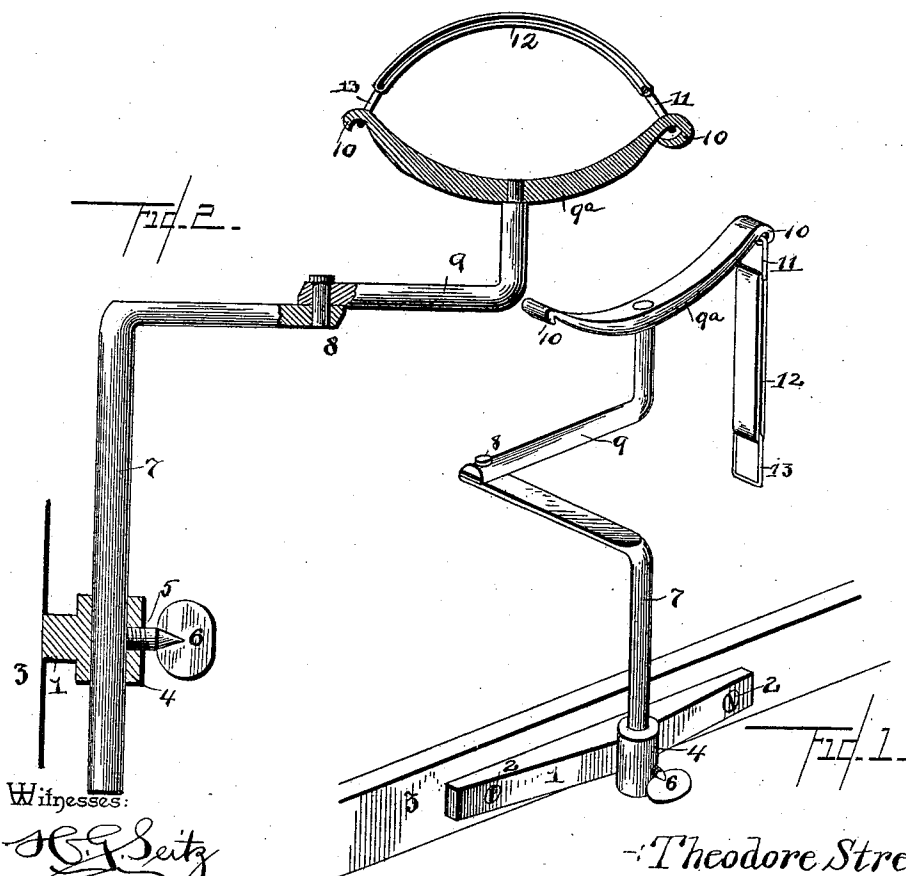
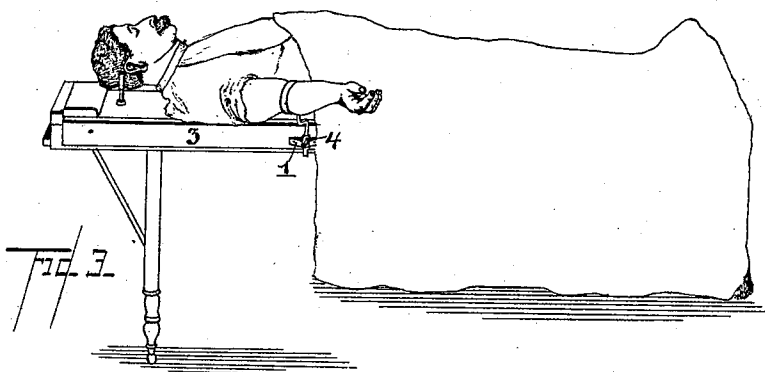


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## ARM-REST FOR CORPSES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THEODORE STREETER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Tunkhannock, in the county of Wyoming and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Arm-Rest for Corpses, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an arm-rest for corpses; and the objects in view are to provide a cheap and simple device adapted to be adjustably connected to the opposite edges of cooling-boards for the purpose of retaining the arms of a corpse in the desired positions, as when laid out, or for the purpose of conveniently receiving in the brachial artery the embalming-fluid.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will appear in the following description, and the novel features thereof will be particularly pointed out in the claim.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective of an arm-rest constructed in accordance with my invention, the same being secured in position at the edge of the cooling-board. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal section of the rest. Fig. 3 is a detail in perspective of the rest, the same being in position for holding an arm preparatory to receiving the embalming-fluid.

Like numerals of reference indicate like parts in all the figures of the drawings.

In practicing my invention I employ a securing-plate 1, perforated at its ends to receive screws 2, by means of which it is firmly attached to the side of the cooling-board 3. The plate is provided at its center with a vertical eye 4, with which communicates a threaded perforation 5, in which is mounted an adjusting-screw 6. An inverted-L-shaped standard 7 is mounted in the eye, and is vertically adjustable by means of the screw. The standard may also be laterally adjusted, as will be obvious.

To the upper extremity of the inverted-L-shaped standard is pivoted, as at 8, the lower end of an L-shaped standard 9, adapted to swing vertically. To the upper end of said standard is secured a curved yoke 9', the ends of which are downwardly bent or abruptly curved to form hooks 10. A link 11 is loosely and permanently secured to one hook, said

link passing through a rubber band or strap 12, while to the opposite end of the strap a second link 13 is loosely connected and is designed to removably engage with the opposite hook of the yoke.

As shown in Fig. 1, the device is adapted to support the arms of a corpse when in a folded position, and it will be seen that when in such position to be thus adapted the horizontal portions of the two L-shaped standards will be in alignment and in contact, and for this purpose I form these portions of the two standards half-round, so that the lower standard forms a stable base for the upper standard. The yoke being swiveled to the upper end of the upper standard will readily turn to the position of the arms, which it supports immediately in the rear of the elbow. Through the medium of the adjusting-screws the device may be vertically adjusted for corpses of different sizes. The rubber bands encircle the arms, and thus prevent them from slipping from off the curved yokes.

In Fig. 3 I have illustrated the device in the position it assumes when used for supporting the arm of the corpse in an extended position, whereby the brachial artery is exposed to be conveniently opened and receive the embalming-fluid. When in this position, the upper standard is swung laterally, so as to form an extension of the lower standard and take under the extended arm of the corpse about opposite the elbow.

From the above description it will be obvious that I provide a cheap and convenient device adapted to support in proper position the arms of corpses, and thereby avoid the necessity of shackling the same with strings and other kindred ordinarily-used devices or the necessity of employing an assistant in the operation of embalming.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

The herein-described arm-support, consisting of the bracket provided with perforations for the reception of screws and with a central eye having a set-screw, an inverted-L-shaped standard mounted in the eye and having its upper horizontal portion half-round, the L-shaped standard pivoted at its lower extremity to the upper extremity of the in-

verted-L-shaped standard and having its lower horizontal portion half-round, the yoke swiveled to the upper end of the L-shaped standard and terminating in hooks, the elastic  
5 strap, and the links connected to the ends of the strap and to the hooks, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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