

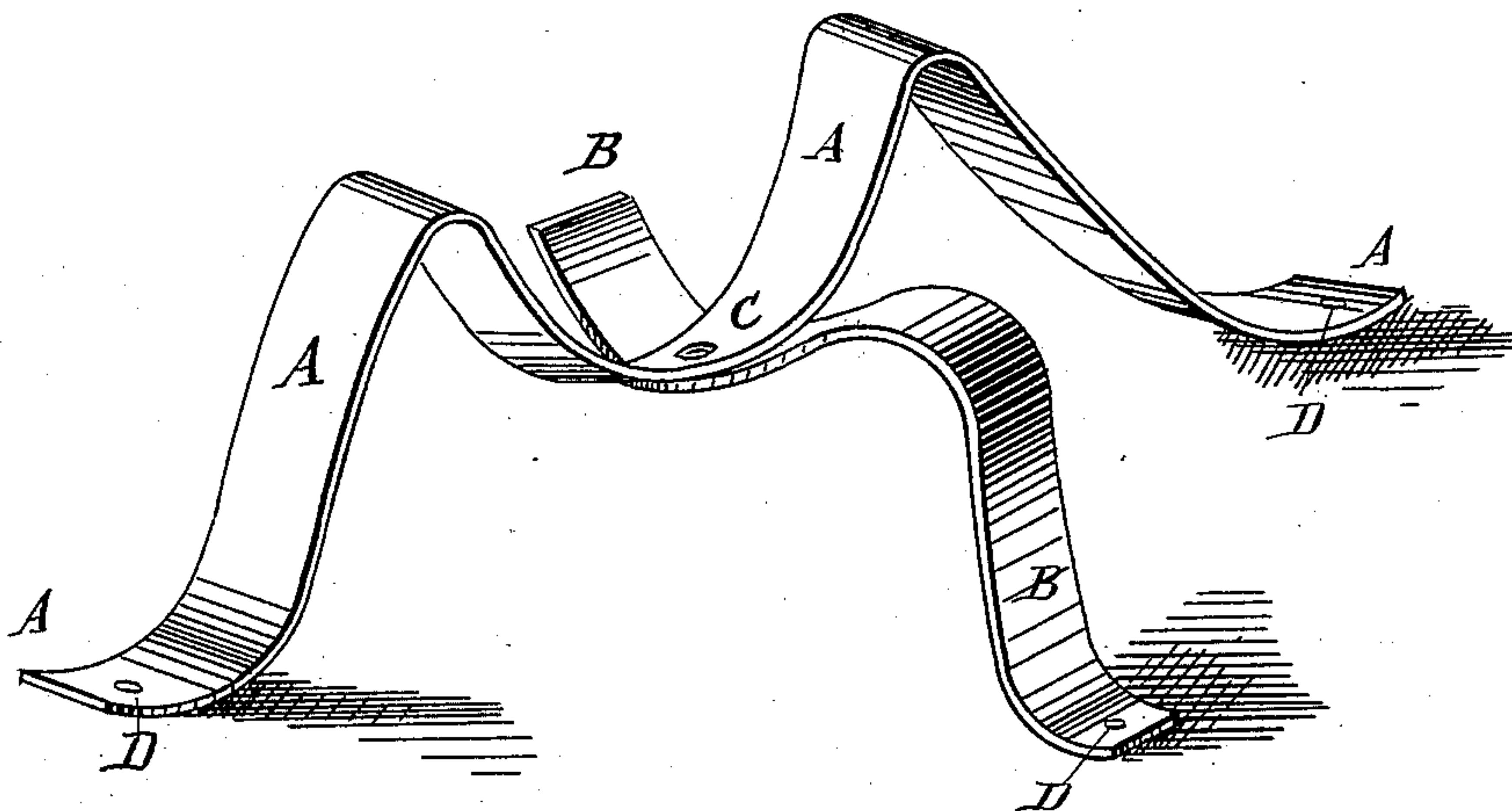
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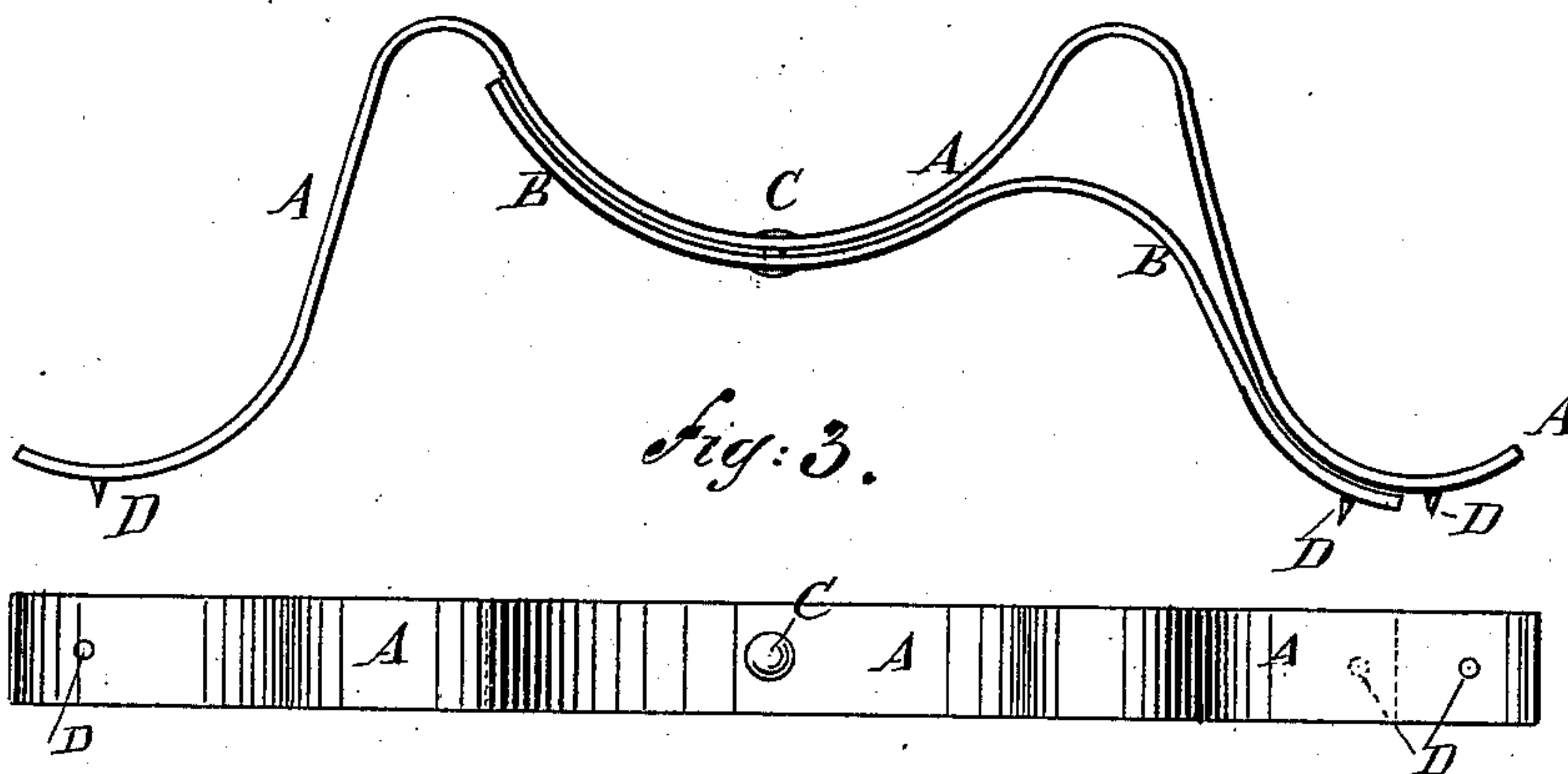
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*Fig: 1.*



*Fig: 2.*



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## CORPSE HEAD-REST.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN McGRATH, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in  
5 Corpse Head-Rests, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate  
10 corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improvement opened for use. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same folded. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the same folded.

15 The object of this invention is to provide a convenient support for the heads of corpses in corpse-preservers, upon cooling and laying-out boards, and upon embalming and dissecting tables.

20 The invention consists in a corpse head-rest constructed with an elastic bar curved at its middle part to fit the head of the corpse, and at its end parts to form feet, and a shorter elastic bar curved to fit the head and neck of  
25 the corpse, and to form a foot, the said bars being pivoted to each other and provided with points at their ends or feet, whereby the said head-rest can be readily adjusted, and when adjusted will be held from slipping, as will be  
30 hereinafter fully described.

The head-rest is made of two bars or strips, A B, of spring-brass or other suitable elastic metal. The longer bar, A, is concaved in its middle part to receive the head of a corpse,  
35 and its end parts are curved downward and outward to form feet. The shorter bar, B, is

concaved near one end to fit the head of the corpse, and is pivoted at the middle part of the said curvature by a rivet, C, to the bar A at the middle part of its central curvature. 40 The long arm of the bar B is curved downward and outward to form a foot, the curvature being such that the said bar will fit the back of the neck of a corpse.

To the feet of the bars A B are soldered or 45 otherwise secured, or upon them are formed, points D, to prevent the said feet from slipping upon the bottom of the corpse-preserver, or upon the board or table upon which the corpse is laid. With this construction the rest A B 50 can be readily adjusted beneath the head of the corpse, and will yield to pressure so as to support the head in a natural position.

In case it should be desired to turn the head to one side, a pressure of the hand upon the 55 highest point at that side will give the desired position, the points D keeping the rest from slipping out of place. Another advantage of this construction is that the head-rest can be compactly folded for transportation and 60 storage.

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

A corpse head-rest formed of the middle concaved bar, A, and end concaved bar, B, pivoted at C, both bars being provided with feet D, as shown and described. 65

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