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Fig. 1.

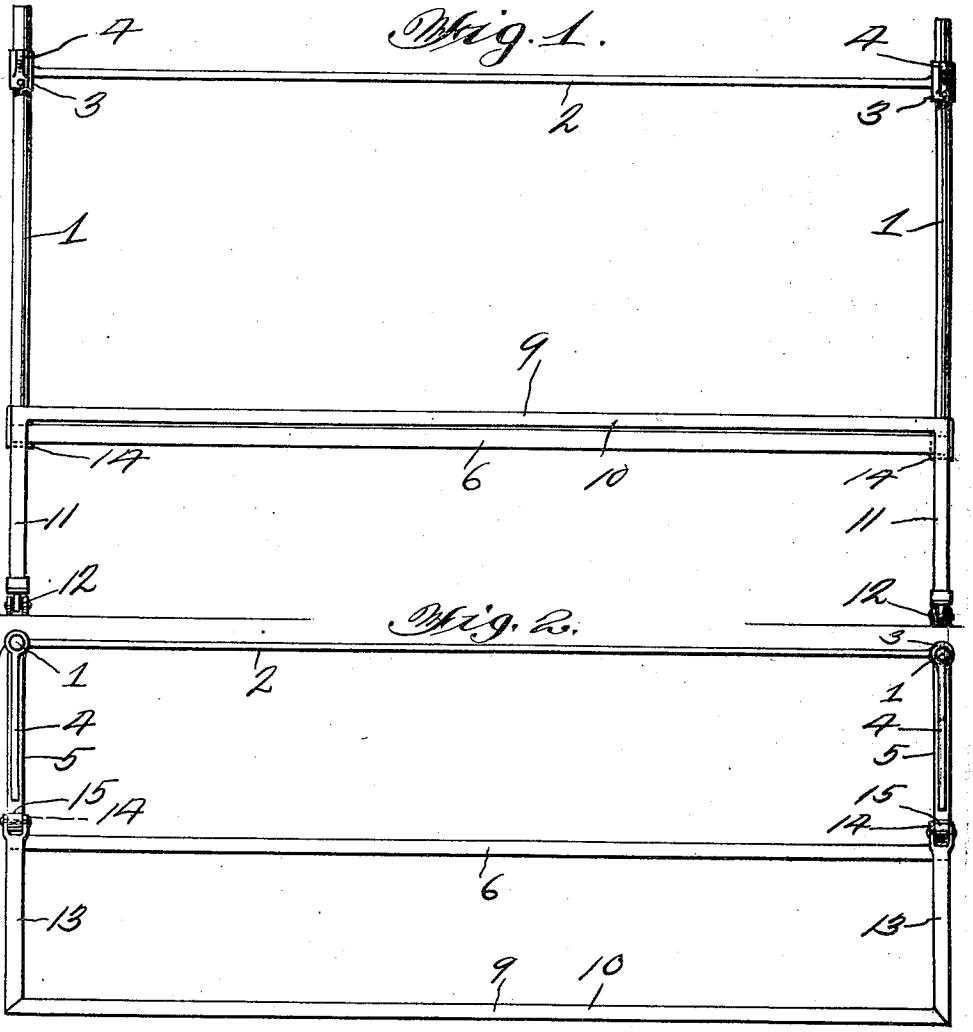


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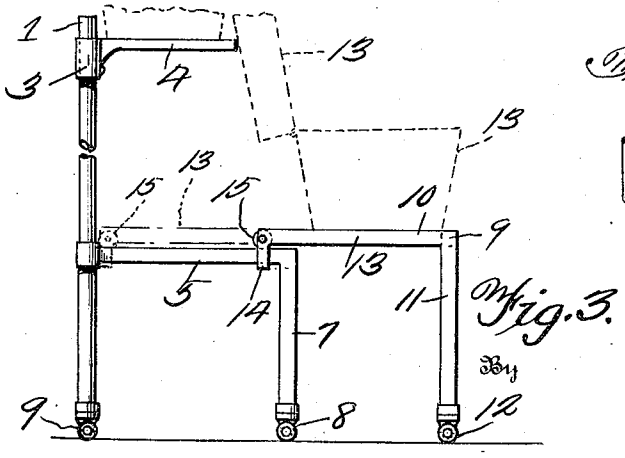
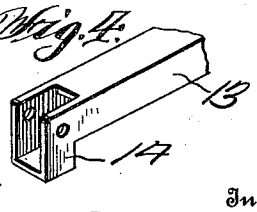


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, STEPHEN E. BEAM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Anamosa, in the county of Jones, State of Iowa, have invented a new and useful Casket Stand; 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.

The invention relates to casket stands, and has for its object to provide in combination with a casket stand an extension member, whereby, when the extension is moved outwardly, hinged lid caskets may be displayed in open positions with other caskets displayed on the stand in normal position and at normal height from the floor where they can be easily observed.

A further object is to provide the inner ends of the horizontal rails of the extension with anti-frictional slidable connections with the rails of the stand, and the extension with caster supported legs at its outer end whereby the extension may be easily moved out of position for allowing the opening and displaying of a hinged cover casket either of the full couch or half couch type.

With the above and other objects in view the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts as hereinafter set forth, shown in the drawing, described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention may be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the drawing:—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the stand.

Figure 2 is a top plan view of the stand.

Figure 3 is a side elevation of the stand.

Figure 4 is a detail perspective view of one of the inner ends of the extension member.

Referring to the drawing, the numeral 1 designates spaced vertically disposed uprights, which uprights are connected together adjacent their upper ends by means of a horizontally disposed bar 2, which bar is preferably carried by sleeves 3 carried by the uprights 1. Extending outwardly and forwardly from the sleeves 3 are casket supporting arms 4, which arms are disposed in a horizontal plane, and adapted to support a casket for display purposes. Extending outwardly from adjacent the lower ends of the uprights 1, and in parallel relation to each other are horizontally disposed bars 5, which bars at their outer ends are connected together by a longitudinally disposed bar 6, thereby forming a rigid frame. Extending downwardly from the bars 5 are vertically disposed posts 7, the lower ends of which are provided with casters 8, which casters, in connection with the casters carried by the lower ends of the uprights 1, the stand as a whole may be easily moved over the floor.

It has been found in displaying caskets that considerable difficulty is experienced in displaying caskets of the couch or half couch type, that is caskets having hinged covers. The main reason has been that casket stands usually provide supporting means for two caskets, one above the other, and the upper casket necessarily has to be low, so that it may be seen and examined. Under these conditions the lower casket, if a hinged cover one, cannot be opened for display purposes, which is necessary where full or half couch caskets are used. To overcome this difficulty the lower portion of the stand is provided with an extension 9 as clearly shown in Figure 3. The extension 9 comprises a U-shaped frame 10, which is horizontally disposed, which U-shaped frame is supported at its outer end by means of legs 11, the lower ends of which are provided with casters 12, where the frame may be easily pulled outwardly for moving the couch casket 13 to a position where it can be easily inspected, and where the top 13 thereof may be opened for display purposes. The U-shaped frame 10 has its arms 13 horizontally disposed and above the bars 5, however said arms 13 are provided with members 14, through which the bars 5 extend, and with antifrictional rollers 15, which engage the upper sides of the bars 5 and allow the extension frame 9 to be easily and quickly moved outwardly to a position where the casket 13 disposed thereon may be opened and displayed as clearly shown in Figure 3.

From the above it will be seen that a casket stand is provided, whereon caskets of the couch type may be displayed and when the extension is extended the couch casket may be opened for displaying the interior thereof. It will also be seen that the extension is antifrictionally connected to the stand,

and consequently in connection with the caster supports for the extension, said extension may be easily and quickly moved outwardly with the casket thereon. It will also be seen that the device as a whole may be moved from place to place and that when the extension is in closed position, the stand will not take up any more floor space than conventional forms of casket stands.

The invention having been set forth what is claimed as new and useful is:—

1. The combination with a casket display stand, said stand adjacent its lower end being provided with a horizontally disposed frame, legs supporting said frame, casters carried by said legs and by the stand, of an extensible frame, said extensible frame comprising a horizontally disposed U-shaped frame, the ends of the arms of the U-shaped frame being provided with integral inverted U-shaped members arching the under sides of the ends of the horizontally disposed frame, rollers pivotally mounted between the arms of the inverted U-shaped members and antifrictionally engaging the ends of the horizontally disposed frame, and legs carried by the outer end of the U-shaped frame and casters carried by said legs.

2. The combination with a casket display stand, said stand adjacent its lower end being provided with a horizontally disposed frame, legs supporting said frame and stand, of an extensible frame, said extensible frame comprising a horizontally disposed U-shaped frame, the ends of the arms of the U-shaped frame being slidably connected to the ends of the horizontally disposed frame and supporting legs carried by the outer end of the U-shaped frame.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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