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Undertaker's Stool.

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Fig. 1.

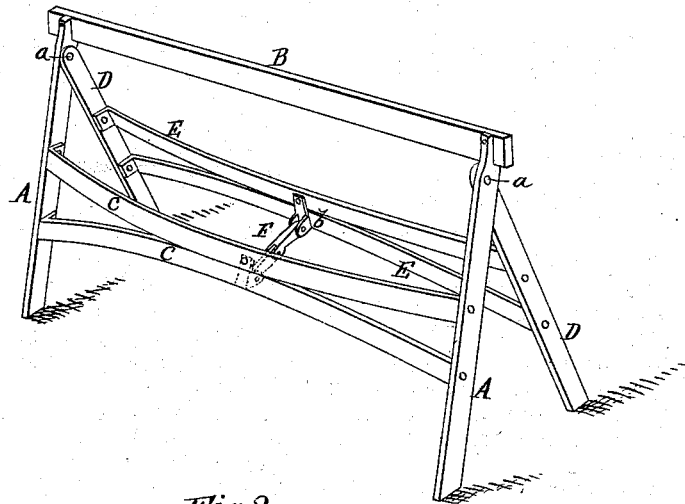
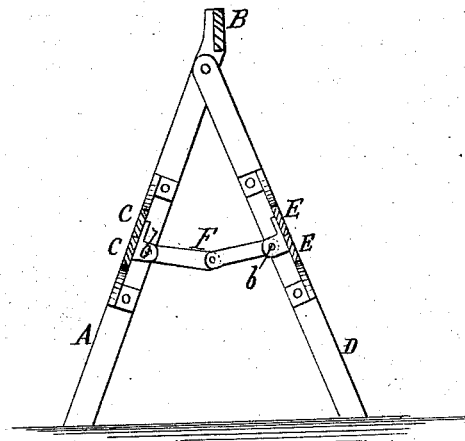


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN UNDERTAKERS' STOOLS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY SMITH, of Charlotteville, in the county of Schoharie and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Undertakers' Stools, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in the construction of the stools used by undertakers as a support for burial-caskets, &c.

Heretofore these stools have been made with the several parts rigidly connected together, thus rendering them clumsy in construction and awkward to handle.

The object of this invention is to make the said stools so that they can be folded.

It consists in pivoting the upper ends of the legs on one side to those on the opposite side, just below the top bar of the stool, and connecting the legs midway of the length of the stool by a jointed rod having its ends pivoted to opposite side bars, whereby the legs are capable of being folded together.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improvement, and Fig. 2 is a vertical cross section of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

Referring to the drawings, the legs A A are joined together at the top by a bar, B, and on the side by bars C C, rigidly attached to the legs. Legs D D are also joined together on the side by bars E E rigidly attached to the legs at the ends; but the tops of these legs are pivoted to legs A A just under top bar, B, as clearly shown at *a*, so that legs D D

swing to and from legs A A. Midway of the length of the stool the two pairs of legs are connected together by a jointed rod, F, the ends whereof are pivoted in jaws *b b*, fixed to the opposite cross-bars C C and E E, as clearly shown in the drawings. This arrangement prevents the legs from separating more than is necessary to hold the stool steadily on its feet, and at the same time its jointed and pivoted connection allows the legs to be folded toward each other and in contact.

By this arrangement it will be seen that a folding stool is provided for undertakers' purposes that can be made light and graceful in appearance, possesses the requisite strength, and is susceptible of being folded into a small space, is easily handled, and readily packed for transportation or storage.

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

The herein-described undertaker's stool, consisting of the top bar, B, the legs A, connected together by side bars, C, and rigidly attached to the said top bar, the legs D, connected together by side bars, E, and pivoted to the inner side of the legs A just under the top bar, and the jointed rod F, pivoted to the jaws *b*, attached to the said side bars about midway of their length, substantially as shown and described.

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