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Fig. 1.

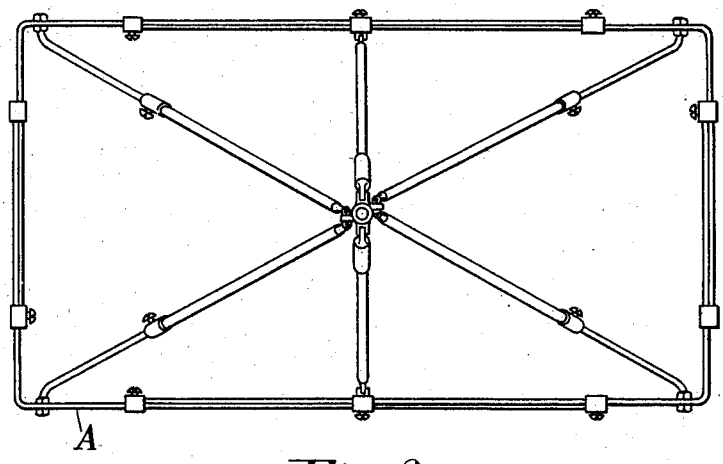


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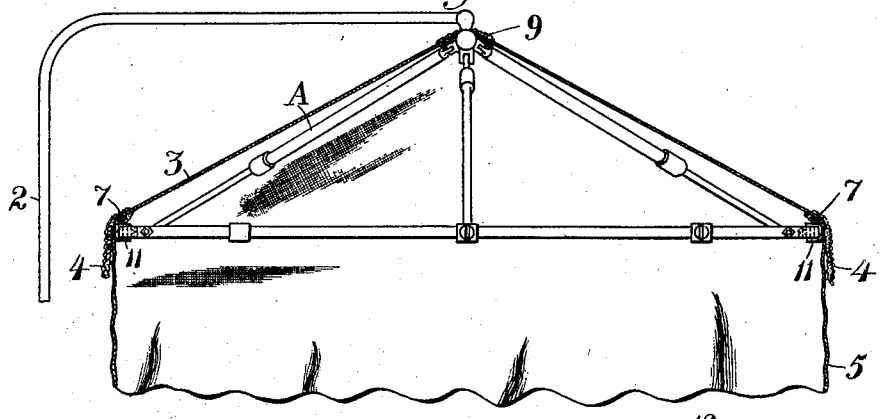


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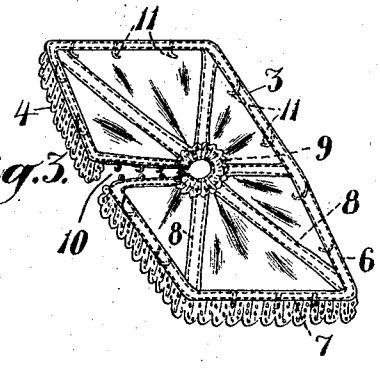
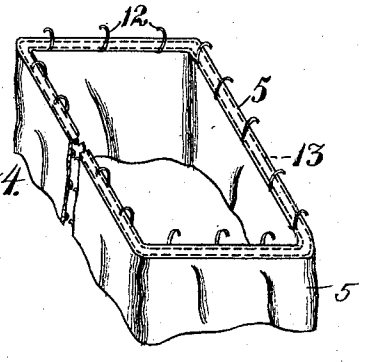


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD G. BURLAND, a citizen of the United States, residing at Watsonville, county of Santa Cruz, State of California, have invented an Improvement in Adjustable Canopies; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention relates to improvements in canopies and draperies for caskets, beds, couches, and the like.

My object has been to design a canopy particularly for use in undertaking establishments which will answer for all occasions wherever it is desired to display a casket during such time as the remains of one deceased, whether infant or adult, is exposed to view. Usually a frame is employed, to which the fabric forming the canopy is tacked, pinned, or otherwise laboriously secured and draped down and around the casket. Often these frames and canopies are fixtures, a different frame or a different canopy being necessary for caskets of different sizes, provided there is any attempt at harmonizing effects.

The invention aims to provide a canopy which is immediately adjustable to a frame of any size and which can be quickly removed from or placed upon the frame.

It consists of the parts and the construction and combination of parts, as hereinafter more fully described, having reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of the adjustable supporting-frame. Fig. 2 is a side view of the frame and a longitudinal vertical section of the canopy in position thereon. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the canopy-top when stretched and before being placed on the frame. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the canopy-curtains, showing attaching means.

A represents an adjustable rectangular frame suspended centrally from the arm of a portable supporting-standard 2. The canopy, which is adapted to be draped over this frame, is made in two parts—first, the top portion 3, having the overhanging fringe or edge 4, and, second, the curtains 5. In construction an elastic skeleton framework is first made corresponding in shape to the frame A and of a size preferably less than the smallest frame to be used. This elastic framework has side and end portions consisting of elastic straps 6 and 7, united at the corners, and radial elastic straps 8, having their outer ends secured to the straps 6 and 7 and their inner ends to a collar-band 9, adapted to embrace the frame-support and to be hooked or otherwise secured thereabout. The collar and one of the sides of the elastic framework will be open to permit the latter, with its covering, to be stretched over frame A beneath the arm of the standard, as it is supposed that the canopy will be draped after the frame has been set up. The covering 3 is of suitable light fabric, such as mousseline de soie, and is secured to the elastic framework in any suitable manner whereby it will stretch or pucker uniformly with the extension or contraction of the elastics, it being sufficiently full to conform readily to the largest frame used. The radial opening 10 in the top 3 is closed after the top has been stretched over the frame and around the central support of the frame by means of hooks and eyes or other suitable securing devices. The canopy edges bordering the opening 10 are faced with a fluffy fringe, which closes over the hooks and conceals the opening and frame from view when the canopy-top is in position. The lower edge of the top is provided with hooks, as 11, adapted to engage over the outside of the base of frame A. The fringe portion 4 hanging down to a distance of five or six inches conceals the hooks and frame from view and gives a neat finished appearance to the canopy-top when the latter has been spread over the frame and hooked up as described. The curtains 5 have hooks 12, by which they are hung from the inner side over the upper edge of the base of the frame. The curtains are fastened to a tape having an elastic 13 running around the top edge. Consequently they readily adjust themselves to various sizes of frames and distribute the fullness evenly around the frame. When the top curtains are thus in place upon the frame, the latter is entirely concealed from view and a light, delicate, and artistically-draped pavilion-like canopy is produced. A canopy of this character or shape may be stretched to a

frame of any ordinary shape or size. It is self-adjusting, and it is easily and quickly changed from one frame to another.

With an adjustable frame of the character indicated and a single flexible canopy of this description provision is made for caskets of all sizes, whether for infants or adults. The result is a great saving of time in setting up and draping frames, in providing materials therefor, and expense in establishments constantly using canopies.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A canopy having an elastic framework possessing inherent elasticity and adapted to fit over frames of various shapes and sizes, said canopy having a centrally-located open-collar portion in its top and opening radially through one side of the canopy.

2. A canopy having a covered framework possessing inherent elasticity and adapted to fit over supporting-frames of various shapes and sizes, said canopy having, in its top, a centrally-located open collar leading radially through one side of the canopy, and means for securing together the opposite edges of the radial opening.

3. A canopy-top having a framework made of elastics to conform in shape and size to various supporting means said canopy-top having an open collar centrally located and opening through the side; suspending devices around the edges of the top; and a curtain depending from said top and having suspending devices to detachably engage those of said top, said curtain separate from the canopy-top.

4. The combination with a canopy-frame having a rectangular base and means for centrally supporting it from above, of a canopy-top having an elastic skeleton framework, said top open at one side and having an open-collar portion to embrace the said frame-support, means for securing the meeting edges of the opening in said top, hooks along the lower edge of the top engaging the base, and curtains hooking over the edge of said base and draping downward from said top to complete the canopy.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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