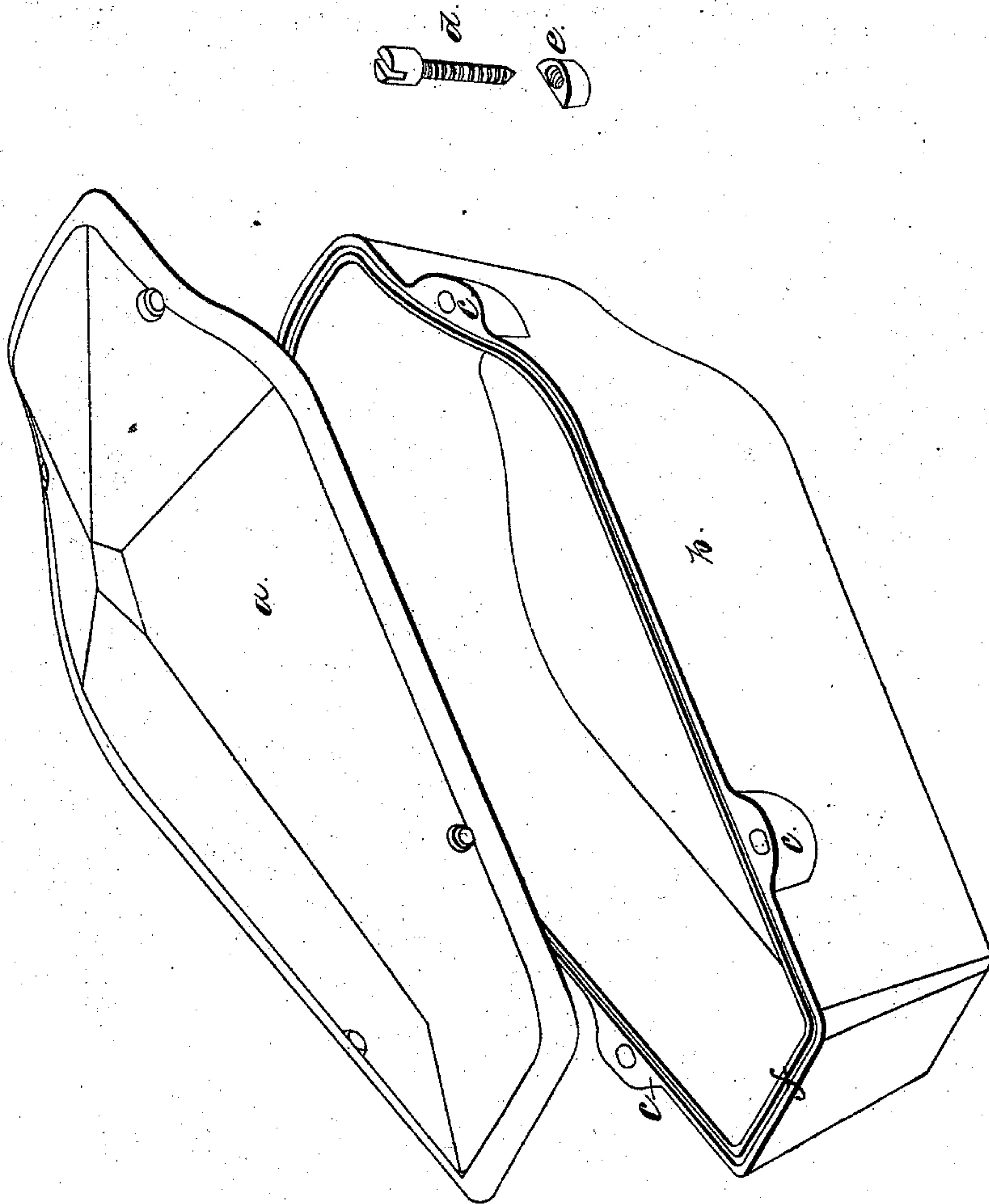


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COFFIN.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID SHOLL, of Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented new and useful Improvements in Coffins; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making part of this specification, in which a coffin of my proposed improved construction is represented in perspective, the lid *a* being represented as lifted a little above the case *b* so as to exhibit the devices for attachment and luting, the former consisting of lugs *c*, 10 which serve the twofold purpose of bearings for the bolts *d* and nuts *e* and also of handles.

The luting is accomplished by filling the groove *f* with cement immediately previous 20 to closing down the lid, which may be pro-

vided with a tongue to occupy the groove *B*.

The material of which I propose to make these coffins is terra cotta, I meaning by this term potter's clay or earth, molded to the desired shapes, and then hardened by bak- 25 ing or burning.

Several advantages may be claimed for a coffin thus made—great durability and susceptibility of being much ornamented or made to resemble marble are among these 30 advantages.

I claim as new and of my own invention—

The production of a coffin composed of terra cotta or pottery ware.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set 35 my hand before two subscribing witnesses.

DAVID SHOLL.

Witnesses:

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