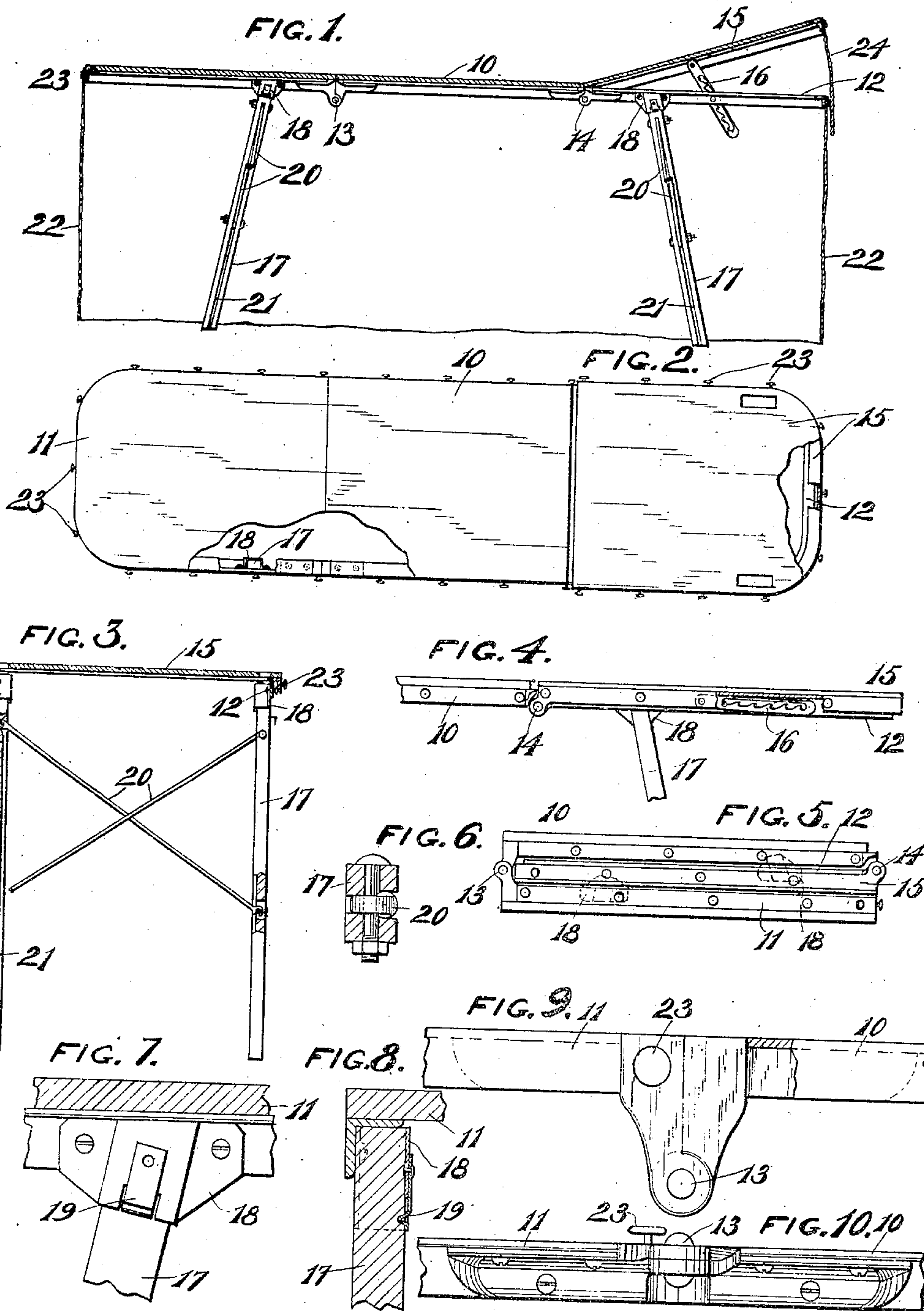


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GOTTLÖB F. HONOLD, residing in Sheboygan, in the county of Sheboygan and State of Wisconsin, have invented new and useful Improvements in Embalming-Tables, of which the following is a description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which are a part of this specification.

10 This invention has for its object to provide a collapsible embalming table for use in residences and the like which will be light and portable while having a strong and rigid construction when set up for use.

15 Another object of the invention is to render the embalming table collapsible to a small compass by enabling it to fold in three sections and to have its supporting legs detached therefrom.

20 Another object of the invention is to provide such collapsible embalming table with an adjustable head rest and with drapery so arranged as to present the appearance of a couch.

25 With the above and other objects in view the invention consists in the embalming table herein claimed, its parts and combinations of parts and all equivalents.

Referring to the accompanying drawings 30 in which like characters of reference indicate the same parts in the different views; Figure 1 is a sectional elevation of an embalming table constructed in accordance with this invention; Fig. 2 is a plan view thereof with parts broken away for clear- 35 ness of illustration; Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view thereof showing the head rest in its lowest position; Fig. 4 is a side elevation of the head section with the head rest in its lowest position; Fig. 5 is a detail view of the embalming table in its folded condition; Fig. 6 is a transverse sectional view through one of the brace rod connections with the leg member; Fig. 7 is a detail view 40 showing the engagement between the leg member and its socket; Fig. 8 is a sectional view thereof; Fig. 9 is a detail view of the hinge connection for the foot section; and, Fig. 10 is a bottom view thereof.

50 In these drawings 10 indicates a middle section and 11 and 12 respectively indicate the foot and head sections which are hinged thereto by hinges 13 and 14. These sections are made of angle iron frame and the 55 middle section and foot section are covered

with some suitable material which may be padded or not as desired. The head section 12 is not directly covered, but has a head rest 15 pivotally mounted on its hinges 14 and comprising an angle iron frame with a 60 covering like the middle and foot sections. When the head rest is in its lowest position, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4, its angle iron frame fits upon the angle iron frame of the head section 12, and by swinging the head 65 rest upwardly to an inclined position, as shown in Fig. 1, it may be rigidly supported from the head frame 12 by means of adjusting racks 16 pivoted to the head rest frame and having a series of teeth to engage a pin 70 on the frame of the head section 12.

The hinge 13 has its pivotal connection lower than the hinge 14 to permit the head section 12 with its head rest 15 to first swing beneath the middle section 10 and then have 75 the foot section 11 swing inwardly against them as shown in Fig. 5 to form a compact bundle with the middle section 10 and the foot section 11 on the outside, the head rest being provided with openings to permit the 80 sockets 18 of the foot section to pass there-through as shown in Fig. 5.

When the sections are extended, as shown in Fig. 1, they are supported upon leg members 17 which fit within sockets 18 preferably formed of bent sheet metal fitting 85 against the flange of the angle iron frame of the foot section 11 and the head section 12. The sockets may be slightly inclined, as shown, to give a better support to the de- 90 vice. The leg members 17 are held within the sockets 18 by means of spring catches 19 on the latter fitting into notches in the leg members as shown in Fig. 7. The leg members are braced apart by means of brace 95 rods 20 which are pivotally connected to the leg members at their upper ends and have hooks at their lower ends to pass into openings at the lower parts of the opposite leg members and removably engage bolts there- 100 in. The brace rods 20 are foldable within grooves 21 of the leg members when the latter are detached from the sockets of the frames.

When the embalming table of this inven- 105 tion is set up for use with the leg members 17 engaged in their sockets 18 and the brace rods 20 connected up as shown in Fig. 3, it forms a rigid support without yielding of the joints, because of the leg connections be- 110

ing beyond the hinges of the sections and such hinges being of the abutting type. The head rest is adjusted to the angular position desired by means of the adjusting racks 16 and the entire device is given the appearance of a couch by fitting a drapery 22 to buttons 23 around the frames of the sections and also fitting a similar hood 24 to buttons on the head rest frame. The drapery 22 hangs approximately to the floor and conceals the leg members from view while the hood 24 covers the space between the head rest and the head frame 12 in any of its adjustments.

What I claim as my invention is:

1. An embalming table, comprising an intermediate section and head and foot sections hinged together, sockets on the head and foot sections, leg members removably engaged in the sockets, and a brace rod pivotally connected to each leg member and adapted to engage the opposite leg member, each leg member having a groove therein to receive the brace rod attached thereto

when the same is disconnected from the opposite leg member.

2. An embalming table, comprising an intermediate section and head and foot sections hinged together, sockets projecting from the head and foot sections, and leg members removably engaged in the sockets, the hinges for the head and foot sections having their pivotal points at different distances from the surface of the intermediate section whereby one end section may be folded against the intermediate section and the other end section may be folded thereagainst, the first mentioned end section being provided with openings to receive the projecting sockets of the other end section when folded.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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