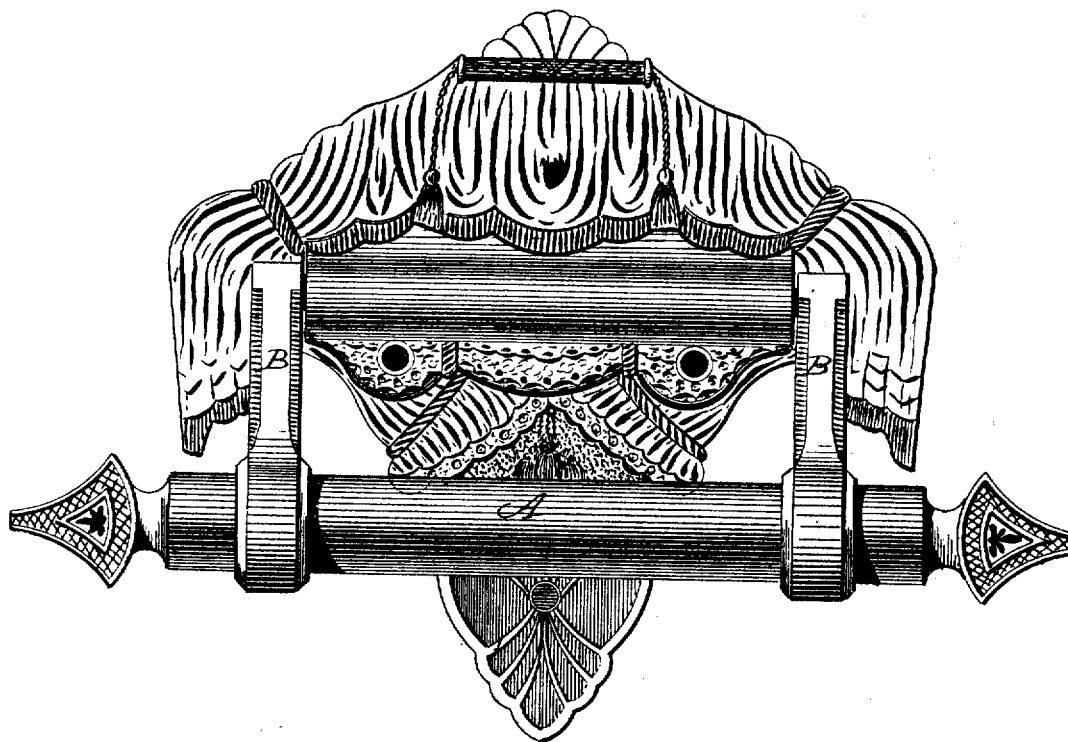


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, Wm. M. SMITH, of West Meriden, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Design for Coffin-Handles; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawing and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawing constitutes part of this specification, in which the figure is a front view.

This invention relates to a design for the base of coffin-handles; and consists in the configuration and ornamentation, as shown in the accompanying illustration, and hereinafter described.

The handle A and its levers B B may be of any of the usual forms, constituting no part of this design further than that some kind of handle is necessary. The base by which the handle is secured to the coffin extends above the line of the hinges where the handle is at-

tached, and inclining from the center downward toward each end. This extension or portion above the handle attachment represents drapery as thrown over that portion secured at the center, and draping down from the front and down from the two ends, as shown in the accompanying illustration, this upward extension and drapery thereon constituting the peculiar characteristic of this design.

I claim—

The design for coffin-handle, consisting of the base extending above the hinging line of the handle, inclining from the center downward toward each end, with the representation of drapery falling from the front of said extension over each end, and substantially as shown in the accompanying illustration.

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