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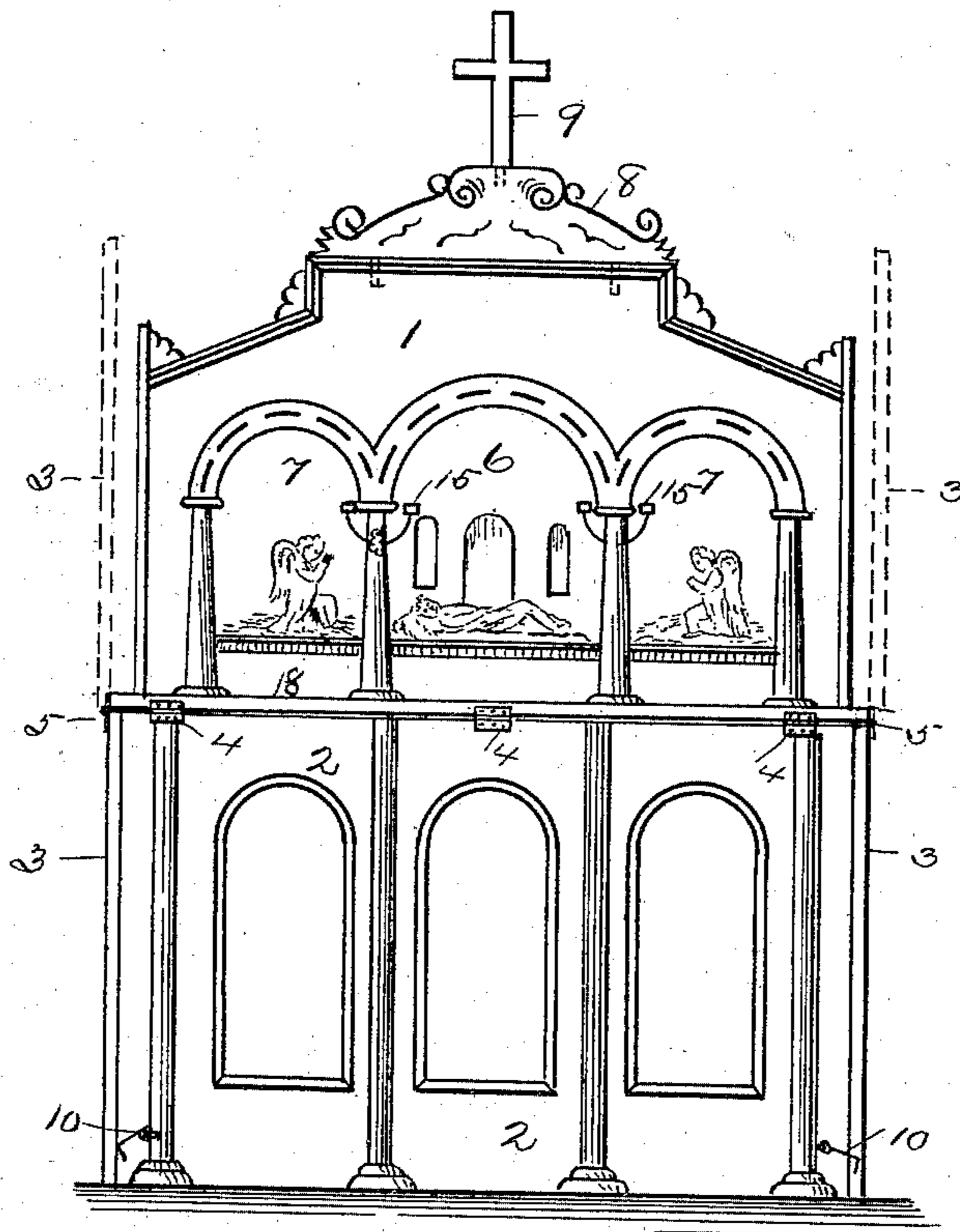


Fig. 1.

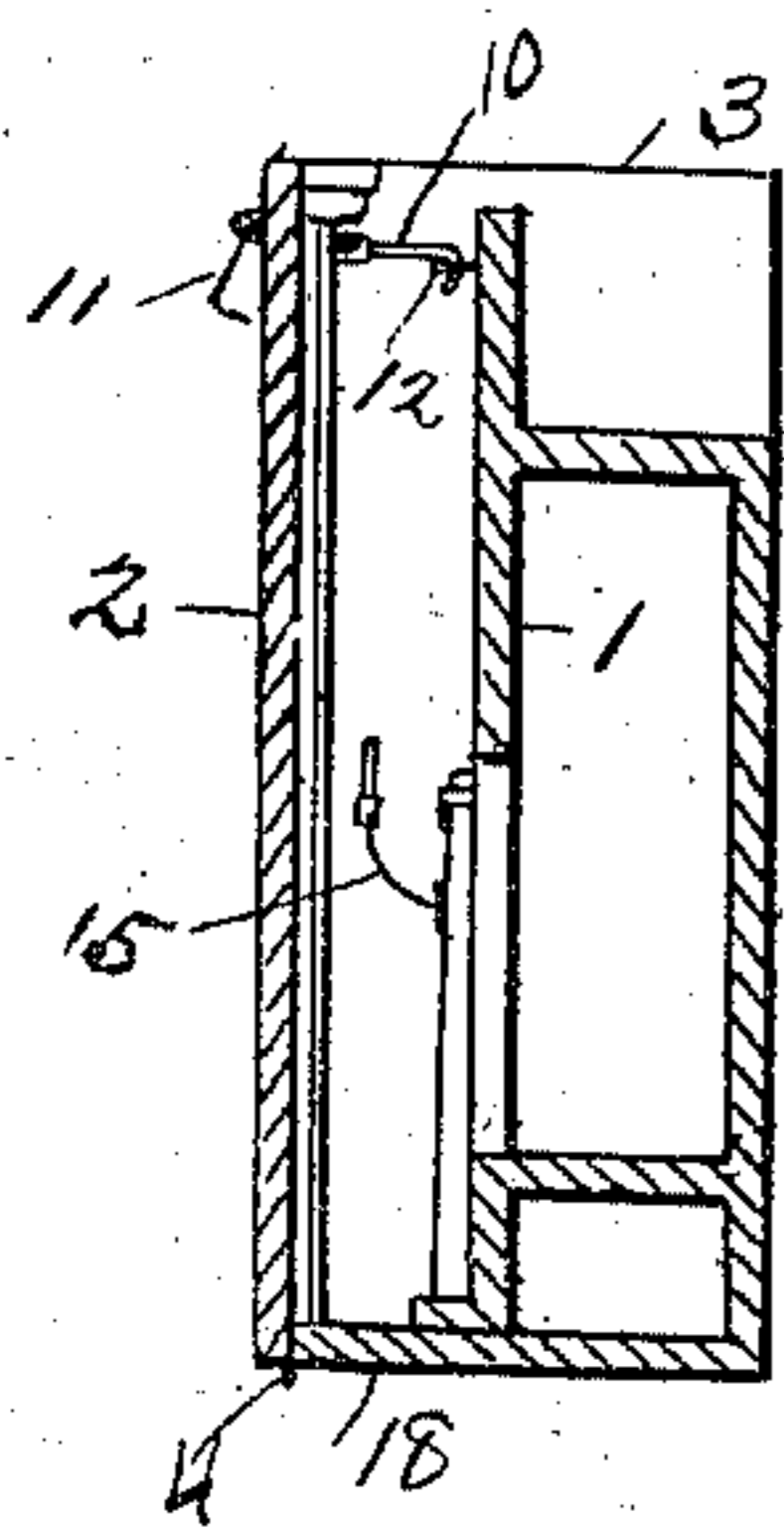


Fig. 2.

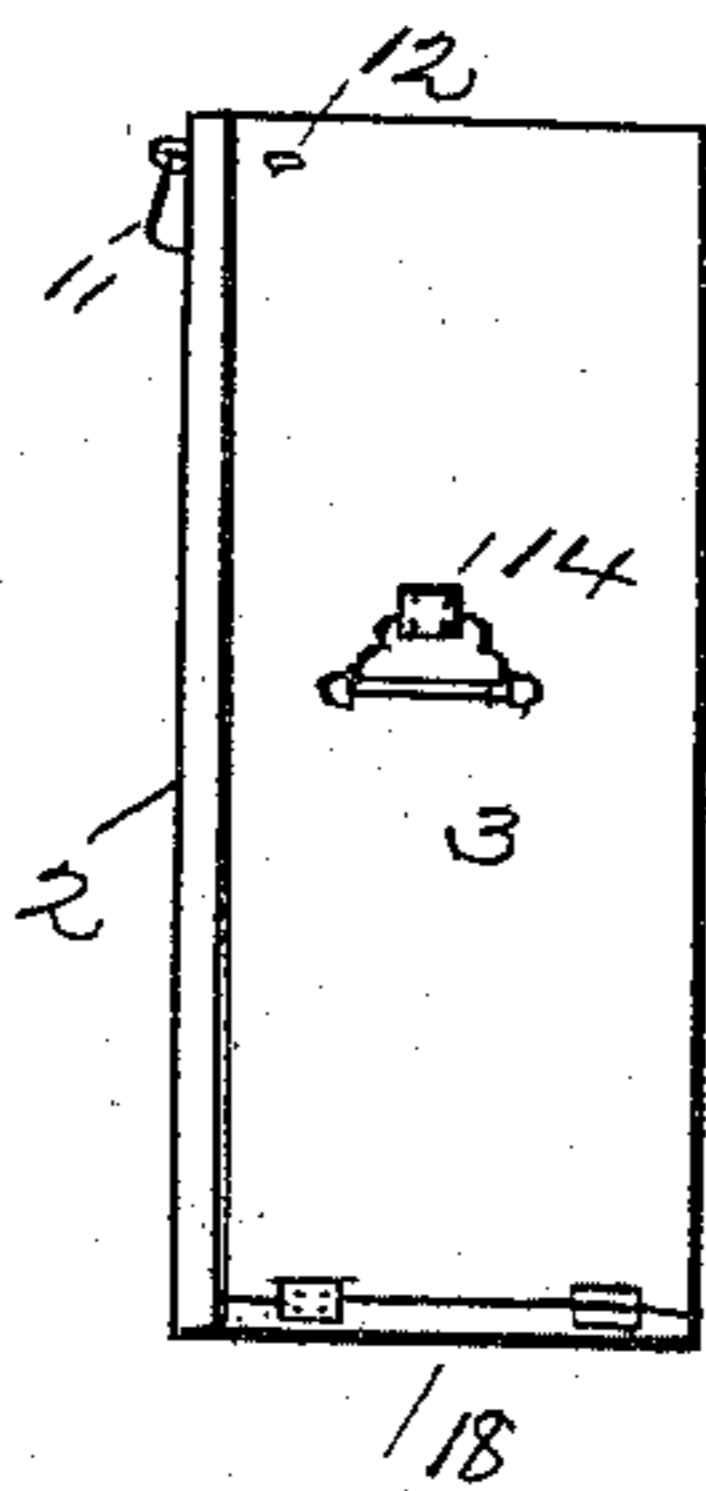


Fig. 3.

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*To all whom it may concern.*

Be it known that I, JOHN D. SCHAUB, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pittsburg, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Portable Altars; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improved portable altar for funeral purposes, and consists in certain details of construction, and combination of parts as will be fully described hereinafter.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1, is a front elevation of my improved portable altar, which is constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a side sectional elevation of the same folded, or made portable. Fig. 3 is an end elevation of the same.

In the drawings, 1 indicates a base-piece having compartments 6 and 7 therein separated by partitions. These compartments may have biblical scenes painted in the background and religious figures may occupy the foreground, as shown. The base-piece 1 is provided with a removable ornamented top portion 8, having detachably secured thereto a cross 9. Secured at right angles to the base piece is a ledge 18 having hinged thereto at 4 a front board 2 suitably ornamented with panels and pilasters, which when lowered serve to support the entire structure, and when closed cover the front of the altar as shown in Fig. 2. The ledge 18 serves as one side of the box when the altar is closed. Attached by hinges 5 to the ends of said ledge 18 are pieces 3, which also serve to support the altar when opened, and when closed act as the sides of the box containing the altar. (See Figs. 2 and 3.) Handles 14 may be pro-

vided on the end pieces 3 of the altar to facilitate its being removed from place to place. Hooks 11, 11, fastened to the end board, and adapted to engage eyes in the front board serve to give additional firmness to the altar when opened. Other hooks 10, 10, secured to the pilasters and engaging eyes on the top of the base piece serve to secure the cover to the base piece when the altar is closed. Candles may be inserted in the supports 15.

It will be seen that I provide a portable altar, compact when ready for transportation, and neat in appearance, and durable in use.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A portable altar comprising a base-piece, having compartments therein, a removable top piece, a ledge secured at right angles to said base-piece, having an ornamental front board hinged thereto, and end pieces hinged to the edge of said ledge, having handles secured thereto, the whole adapted to be folded up as described.

2. A portable altar comprising a base piece having compartments therein, candle supports secured to the partitions of said compartments, a removable ornamental top piece having a detachable cross secured thereto, a ledge secured at right angles to said base piece, having an ornamental front board hinged thereto, hooks on said front board adapted to engage eyes in said base-piece when the altar is closed, end pieces hinged to the edge of said ledge provided with hooks adapted to engage eyes on said front board when the altar is opened, and handles on said end piece, the whole adapted to be folded up as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I hereunto affix my signature this 7th day of June, A. D. 1892.

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