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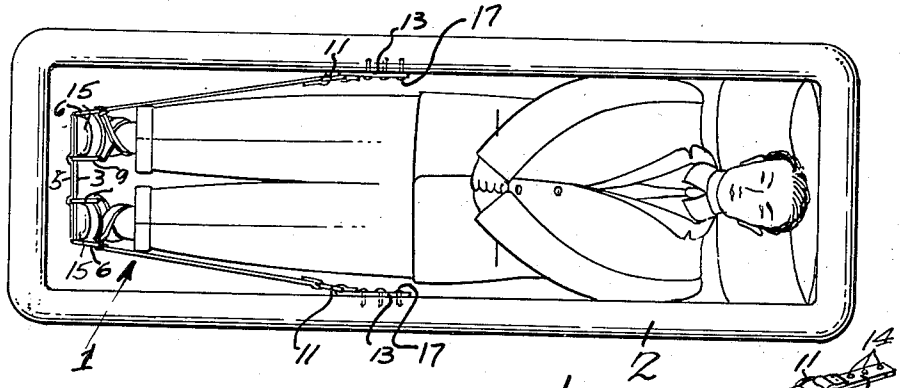
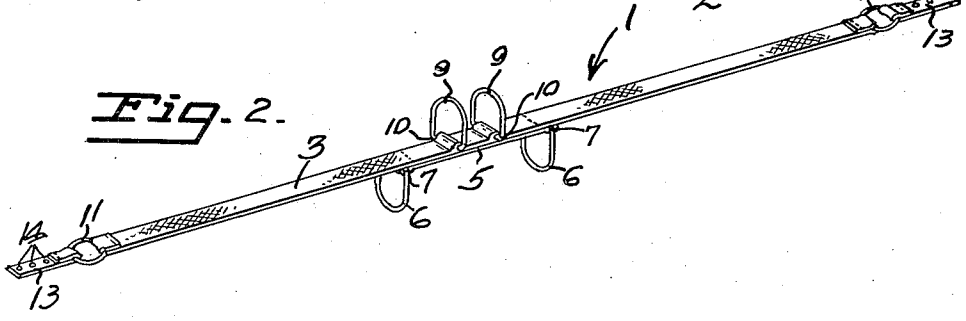


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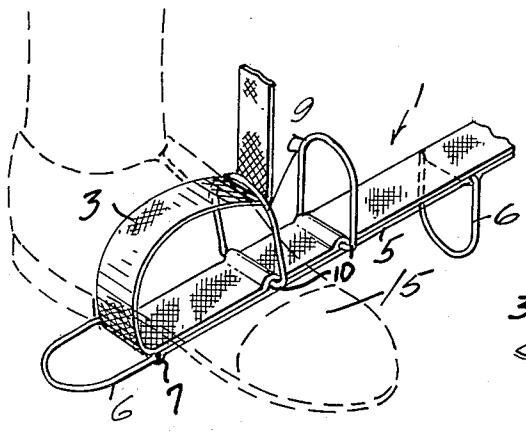


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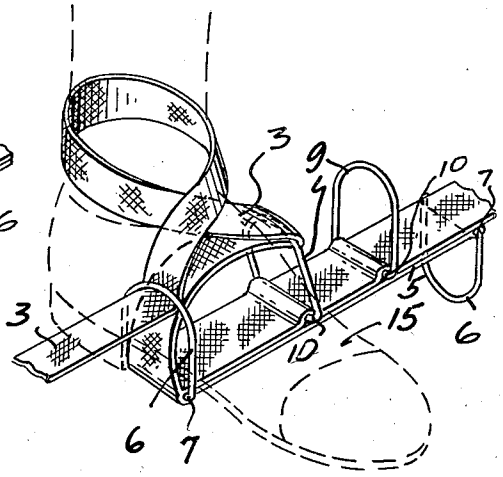


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This invention relates to improvements in a coffin attachment.

The object of this invention is to provide a device by means of which a body is secured to a coffin so as to prevent the displacement of the body within the same during transportation of the coffin.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device of the type described by which the feet of a body are bound around by a strap and the free ends thereof secured to the inner walls of the coffin.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device of the type described which is simple, efficient for the purpose intended, cheap to manufacture and easy to apply.

The essential features of the invention involved in the carrying out of the objects indicated are susceptible to modification, but a preferred embodiment of the invention is shown in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of a coffin showing the attachment device in place.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the attachment device.

Fig. 3 and Fig. 4 illustrate different steps in winding the strap about the feet of a body.

In detail, my attachment generally indicated by the numeral 1 is used in connection with a coffin 2, which may be of any form, size and design. The attachment 1 consists of a comparatively long strap 3 made of flexible material. In the middle of said strap there is attached to the under side thereof a reinforcement 5 made of an extra layer of material to stiffen said portion. In the ends of said reinforcement 5 are pivoted loops or rings 6. The latter are preferably made with a flattened portion 7 which form the pivots in the ends of said reinforcement 5.

The strap 3 is also provided with two spaced top rings 9 projecting above said strap substantially intermediate between the location of the first rings 6. The top rings 9 also have a flattened pivot portion 10 confined between the strap 3 and the reinforcement 5. The distance between each bottom ring 6 and the nearer top ring 9 is large enough to accommodate the arch or sole of any shoe or foot therebetween.

Each end of the strap 3 has thereon a small ring 11, which carries a keep 13 with a plurality

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of holes 14 thereon, by which the ends of the strap are fastened to the sides of the coffin 2.

The device is used as follows: the strap 3 is placed under the feet 15 of a body so that the strap rings 9 are located between the feet 15 and the bottom rings 6 project oppositely at the outside of said feet. Then the free end of the strap is passed over the arch of the foot 15 and through the strap ring 9, as shown in Fig. 3, so as to turn the outer bottom ring 6 into view. Then the strap is wound around the ankle and through the exposed bottom ring 6, as shown in Fig. 4, so as to pull the bottom ring 6 up against the outside of the foot. The same manipulations are repeated with the other foot. The free ends of the strap are thereupon secured to the sides of the coffin by suitable nails or screws 17 passed through the holes 14 in the keeper 13. By this arrangement both feet of the body are securely fastened to the coffin, thus preventing the displacement of the body during transportation. The pair of central or top rings 9 normally extend parallel upwardly between the feet 15. The pair of outer or bottom rings 6 initially extend parallel with the top rings 6 but in opposite direction or downwardly substantially at the location of the outer sides of the feet and are brought up to the sides of the feet when the strap is wrapped around the arch of the feet and through the respective central or top rings 9. Then the outer or bottom rings 6 are swung up by the pull of the ends of the strap after it is wound around the angles and through said outer rings 6, so that all four rings then extend generally parallel along the respective sides of the feet forming a firm grip and support.

I claim:

1. A coffin attachment for preventing displacement of a body in the coffin, comprising a strap made of flexible material, a pair of spaced rings on one side of the strap adapted to extend between the feet of said body; a pair of rings on the other side of the strap and spaced outside the respective first rings and located outside each foot when said strap is wound around the respective feet and through said rings in sequence, and securing elements on the strap for connection with the sides of the coffin.

2. A feet holding device for a body in a coffin, comprising a flexible strap, a pair of rings pivoted

on one face of said strap extended between said feet, a pair of rings pivoted on the other face of said strap and spaced outwardly from the first pair of rings to extend along the outside of said feet when said strap is wound around said feet and through the respective first rings; said outer and inner rings being adapted to be clamped against the opposite sides of the respective feet by winding said strap through the first rings and then around the ankle and through the respective lower rings, and securing elements on the ends of said strap for connection to the sides of said coffin.

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