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BRACKET FOR COFFINS.

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Fig. 1.

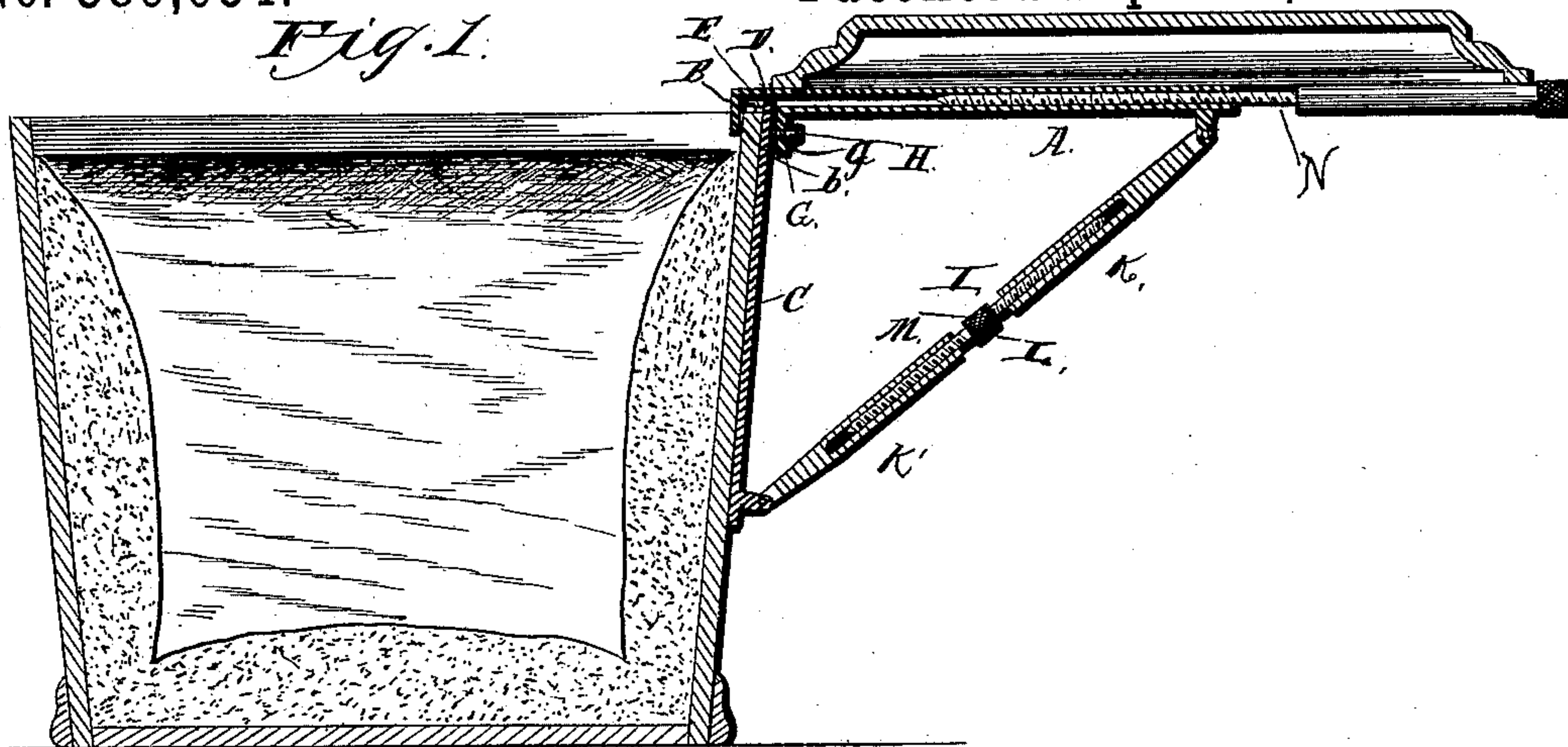


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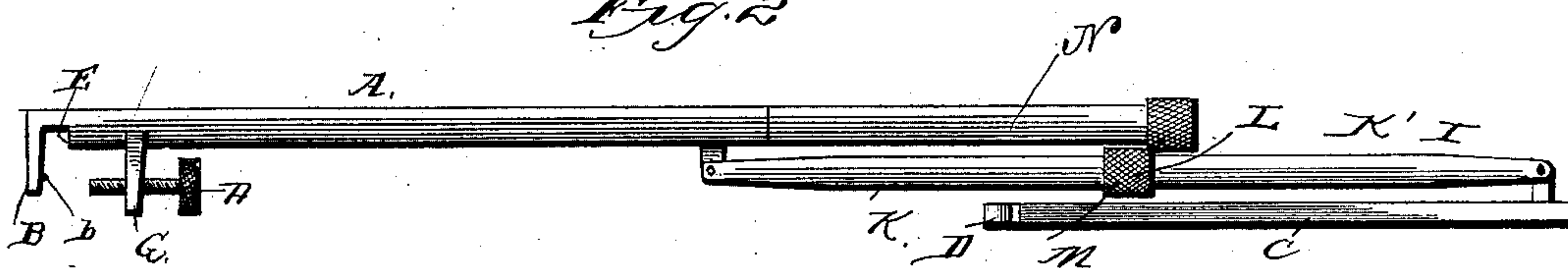


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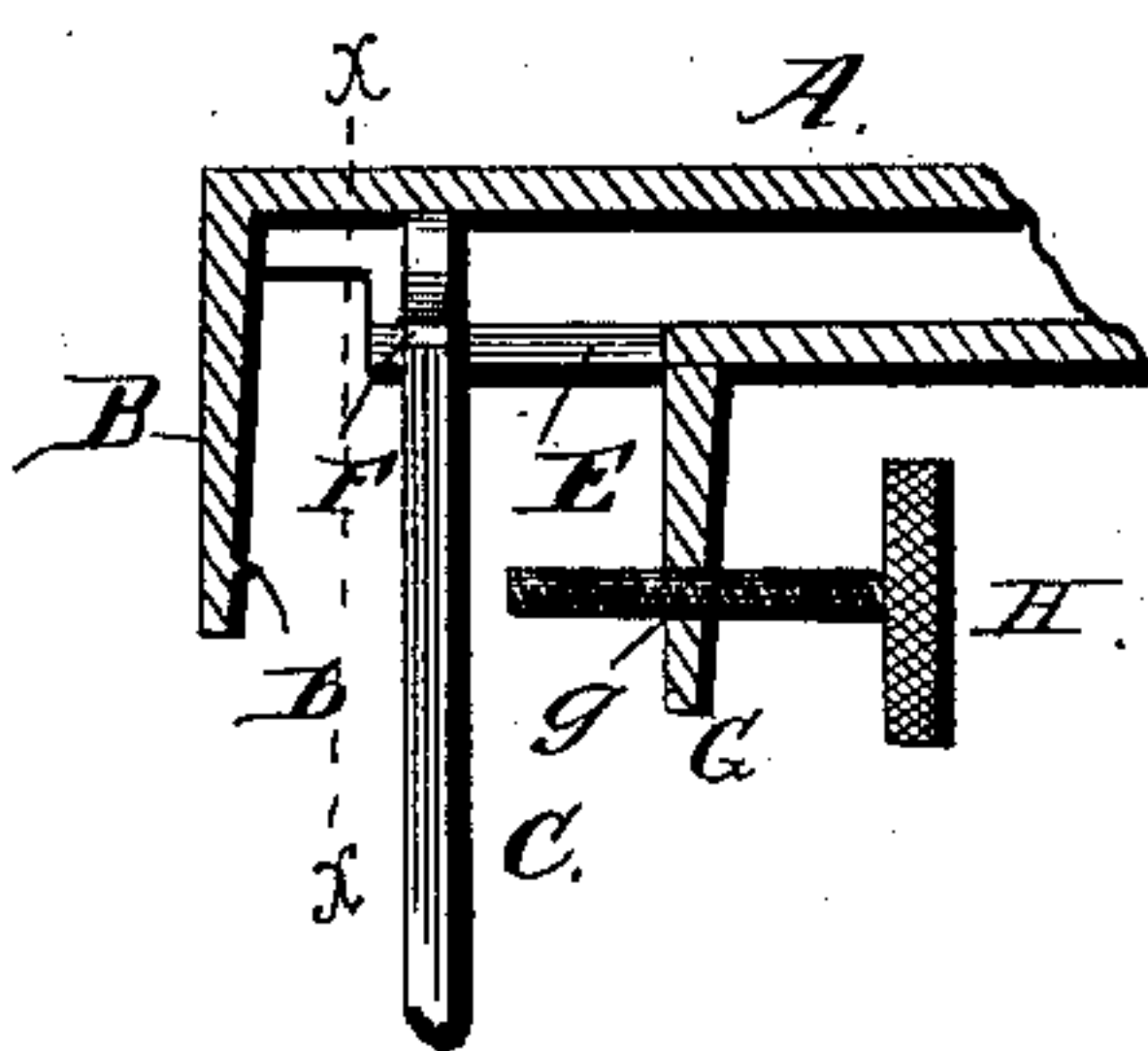
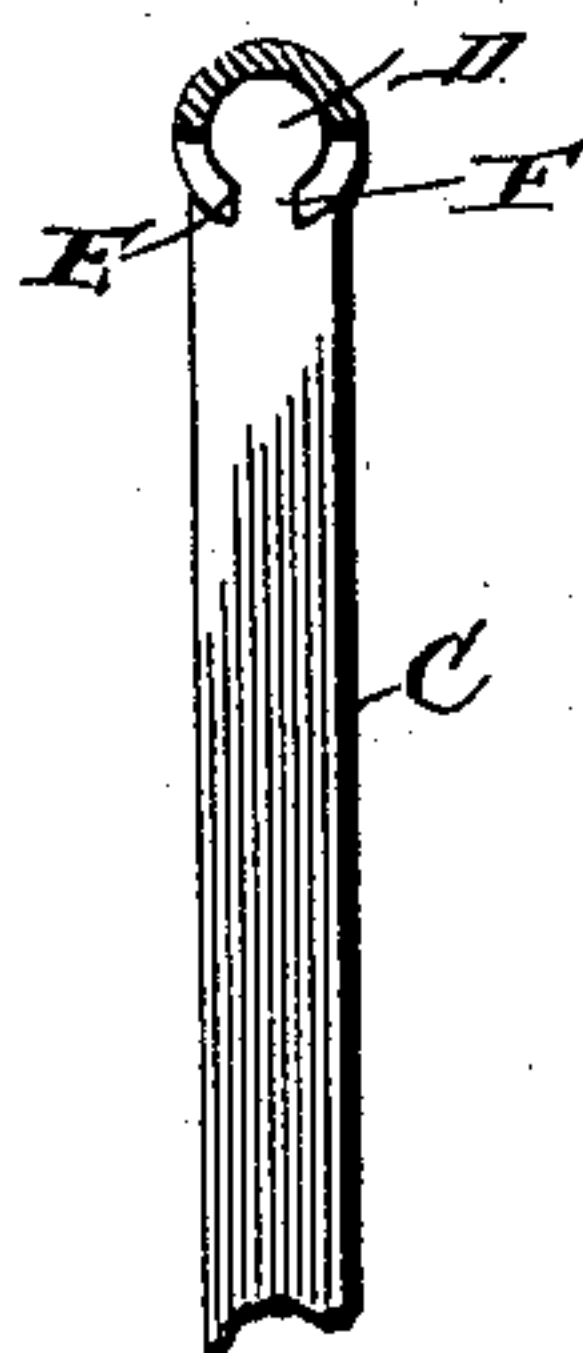


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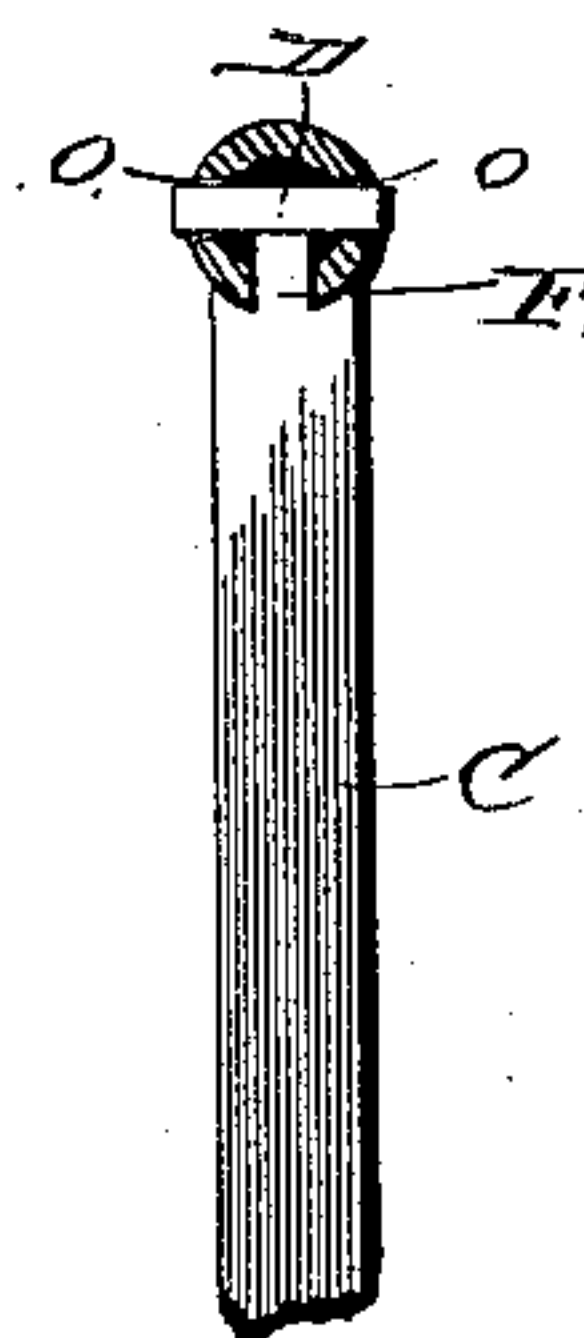


Fig. 5.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WASHINGTON HOLLIS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pembroke, in the county of Christian and State of Kentucky, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Brackets, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a bracket designed especially for attachment to coffins to support the lid thereof while the burial services are in progress; and it has for its object to provide an adjustable and extensible bracket which may be arranged to suit lids of all sizes.

The invention consists in a certain novel construction and arrangement of parts, fully set forth hereinafter in connection with the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a sectional view of the bracket applied in the operative position to a portion of a coffin. Fig. 2 is a view of the bracket when folded. Fig. 3 is a detail transverse section on the line *xx* of Fig. 5, to show the sliding head on the vertical bar. Fig. 4 is a similar view of a modified form of head. Fig. 5 is a detail sectional view.

Referring by letter to the drawings, the letter A designates a horizontal tubular bar, which is provided at its inner end with an angular clip, B, having a spur or point, *b*, on its lower end; and C designates a vertical bearing-bar, which is provided on its upper end with the rounded head D, adapted to slide in the inner end of the tubular bar A. The inner end of the said bar is provided with a longitudinal slot, E, in which operates the neck or stem F, which connects the head D to the vertical bar.

A depending bracket, G, is formed on the lower side of the bar A near its inner end, and it is provided with a tapped aperture, *g*, in which is mounted the thumb-screw H. The clip is hooked over the edge of the coffin and the bearing-bar is forced by means of the thumb-screw against the outer side of the coffin, thereby causing the spur or point *b* to engage in the material of the coffin. Obviously the bracket may be attached to a coffin of any ordinary thickness, for the reason that the bearing-bar slides freely in the slot in the horizontal bar, and may therefore be adjusted at will by means of the screw.

The brace I comprises the tubular bars K

K', which are pivoted, respectively, to the outer end of the horizontal bar and the lower end of the bearing-bar. These tubular bars K K' are provided, respectively, with right and left hand female screws; and L represents an adjusting-bolt, which is provided at opposite ends with right and left hand screws to engage the female screws in the bars K K'. The center of this adjusting-bolt is provided with the milled nut M, to enable the bolt to be turned to lengthen or shorten the brace in order to adjust the inclination of the bar A.

To enable the horizontal bar A of the bracket to be extended to accommodate coffin-lids of different sizes, I provide a screw-threaded extension, N, which I mount in the female screw formed in the said horizontal bar; and it will be seen that if the horizontal bar is threaded its entire length and the extension is made long enough the horizontal portion of the bracket may be extended to almost double its original length. The screws, however, may be omitted, and the extension bar may simply slide in the horizontal bar.

It will be seen that by removing the head D from the bearing in the inner end of the horizontal bar the bracket may be folded up into a portable form, as shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings, and may be carried in the pocket.

It will also be observed that the bracket as described is so constructed as to be strong, and at the same time light in weight.

Fig. 4 shows a modified form of head, which is of the character known as a "T-head," and the arms of the said head extend into and slide in longitudinal slots O O in the sides of the horizontal supporting-bar.

Having thus described the invention, I claim—

1. The bracket comprising the horizontal supporting-bar, provided with a clip or hook, B, the bearing-bar loosely connected at its upper end to the supporting-bar at a point near the clip or hook and adapted to bear against the side of the coffin, and the extensible brace connecting the lower end of the bearing-bar to the supporting-bar, substantially as specified.

2. In a bracket, the combination of the supporting-bar provided with a clip or hook, B, the bearing-bar provided with a head mounted in a longitudinal slot in the supporting-bar

and adapted to move therein, the thumb-screw bearing against the outer side of the bearing-bar and adapted to force it toward the clip or hook, and the brace connecting the lower end 5 of the bearing-bar to the supporting bar, substantially as specified.

3. In a bracket, the tubular internally-screw-threaded supporting-bar A, provided with the clip or hook B, and the set-screw H, arranged 10 in a bracket, G, and the screw-threaded extension N, engaging the internal screw-threads of the supporting-bar, in combination with the bearing-bar C, provided with a neck or stem, F, arranged in a longitudinal slot, E, in the 15 supporting-bar, and the rounded head D, arranged in the bore of the supporting-bar, the extensible brace I, comprising the tubular bars K K', provided with right and left internal

screw-threads, and the bolt L, having its opposite ends right and left screw-threaded and 20 engaging the internal screws of the bars K K', substantially as and for the purpose specified.

4. In a bracket, the combination of the horizontal tubular bar A, having a female screw therein, the clip B, the thumb-screw mounted 25 in a suitable bracket, the brace I, and the extension-bar N, mounted in the bar A, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses. 30

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