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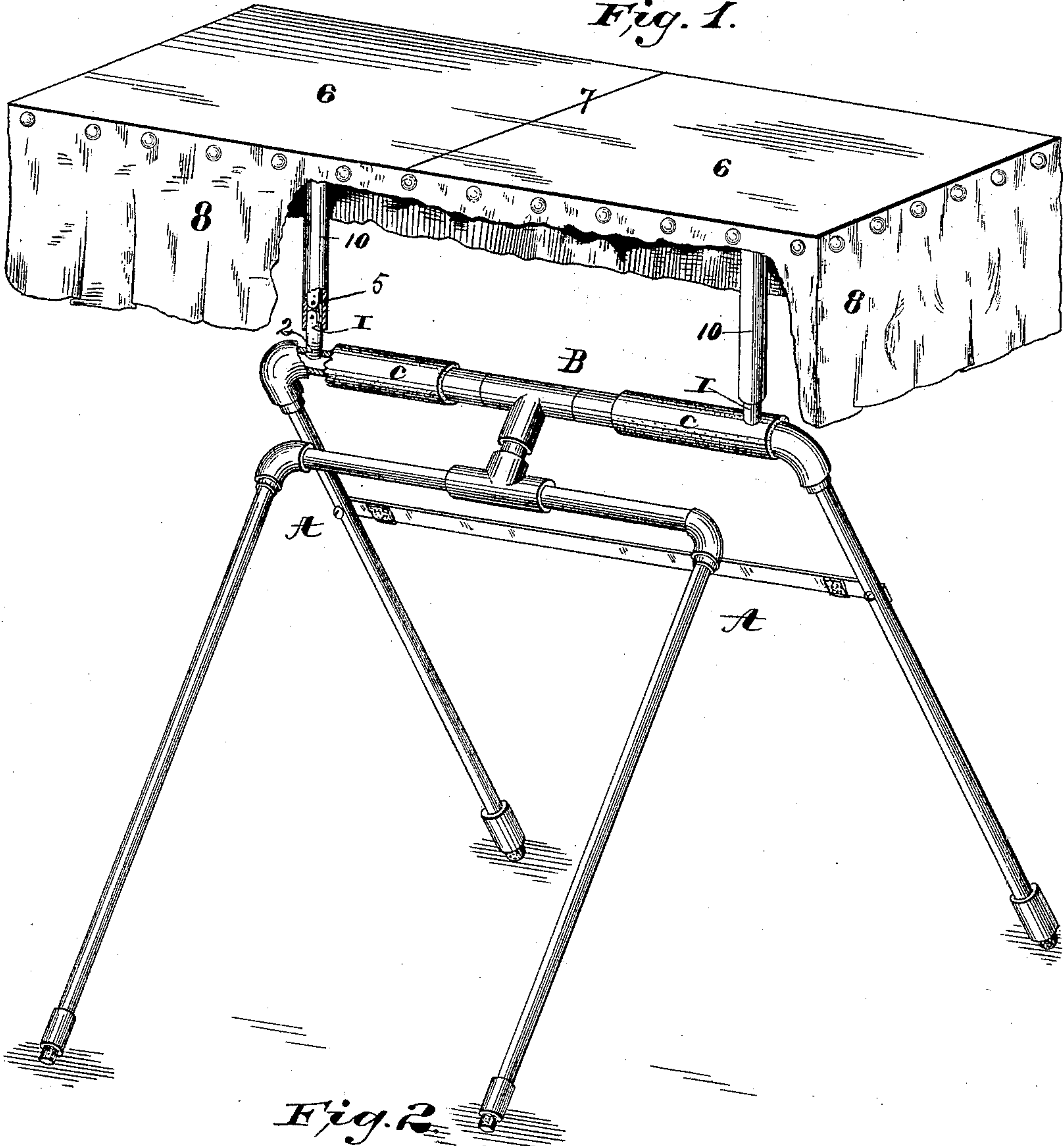
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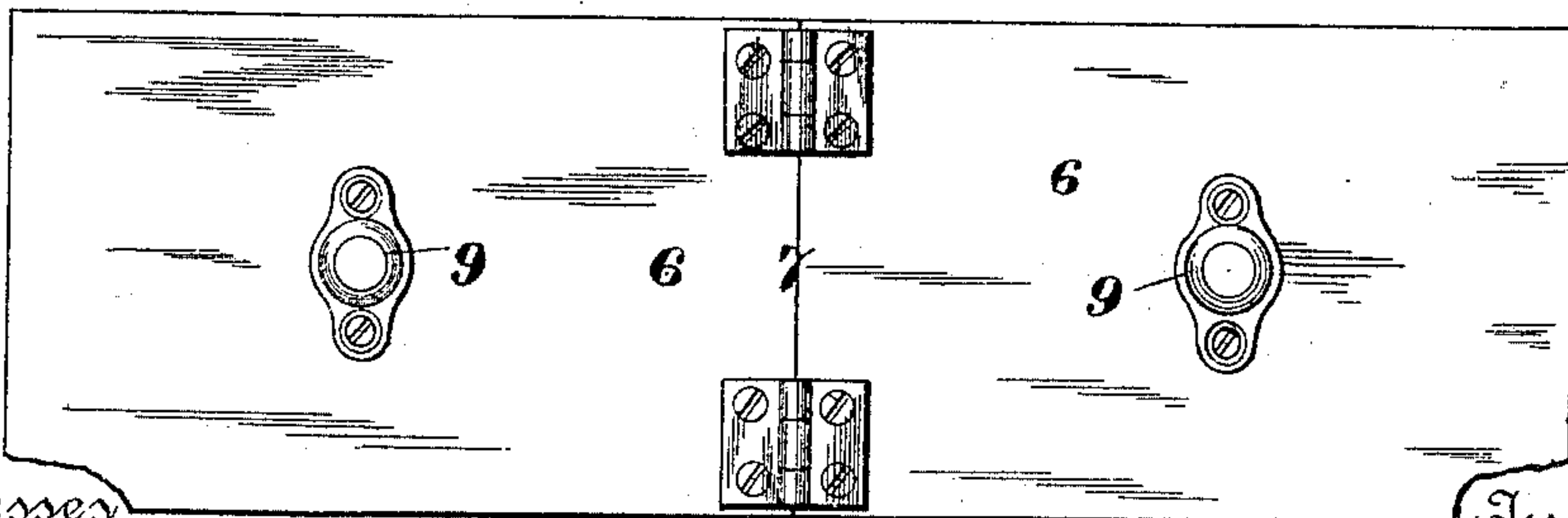
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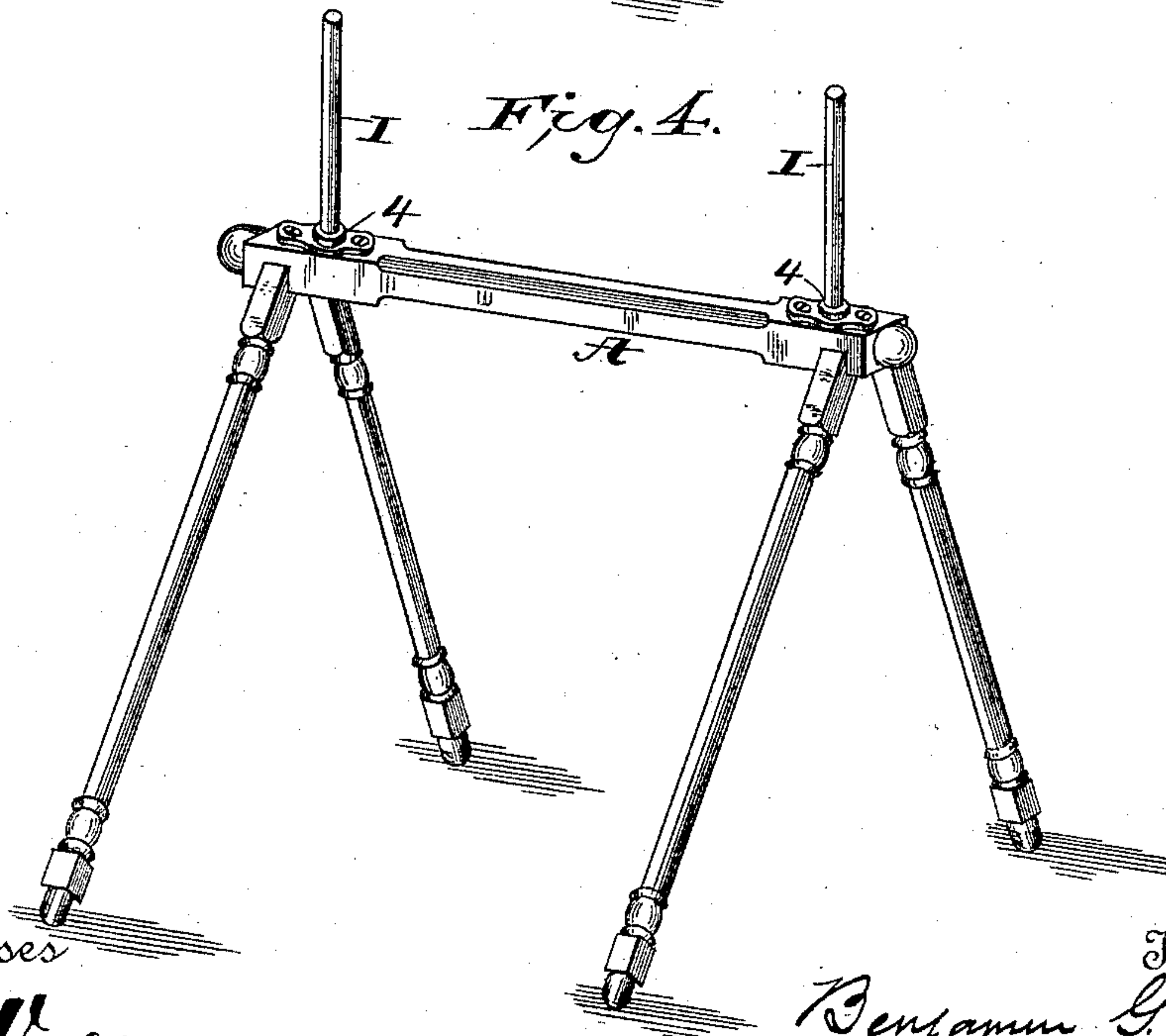
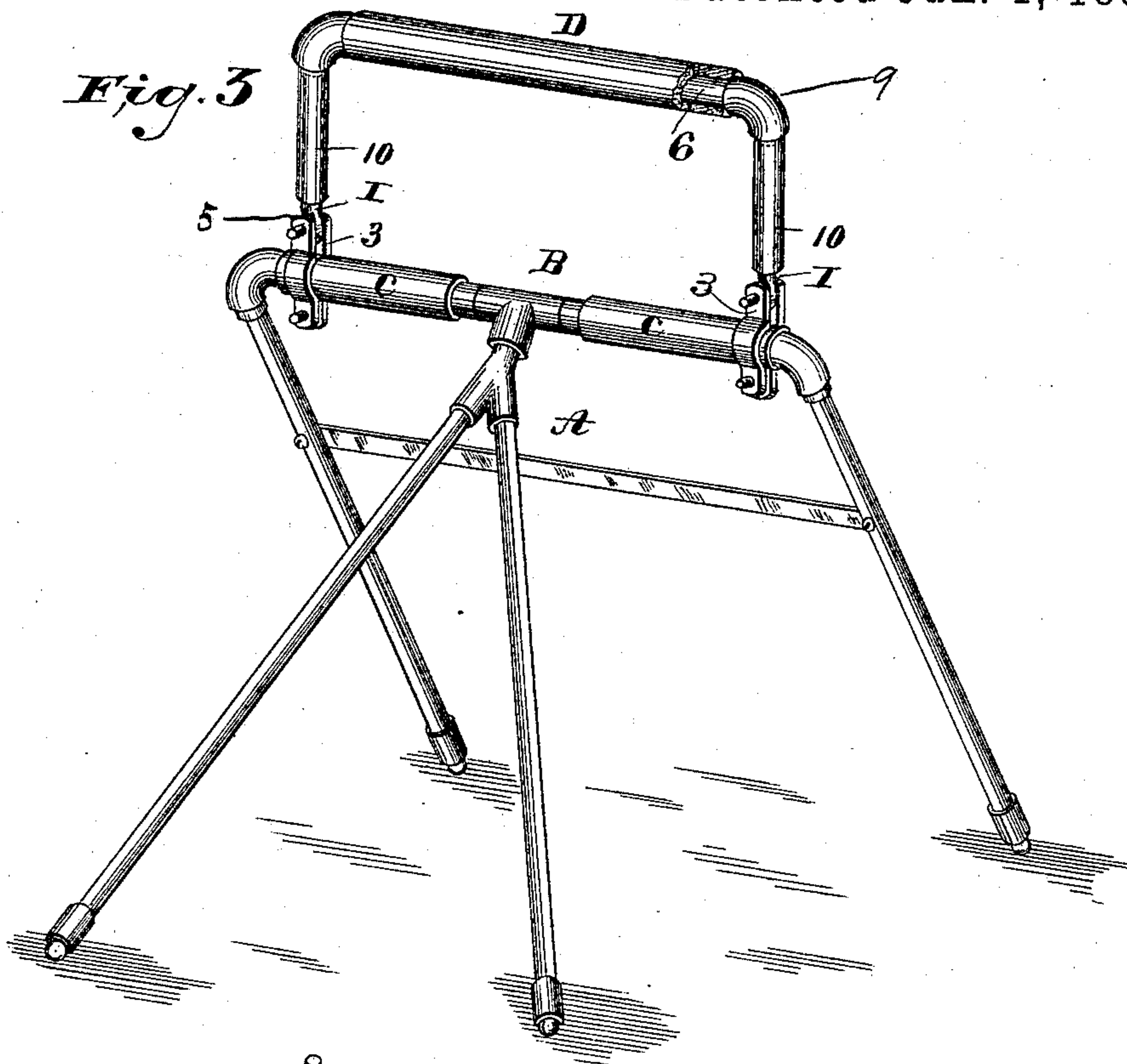
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN G. CASLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cleveland, in the county of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Supplemental Bearers for Coffin or Casket Stools; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the attachment or supplemental bearer applied as a support for a child's coffin, parts broken away. Fig. 2 is a detached bottom view of the supplemental bearer for child's coffin; Fig. 3, an elevation of the supplemental bearer adapted for the support of misses' or boys' caskets; Fig. 4, a view of the bearer of an ordinary wooden coffin or casket stool having means for applying the supplemental bearer thereto.

Like letters refer to like parts wherever they occur.

My present invention relates to attachments for coffin or casket stools, whereby the same are rendered more convenient, ornamental, and better adapted for the support of small coffins or caskets—such as are required for infants, children, or misses—for which purposes the usual or full-sized stools are out of proportion and more or less unsightly.

Great desiderata in this class of stools are compactness, lightness with strength, portability, symmetry, neat and ornamental appearance, facility of adjustment, and ready convertibility, which shall reduce as far as practicable the necessary outfit of the undertaker. The object I have in view is, therefore, to provide for coffin or casket stools an attachment composed of a few simple parts, by the interchange of which the size and height of the stool can be readily adapted to the size of the coffin it is to support.

For purposes of illustration I have chosen to show the attachments applied to the coffin or casket stool for which Letters Patent, No. 358,836, were granted to me March 8, 1887, though the attachment may be applied to any form of coffin or casket stool by simply modifying the foot of the pegs in any of several ways which will readily suggest themselves to the skilled mechanic, of which one is shown

in Fig. 4 of the drawings applied to the ordinary wooden stool.

The main feature of the invention lies in the combining with the stool-bearer of vertical pegs or standards and a supplementary detachable bearer or table having projecting sleeve-standards which fit over the vertical pegs of the bearer, said devices of such height and width as to modify the support and proportion it to the changed conditions under which the stool is to be used, while subordinate features of construction embraced the preferred mode of securing the pegs to the bearer, folding pegs, folding supplementary bearers or tables, and certain detail of construction, substantially as will hereinafter more fully appear, whereby the packing, storing, and transportation of the devices are facilitated.

I will now proceed to describe my invention more fully, so that others skilled in the art to which it appertains may apply the same.

In the drawings, A indicates a coffin or casket stool of any desired or known pattern, preferably that described in my former patent, No. 358,836, having a bearer, B, adapted for the support of the coffin or casket of an adult. Secured in or to said main bearer B are vertical pegs 1, for which any rigid attachment may be adopted. In case of a metallic bearer, B, I prefer to cover the same with rubber, as at *c*, and to secure the pegs 1 thereto by threading the end of the peg and screwing it into a hole drilled and threaded in the bearer, as at 2, (see Fig. 1,) though a clamping-collar with set-screws, as at 3, (see Fig. 3,) may be employed, if desired, though this latter attachment is not so firm and rigid where the rubber covering *c* of the bearer is used. In case of the ordinary wooden stool, tapped and threaded plates, as at 4, (see Fig. 4,) may be used to receive the threaded end of the pegs 1. For convenience in packing and transportation, it is desirable to joint the pegs 1 just above their attachment to the main bearer B, as at 5, so that they may be turned down on the bearer B.

D indicates the detachable supplemental bearer supported by the vertical pegs 1. This supplemental bearer may be a simple cross-bar, 6, of bar, rod, or tubular form, which will be as wide as is required, in case of a misses' or young person's casket, where two stools are



necessarily employed, or it may be a table, plate, frame, or board, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, in case of a child's or infant's casket, where a single stool will suffice, and in this latter case, for purposes of convenience in transportation, I prefer to joint the supplemental bearer 6, as at 7, Fig. 2, and for purposes of ornamentation I prefer to drape it down to the bearer B of the stool, as shown at 8 in Fig. 1.

In order that what I mean by a child's casket and a miss's casket may be fully understood, I would say that any casket less than three (3) feet long I term a "child's" casket, and caskets from three (3) feet to four and a-half (4½) feet long I term "miss's" caskets.

On the under side of the bearer 6 are provided threaded sockets 9, into which are screwed sleeve standards or tubes 10, adapted to fit over the vertical pegs 1 of the bearer B, and secure the supplemental bearer 6 rigidly on the main bearer B of the stool. Either the vertical pegs 1 or the sleeve-standards 10 should be of sufficient height to elevate the supplemental bearer such a distance above main bearer B as will compensate for the difference in size of the coffin or casket to be supported.

The devices being of the general character hereinbefore described, may be employed as follows: The stool A being of full size for the casket of an adult, and provided with means for attaching the vertical pegs 1, said pegs are attached thereto when the stool is to be used for a child's or miss's casket. In case of a child's casket of three feet or under, the sleeves 10 are screwed into the sockets 9 of a broad supplemental bearer, Figs. 2 to 6, and then slipped on the pegs 1. In case of a miss's casket of over three feet in length the sleeve-standards 10 are screwed into the sockets 9 of a bar or tube bearer, 6, of Fig. 3, and two supplemental bearers so formed are applied to two stools, a draped board or platform being used therewith, if desired, though the same is not necessary.

The advantages arising from my invention are the convertibility of the ordinary adult coffin or casket stool, by means of a few and simple attachable and detachable pieces, into a stool adapted for either a child's or miss's casket at the will of the user.

I am aware that a coffin-stool has heretofore been devised wherein the top part was made of proper length to support a small coffin with-

out projecting beyond it, so as to be in the way, and that detachable bearers of different lengths for wider coffins were secured thereto by dowels, and do not herein claim the same, as such devices were not provided with standards so as to materially modify the height of the stool; but,

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

1. The combination, with a casket-stool having a main bearer, of an elevated supplemental bearer and interposed standards for supporting the elevated bearer above the main bearer, substantially as and for the purposes specified.

2. The combination, with a casket-stool having a main bearer provided with vertical pegs, of an elevated detachable supplemental bearer and interposed sleeve or tubular standards for supporting the elevated bearer above the main bearer, substantially as and for the purposes specified.

3. In a coffin or casket stool, the combination, with the main bearer, of vertical jointed pegs and a supplemental bearer having sleeve-standards which fit over the vertical jointed pegs of the main bearer, substantially as and for the purposes specified.

4. In a coffin or casket stool, the combination, with the main bearer having detachable pegs, of a supplemental bearer having sleeve or tubular standards which fit on the pegs of the main bearer, substantially as and for the purposes specified.

5. In a coffin or casket stool, the combination, with a bearer having vertical jointed pegs, of a supplemental bearer provided with detachable sleeve or tubular standards which fit over the jointed pegs of the main bearer, substantially as and for the purposes specified.

6. A folding supplemental bearer for coffin or casket stools, provided with detachable sleeve or tubular standards adapted to fit on pegs on the main bearer of a coffin or casket stool, substantially as and for the purposes specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses, this 18th day of June, 1888.

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