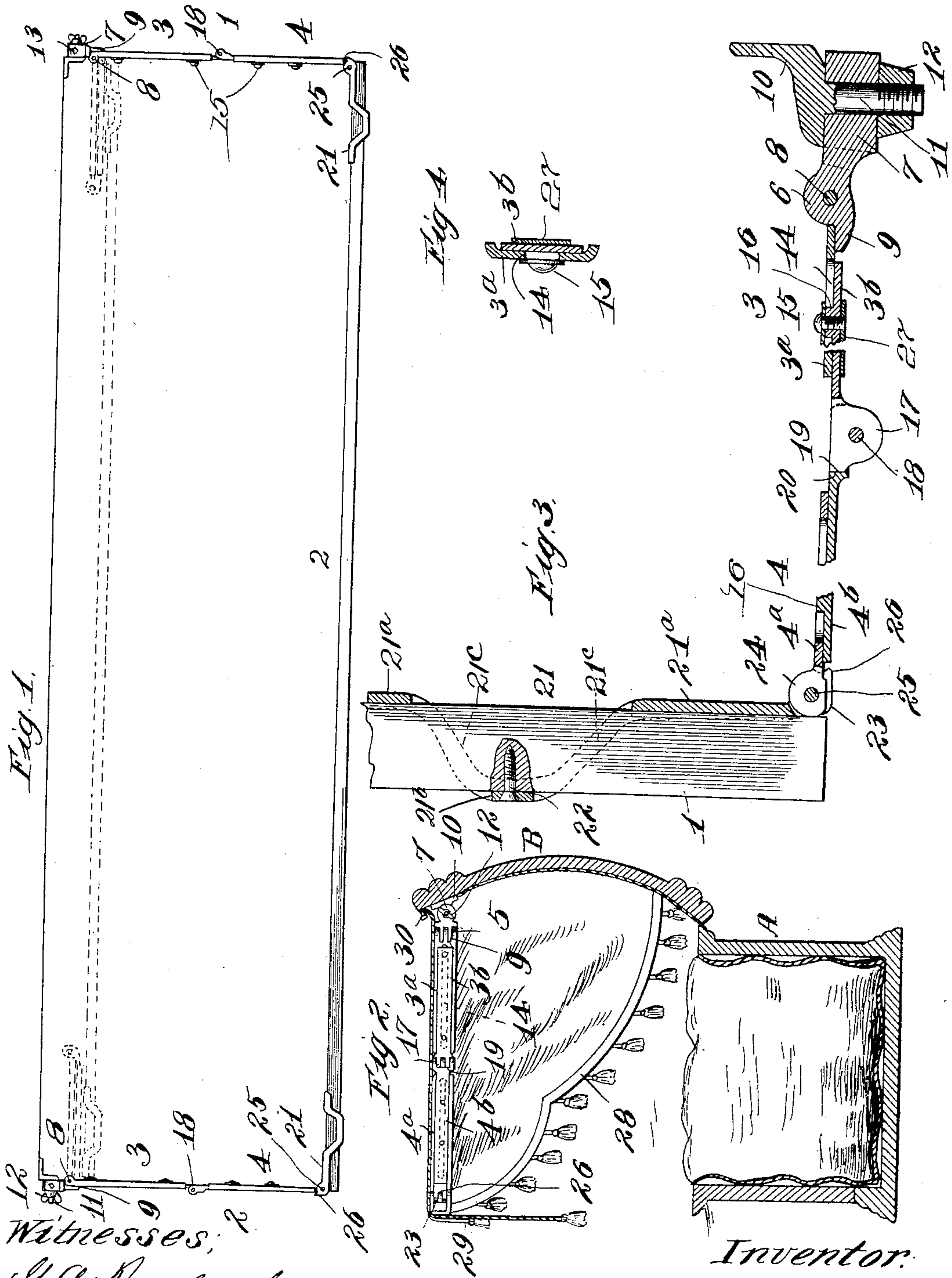


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES E. RICHARDS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Canopy-Frames for Caskets, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention, generally stated, is the production of an improved canopy-frame adapted to be secured to the cover of a casket and capable of being folded into small compass for shipment and storage and when the cover of the casket is to be closed.

The invention further relates to the special features of construction hereinafter more fully pointed out.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a top plan view of a canopy-frame embodying the features of my invention, said frame being shown in dotted lines in its folded or collapsed position. Fig. 2 is a transverse vertical section through a casket, showing the canopy-frame of this invention applied thereto. Fig. 3 is an enlarged fragmental detail view of the front bar and one of the side arms of the frame. Fig. 4 is a section through one of the side arms, illustrating the means for adjusting the length thereof.

Referring to the drawings, A designates a casket, and B the cover thereof.

The canopy-frame herein shown and described comprises side arms 1 and a front bar 2. The side arms are jointed, each of said arms being made up of the two sections 3 and 4, and each of said arm-sections is formed of two members 3^a 3^b and 4^a 4^b, respectively, adjustably secured together. On one end of the member 3^a of the arm-section 3 are formed perforated ears 5, through which and through similar ears 6 on a sleeve 7 a pivot-pin 8 is adapted to pass. Stop-lugs 9, formed on the sleeve 7, limit the extent of pivotal movement between the parts 3^a and 7. The ends of the side arms are attached to the cover B of the casket by means of brackets 10, adapted to be screwed to said cover, each of said brackets comprising a stud 11, upon which the sleeve 7 is rotatably mounted. The outer end of the stud 11 is screw-threaded to receive a clamping wing-nut 12, by means of which the canopy-frame is fixed in any desired angular position with reference to the cover B. A set-screw 13 is also provided for locking the canopy-frame in position.

The arm members 3^a and 4^a are substan-

tially alike, each being slightly concave or grooved on one side, as shown in Fig. 4, and having a longitudinal slot 14 therein. Within the concave sides of said arm members lie the corresponding arm members 3^b and 4^b, said last-mentioned members being adjustably secured to said first-mentioned arm members by means of machine-screws 15, extending through said slots 14. A stop-piece 16, integral with each of said arm members 3^b 4^b, projects into said slot 14 and limits the movement of one member with relation to the other. The adjacent ends of the members 3^b 4^b are provided with perforated ears 17, adapted to receive a pivot-pin 18, by means of which the two sections 3 and 4 of each side arm 1 are pivotally united. Stop-shoulders 19 on certain of said ears are adapted to engage shoulders 20 on the opposite side of the pivotal joint to limit the movement of the arm-sections 3 and 4 in one direction.

The front bar 2, which may be of wood to facilitate attaching thereto the draperies forming the canopy proper, is connected to the end of the side arms 1 by means of brackets 21, comprising the portions 21^a, adapted to lie at one side of said bar, and the portion 21^b, adapted to lie at the opposite side of the bar, said portions being connected by the arms 21^c. Screws 22, passing through the portions 21^b into the front bar 2, secure said bar to said brackets. On one end of the brackets 21 are formed perforated pivot-ears 23, and on the outer end of the arm-section 4 are formed similar ears 24. A pivot-pin 25, passing through said ears, pivotally connects the front bar 2 to the side arms 1. Stop-lugs 26 on the arms 23 limit the hinge movement of the parts 1 and 2 in one direction. Wooden strips 27, attached to the outer faces of the sections of the side arms 1 in any suitable way, provide a surface to which the draperies may be conveniently attached by tacks or otherwise. 28 refers to such draperies.

To confine the canopy in its folded position, Fig. 1, preparatory to closing the casket-cover, I provide a loop 29, fixed to the front bar 1 and adapted to engage a hook 30, secured to the cover.

The use of this canopy-frame will be readily understood from the drawings and the foregoing description. A canopy of any desired size within certain limits may be made by adjusting the length of the side arms 1 and providing a front bar 2 of the desired

length. The frame is light, yet strong enough to fulfil its purpose, and may be folded into very small compass.

I claim as my invention—

5 1. A canopy-frame for caskets comprising a front bar and two hinge-jointed side arms, said side arms being extensible in length.

2. A canopy-frame for caskets comprising hinge-jointed side arms, means for securing
10 one end of each of said arms to a casket-cover, brackets pivotally connected with the outer ends of said side arms, and a front bar secured to said brackets.

3. A canopy-frame for caskets comprising
15 side arms and a front bar, each of said side arms comprising two hinge-jointed sections,

and each section comprising two members, one of said members being concave or grooved on one of its sides, and the other member lying in said groove and adjustably secured to
20 and longitudinally movable along said other member.

4. A canopy-frame for caskets comprising two side arms, brackets pivotally connected with said side arms, and a front bar connected
25 with said brackets, each of said brackets being adapted to engage said front bar at opposite sides of said bar.

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