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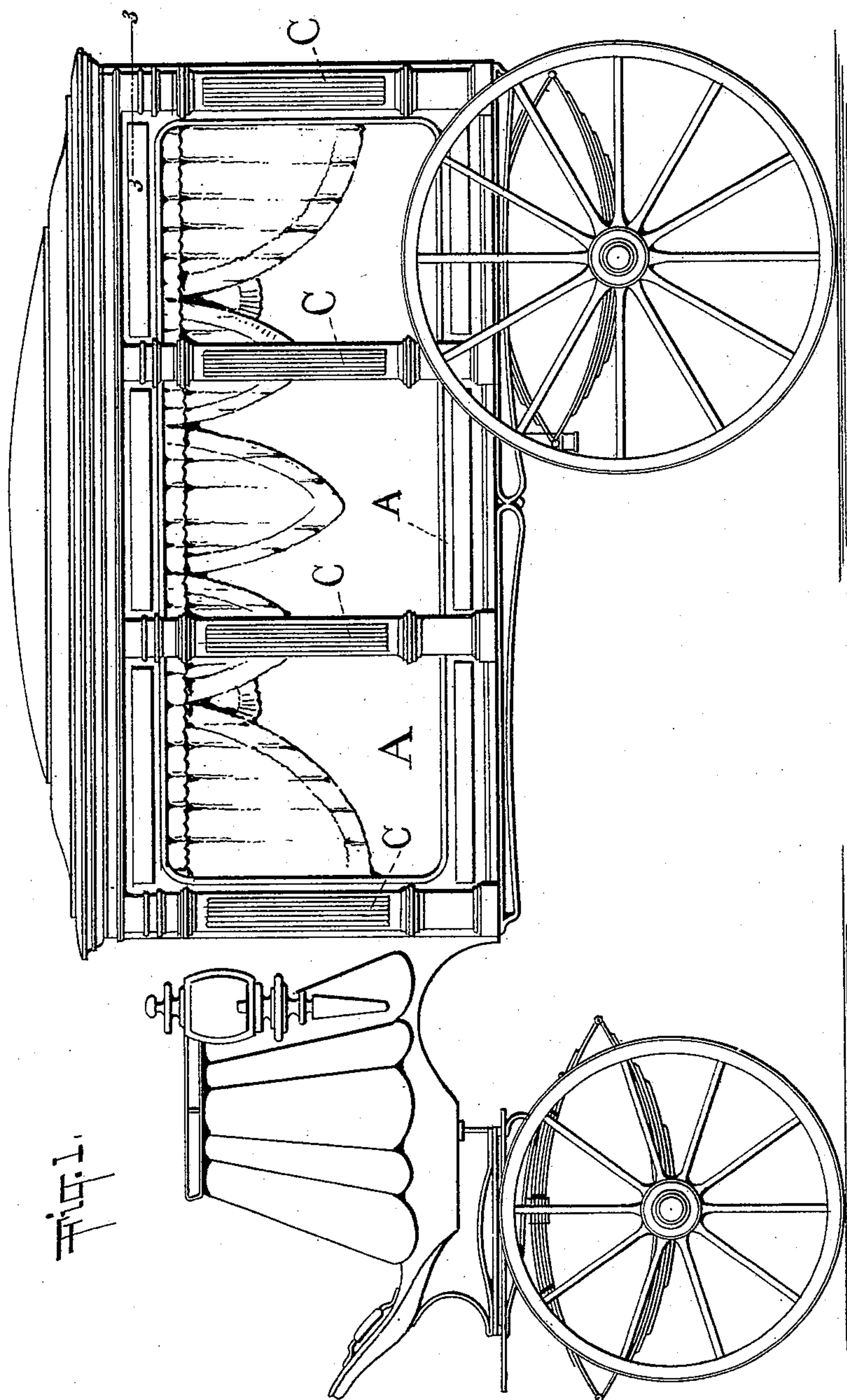


Fig. 1

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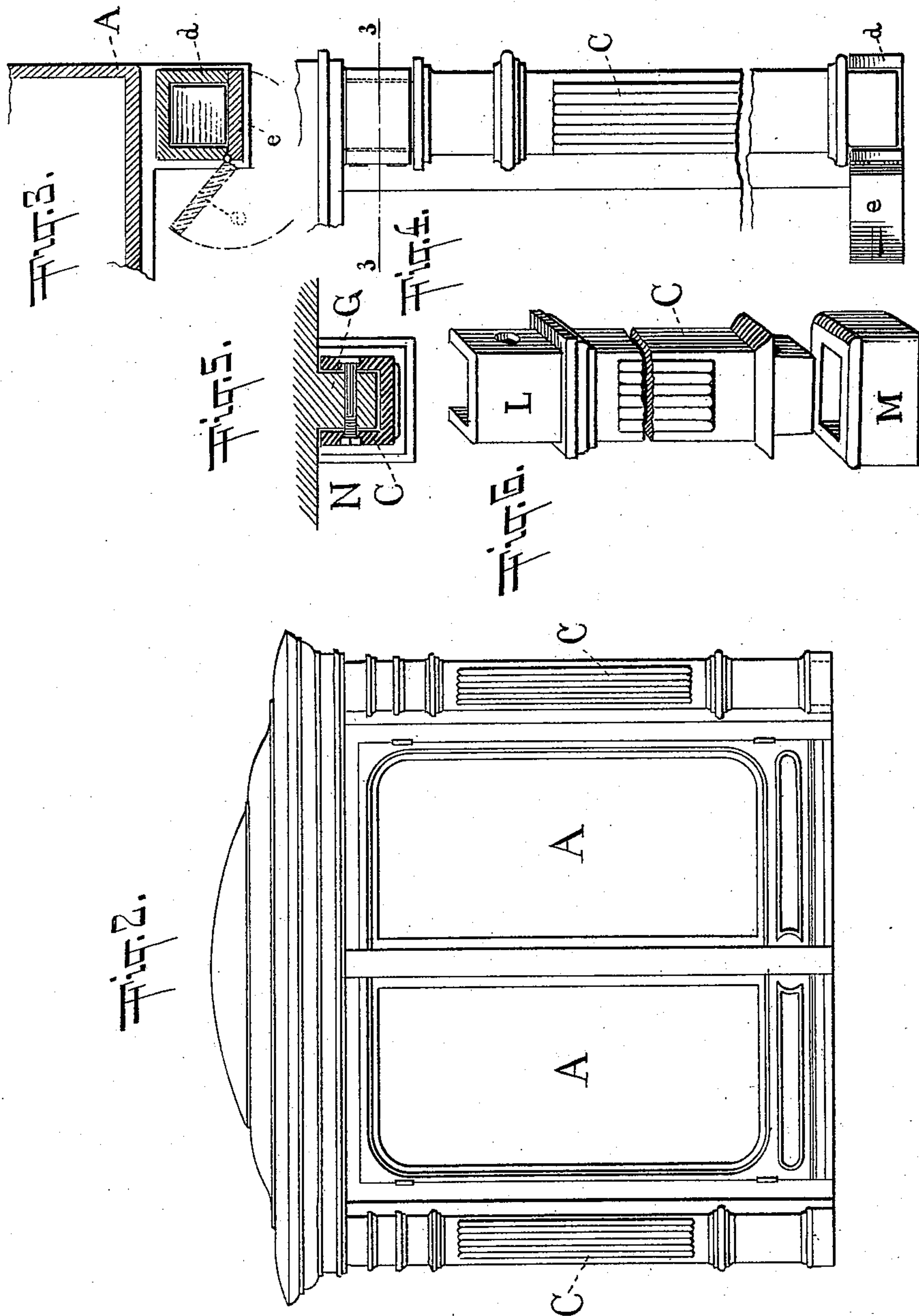
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## HEARSE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. EGBERT, of Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Hearses, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to that particular shape, form or design of hearses in which there are columns outside of the main body of the hearse, and which appear to support the roof, or top of the hearse; and the object of my invention is to render it possible to change the design of the hearse at will, with very little trouble and expense.

My invention consists in making these columns separable from the body of the hearse, and with means of attachment to the said body of the hearse, and being detachable therefrom, so that they may be secured in any desired position on the outside of the body of the hearse, and so that any particular form or shape of column may be substituted for others having a different form. It will be apparent that, by having columns of different designs, and by changing the relative position of the columns to each other, and to the body of the hearse, the design and appearance of a hearse can be very easily changed and at slight expense, for the owner can either provide himself with a number of columns of different design, or can have them changed by the manufacturer of the hearse.

Referring to the accompanying drawings in which similar letters of reference indicate similar parts throughout the several views, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a hearse, showing four of the eight columns which constitute the subject of my invention. Fig. 2 is a rear view of the body of the hearse, showing two of the columns standing out in relief therefrom. Fig. 3 is a sectional view of a corner of the hearse-body, and of a detached column, with means for securing the same in position. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a detached column. Figs. 5 and 6 illustrate another means of securing a different column in place.

A, is the body of the hearse, and CC are the columns.

Referring to Fig. 4, I have shown one form of my detachable columns in which the column stands out at a little distance from the

body of the hearse, and is held in position by fastenings upon the platform upon which the body of the hearse rests, and upon the roof of the hearse. One form of the fastening that may be used is illustrated in Fig. 3, which represents a sectional view of a box *d*, having a cover, *e*; a similar box is attached to the roof of the hearse. The cover of this box may be kept closed by a spring, or in any other desired manner. When it is desired to change the columns, the covers of these boxes at the top and bottom of the column are opened, the column taken out and a new one substituted in its place; the covers of the boxes being then closed, they present the appearance of forming the capital and base of the column respectively.

Referring to Figs. 5 and 6, F, Fig. 6, shows a hollow base, M, secured to the outside of the platform or floor of the hearse, into which the bottom of the column extends, and G, Fig. 5, shows a sectional view of a lug secured to the body of the hearse just under or near its roof, and over which the head, L, of the column fits, and to which it is secured by the nut and bolt, N, Fig. 5.

It is obvious that instead of the hollow base M, a duplicate lug may be employed, at the bottom of the column, as at the top. I do not, however, limit myself to any particular form of fastening, as many different forms can be devised, nor do I limit myself to columns which stand out at a distance from the body of the hearse for my invention is applicable to columns which abut against the body of the hearse.

What I claim is—

1. A hearse provided with means whereby columns can be detachably fastened on the outside of the body of the hearse, substantially as shown and described.

2. The combination of a hearse and one or more detachable columns on the outside of the body of the hearse.

3. An ornamental column for hearses provided with means for securing it to and detaching it from the hearse, substantially as described.

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