

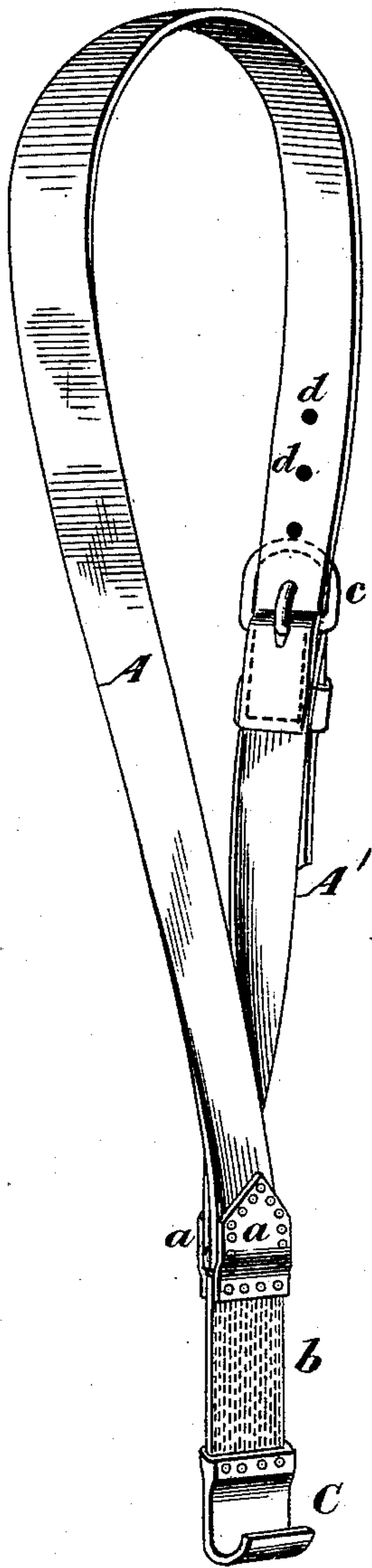
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CASKET-REST.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN CARROLL, of Owing's Mills, in the county of Baltimore and State of Maryland, have invented a Casket-
5 Rest for Pall-Bearers, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part hereof.

My invention relates to a device to be used by persons acting as pall-bearers, whereby to
10 assist in sustaining the weight of the casket and remains, the weight being transferred at will from the wrist and arm to the shoulder of the pall-bearer.

The device consists in a strap which is slung
15 over the shoulder of the bearer, and provided at its lower end with a hook or clasp for engaging a handle, rail, or some portion of the casket, an elastic substance being interposed between the strap and hook or clasp to pre-
20 vent the jarring of the remains, for even balancing of weight, and to lighten the work of the bearers.

The accompanying drawing is a perspective view of my invention.

25 A is a strap of leather or other suitable material, which, when in use, is slung over the shoulder of the pall-bearer. The strap A A' is made in two parts, which are lapped at their lower ends and clasped between metallic plates
30 a, or other suitable devices, constituting a clamp through which and the double thickness of the strap rivets or other suitable fastenings are placed. The portion A' is provided with a buckle, c, and the portion A with holes d, by
35 means of which the strap can be lengthened

or shortened, as required. The metallic clamping-plates a also embrace a rubber or elastic section, b.

C is a hook, clasp, or similar attaching device, of metal, vulcanized india-rubber, or other suitable material, the upper portion of which forms a socket for the lower end of the elastic section b, the section being riveted or secured in any suitable manner to the hook. The hook or clasp C is adapted to fit under or upon one of the handles or other part of the casket.

The strap A may be covered with crape, mourning, or other suitable material, and the clamping plates or devices a and hook, clasp, or similar appliance, C, if of metal, may be painted or varnished black or any color.

The mode of use is apparent. Each of the pall-bearers is provided with one of the straps, and by hooking it over, under, or around a handle or other part of the casket, the weight to be borne by him is at pleasure transferred to his shoulder, thereby greatly alleviating the labor to be performed.

I claim as my invention—

A shoulder-strap for the purpose named, combined with a hooking device and an elastic section interposed between the strap and hooking device, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 4th day of April, A. D. 1883.

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