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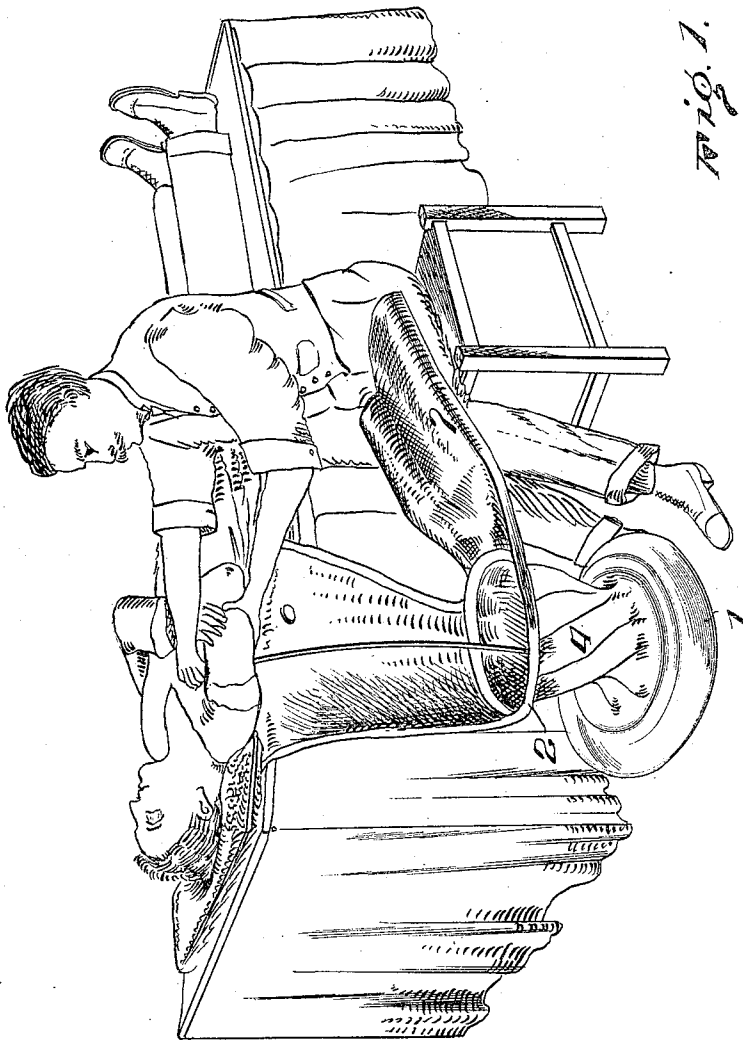


Fig. 1.

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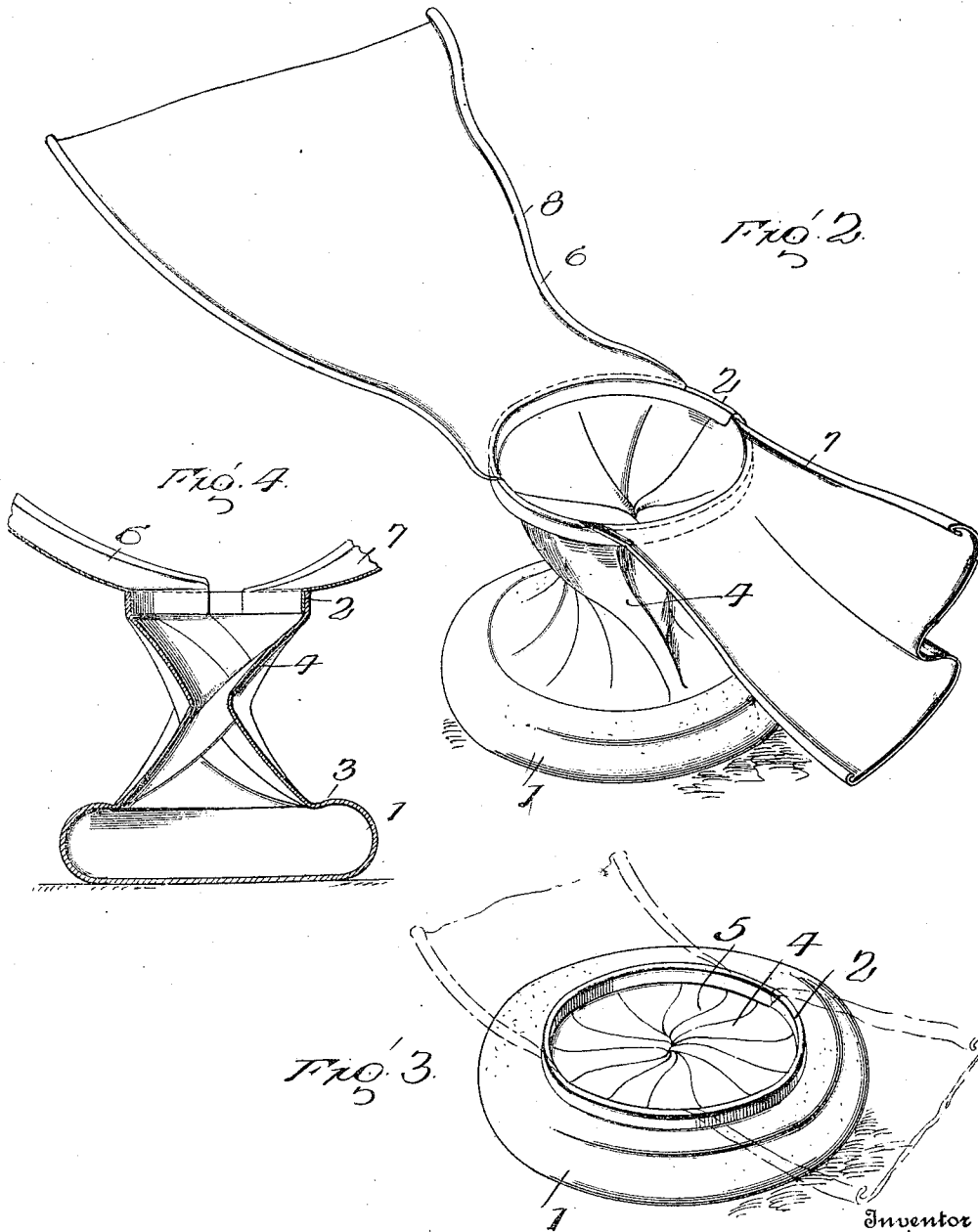
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES P. MOHLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at South Haven, in the county of Van Buren and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combination Aprons and Drain-Pails, of which the following is a specification.

This invention aims to provide a combined apron and pail for use by undertakers in embalming bodies and has as its object to provide a device for this purpose which will serve effectually to collect any liquid matter emanating from the body during the process of embalming both as concerns leakage at the incision and in case of purging from the mouth or nose and to convey such matter to a bowl which is constructed to be self-closing and which will, therefore, be adapted to quickly conceal such matter from the view of relatives or other persons entering the room while the embalming process is being carried out.

Another object of the invention is to provide an article for use in the manner above stated which will not only prevent soiling of the floor or surrounding objects but will also serve to protect the clothing of the person performing the embalming operation.

In the accompanying drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating the manner of using the device embodying the present invention.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the device in condition for use.

Fig. 3 is a similar view illustrating the bowl of the device closed.

Fig. 4 is a vertical sectional view through the bowl of the device.

The device embodying the present invention includes a bowl having a mouth connected with the body of the bowl by a neck which is so constructed as to be self-closing, and aprons which are attached at opposite sides of the mouth of the bowl, one of the said aprons being designed to be placed beneath the body to be embalmed and the other apron being designed to be spread over the lap of the person performing the embalming operation.

The bowl of the device comprises a body 1 which is preferably of rubber although it may be made from any other material suitable for the purpose and this bowl is preferably substantially cylindrical and may be

of any desired capacity. The bowl is provided with an annular mouth 2 and connecting the mouth of the bowl and the rim of the body 1, which rim is indicated at 3, is a neck indicated in general by the numeral 4. The neck 4 is also preferably of rubber and is, as above stated, united at its lower end to the rim 3 of the body 1, the neck in its extended or open position being substantially of the same diameter as the rim 3 and the mouth 2. In order that the neck 4 may be self-closing, it is formed with a number of spiral folds or creases indicated at 5 which are open or distended when the mouth 2 is raised to the position shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 4 of the drawings, and which automatically close when the mouth is allowed to lower, and these creases are so formed that when the mouth is lowered to the position shown in Fig. 3 the neck will be completely closed at its intermediate portion or, in other words, between its upper and lower ends, thereby also closing the top of the bowl 1 and concealing from view the contents of the bowl.

As before stated, aprons are connected to opposite sides of the mouth 2 and one of these aprons is indicated by the numeral 6 and the other by the numeral 7. The aprons are preferably of rubber and each apron is provided along its lateral edges with a reinforcing bead 8, these beads serving to cause the intermediate portions of the aprons to sag sufficiently to conduct liquid matter into the bowl 1. By reference to Fig. 2 of the drawings it will be observed that the aprons are gradually decreased in width in the direction of their ends which are connected to the mouth 2 of the bowl and that the apron 6 is slightly wider than the apron 7.

In using the device the wider outer end of the apron 6 is disposed upon the cooling board and beneath the body to be embalmed and is arranged in such manner as to collect the liquid matter liable to issue from the body during the embalming process. The apron between its outer and inner ends is adapted to be draped over the edge of the cooling board so as to convey the liquid discharge into the bowl 1 by way of the mouth 2 and neck 4 and before beginning the embalming operation the person who is to perform the same will after having arranged the apron 6 in the manner above

stated, spread the apron 7 over his lap with the bowl 1 arranged between or adjacent his feet. By thus arranging the aprons the cooling board and floor and surrounding objects are prevented from becoming soiled and the apron 7 effectually protects the clothing of the person performing the embalming operation.

If during the embalming operation a member of the family of the deceased or some other person should enter the room where the embalming operation is being performed, the person performing the embalming operation may release the apron 7 and allow the mouth 2 of the bowl to fall to the position shown in Fig. 5 of the drawings or may grasp the mouth 2 and lift the bowl so that its body 1 will clear the floor surface, whereupon the bowl will rotate by reason of the peculiar formation of the neck 4 and in either event the neck will automatically close, thereby concealing from view the contents of the said bowl.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. A device of the class described including a bowl having a mouth and a neck connecting the mouth and bowl, the neck being constructed to close automatically upon lowering movement of the mouth and to open automatically upon elevation of the mouth with relation to the body of the bowl, and an apron connected to the mouth.

2. A device of the class described including a bowl having a mouth and a neck connecting the mouth and bowl, the neck being constructed to close automatically upon lowering movement of the mouth and to open automatically upon elevation of the mouth with relation to the body of the bowl, and aprons connected to opposite sides of the mouth.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature.

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