and described.

8. A stand or support for the purpose herein specified, comprising an upright frame, columns at the sides thereof, shafts or rods passing through said columns, arms rigidly con-

nected with the upper ends of said shafts or rods, legs rigidly connected with the lower ends of said shafts or rods, said frame being also provided with removable side panels and with means for turning said shafts or rods, substantially as shown and described.

9. A stand or support for the purpose herein specified, said stand or support consisting of a central frame provided with vertical shafts or rods connected with said frame at the corners thereof, outwardly and upwardly directed arms connected with the upper ends of said shafts or rods, outwardly and downwardly directed legs connected with the lower ends of said shafts or rods, and devices for turning said shafts or rods, and said arms or legs therewith, consisting of a disk pivotally connected with the bottom of the frame, arms pivotally connected therewith and with said legs, and means for operating said disk, substantially as shown and described.

10. A stand or support for the purpose herein described, comprising an open angular frame having removable and interchangeable side panels, and curved legs which are pivotally connected with the bottom of said frame and adapted to be turned in a horizontal plane, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of the subscribing witnesses, this 31st day of May, 1898.

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