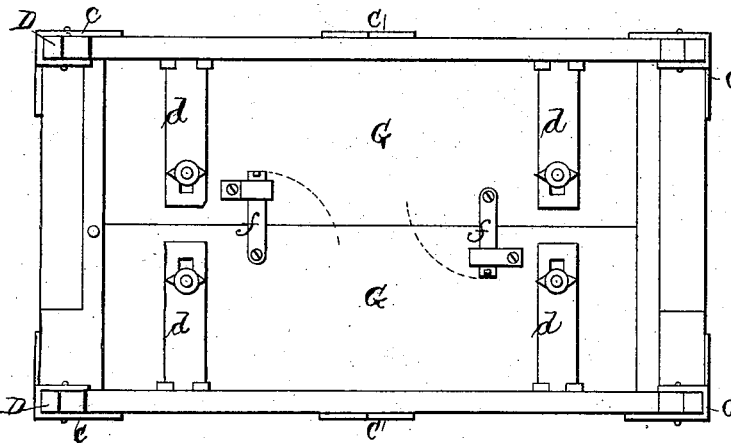
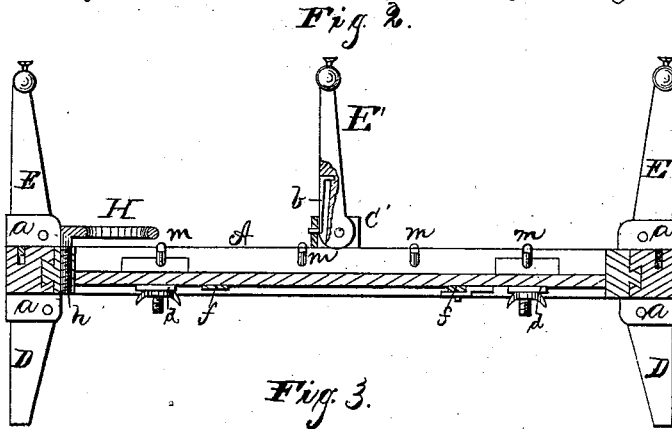
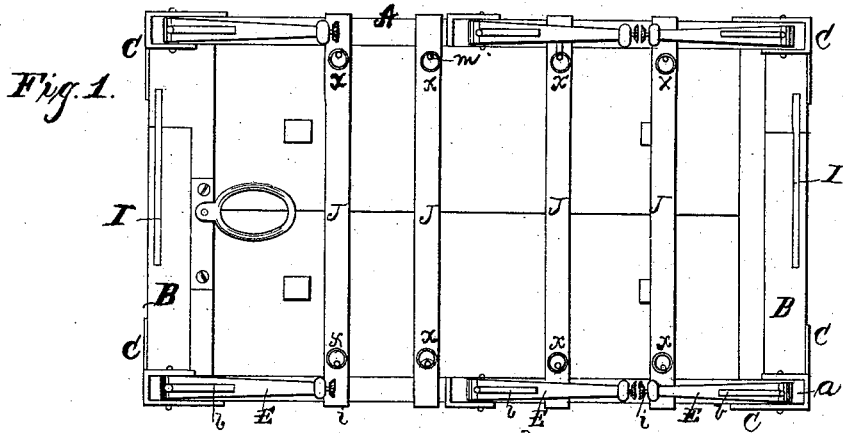


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IMPROVEMENT IN COOLING-BOARDS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, T. H. GRAVES, of Granville, in the county of Licking, and in the State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cooling-Boards; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction and arrangement of a cooling-board, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the annexed drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of my cooling-board. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section, and Fig. 3 a bottom view, of the same.

The frame of my cooling-board is composed of two parallel side rails, A A, connected by end rails B B, each of which is made in two pieces, sliding together, so as to make the frame adjustable in width, as may be required.

The corners of the frame are made secure by means of corner-plates C C, which are constructed with top and bottom loops *a a*, to receive the legs D and pall-posts E. These legs and posts are pivoted in the sockets, and secured in position by spring-catches *b b*.

G G represent movable doors, forming the bottom of the frame, and secured to the side rails A by hinges *d*, and the leaves of these hinges that fasten to the doors G are slotted and held by set-screws, so as to adjust them to correspond with the frame when that is required to be widened out. These doors are further held in position by latches or catches *f f* when in use.

H represents the head-rest, made of any suitable material, in the form of an oval ring, for the reception of the head. This head-rest has a screw-shank, *h*, passing through a plate on the end of the frame, making it adjustable in height.

On the ends of the posts E are buttons *i*,

to receive and retain and support the cloth forming the pall in position.

E' E' are center posts, held in position by plates C' C'.

On each divided end rail, near the parting-joint, is a hook, I, pivoted therein, which hooks into the opposite piece, to hold the frame at any proper width desired.

Across the bottom or doors G G are laid straps J J, provided with rings or eyelets *x x*, and fastened on hooks *m m*, for supporting the body in its position, and to let it down into the coffin after the bottom is opened.

By the use of the movable bottom and the straps, the body can be laid out in the coffin with facility and propriety, avoiding hard lifting, and dispensing with much assistance.

The doors G G may be either solid, as shown, or made of slat-work.

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

1. A cooling-board the frame of which is adjustable sidewise, having hinged doors G G, forming the bottom of the same, and a series of detachable cross-straps, J, for supporting the corpse, substantially as herein set forth.

2. The combination, in a cooling-board, of the metallic plate C at each corner of the same, having top and bottom loops *a a*, the hinged folding legs D D, and hinged folding posts E E', the legs and posts having spring-catches *b*, and capable of being folded independently of each other, all substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

3. The combination, in a cooling-board, of the laterally-adjustable frame A B, the doors G G, connected to the same by the slotted hinges *d d*, and the latches *f f*, all constructed substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 14th day of August, 1876.

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