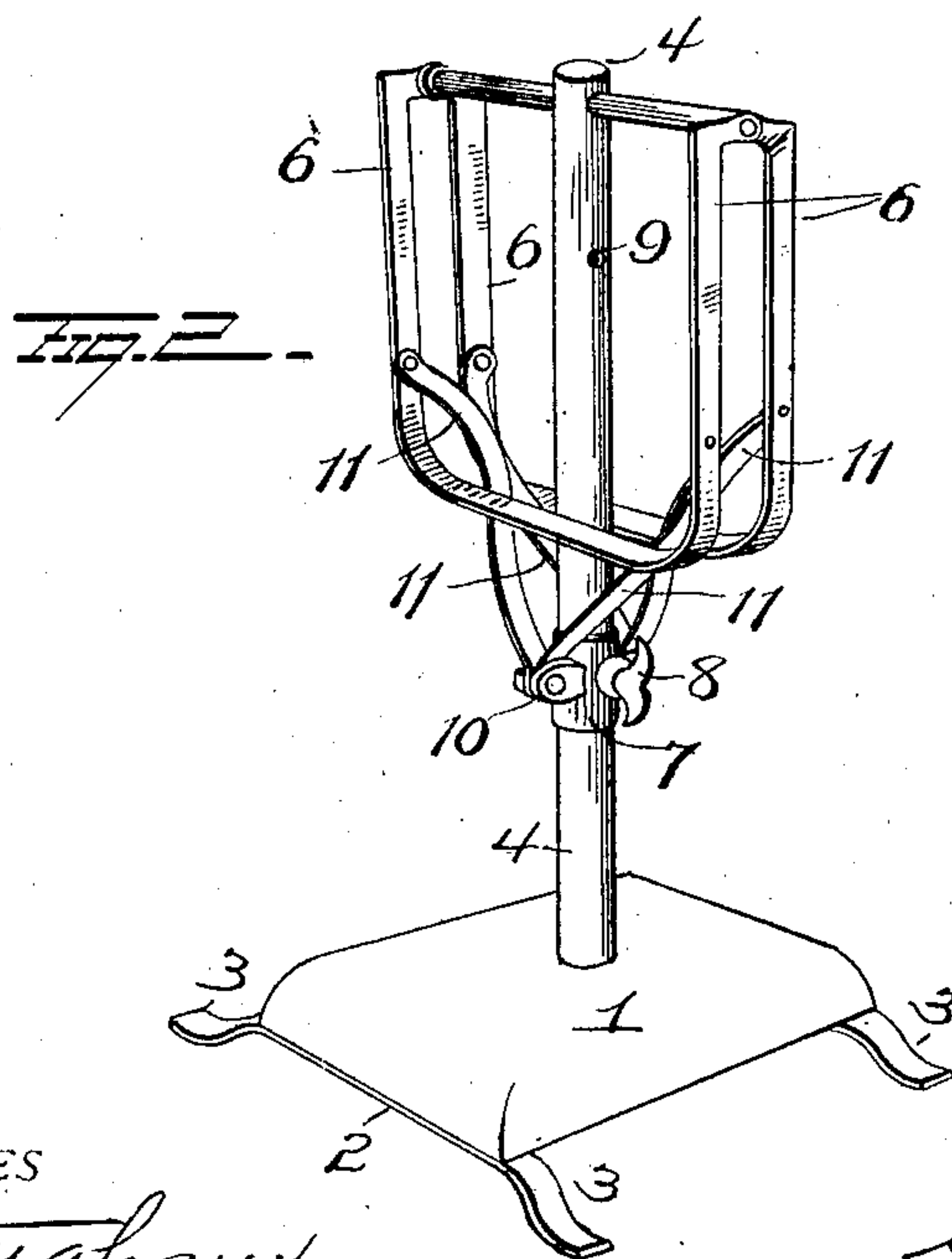
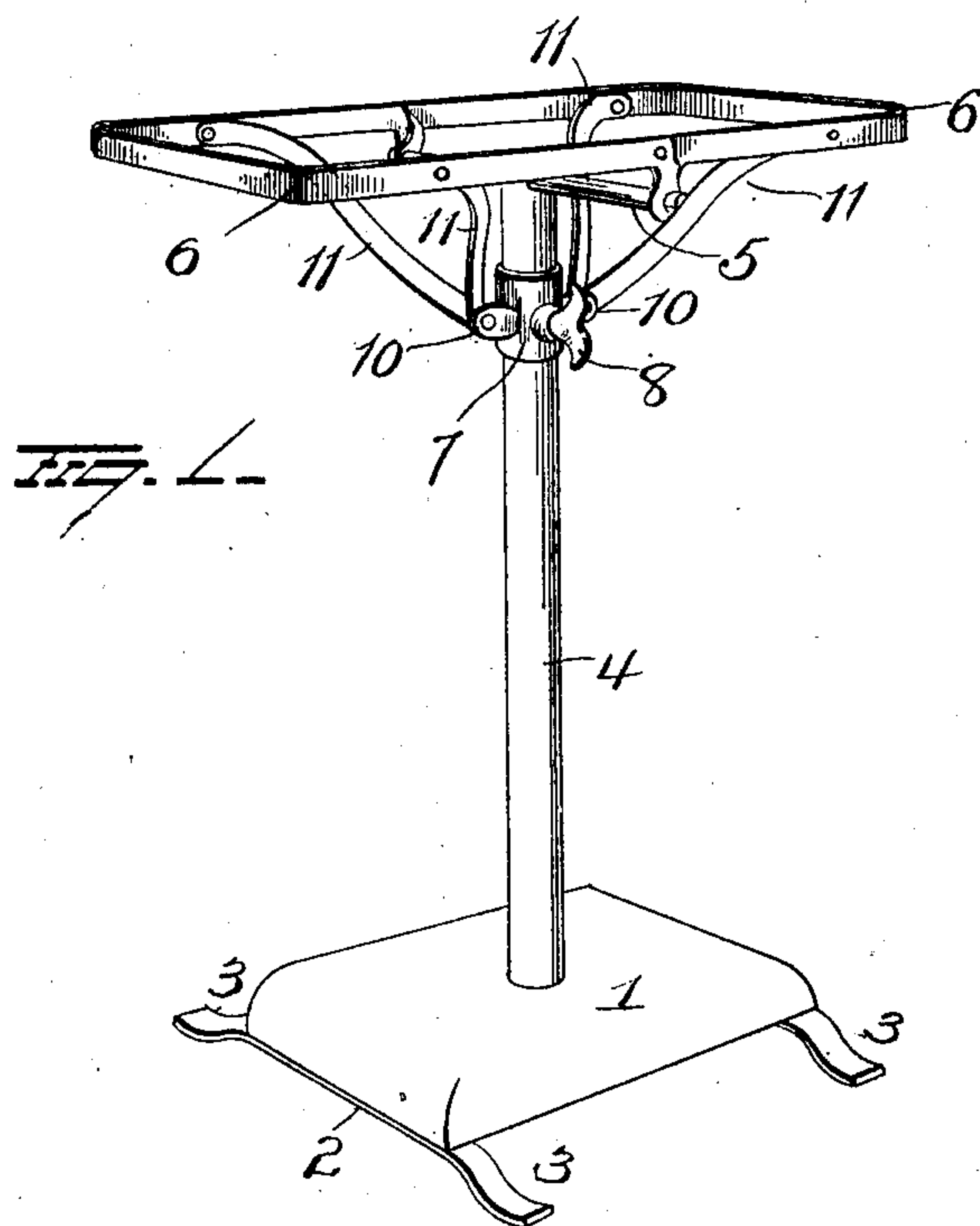


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM ROBERT SPARKMAN, a resident of Jackson, in the county of Madison and State of Tennessee, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Coffin-Pedestals; 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 appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to an improved coffin-pedestal, the object of the invention being to provide an improved pedestal which can be folded into small compass when not desired and which is especially adapted for use in supporting a child's coffin in any ordinary carriage or elsewhere; and the invention consists in certain novel features of construction and combinations and arrangements of parts, as will be more fully hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating my improvements ready for use, and Fig. 2 is a view showing the pedestal folded.

1 represents a base, which consists of a block of wood or other material, to the under face of which steel or other bars 2 are secured and bent at their ends, which project beyond the base into spring-feet 3, supporting my improved pedestal.

A vertical standard 4 is secured in the center of base 1, and a cross-bar 5 extends through and is secured in the upper portion of standard 4. On the ends of this cross-bar 5 U-shaped frames 6 are pivotally secured at their ends and are so shaped at their ends as to form abutting shoulders when moved to a horizontal position and form a horizontal open platform to receive and support the casket.

A sleeve 7 is mounted to slide vertically on standard 4, and a thumb-screw 8 is provided in the sleeve and adapted to screw into an opening 9 and secure the sleeve at its highest

position to hold the frames in horizontal position, as will now be explained. Lugs 10 are provided at opposite sides of sleeve 7, and brace-bars 11 are pivotally secured to these lugs and pivotally connected at their other ends to frames 6. There are two of these brace-bars 11 of general compound curvature for each frame, one bar 11 being connected to each side of the frame and together constituting a fork to support the frame in horizontal position when sleeve 7 is moved upward and secured by its thumb-screw 8.

It will thus be seen that my improved pedestal can be easily and quickly secured in operative position for use in a carriage or room and can be folded into small space for transportation from place to place.

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

1. A coffin-pedestal comprising a base, a standard secured thereto and provided at its upper end with a cross-bar, two approximately U-shaped metal frames having bent free ends the latter being pivoted to the cross-bar and forming abutting shoulders when the frames are extended, and means for holding said frames in a horizontal position.

2. A coffin-pedestal comprising a base, a standard secured thereto and provided at its upper end with a cross-bar, two approximately U-shaped metal frames having bent free ends the latter being pivoted to the cross-bar and forming abutting shoulders when the frames are extended, a sliding sleeve on the standard, means for locking the sleeve to the standard and braces pivotally connecting the sliding sleeve and the hinged frames.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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