

P. Wendhiser's "Burial Case"

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Fig. 2.

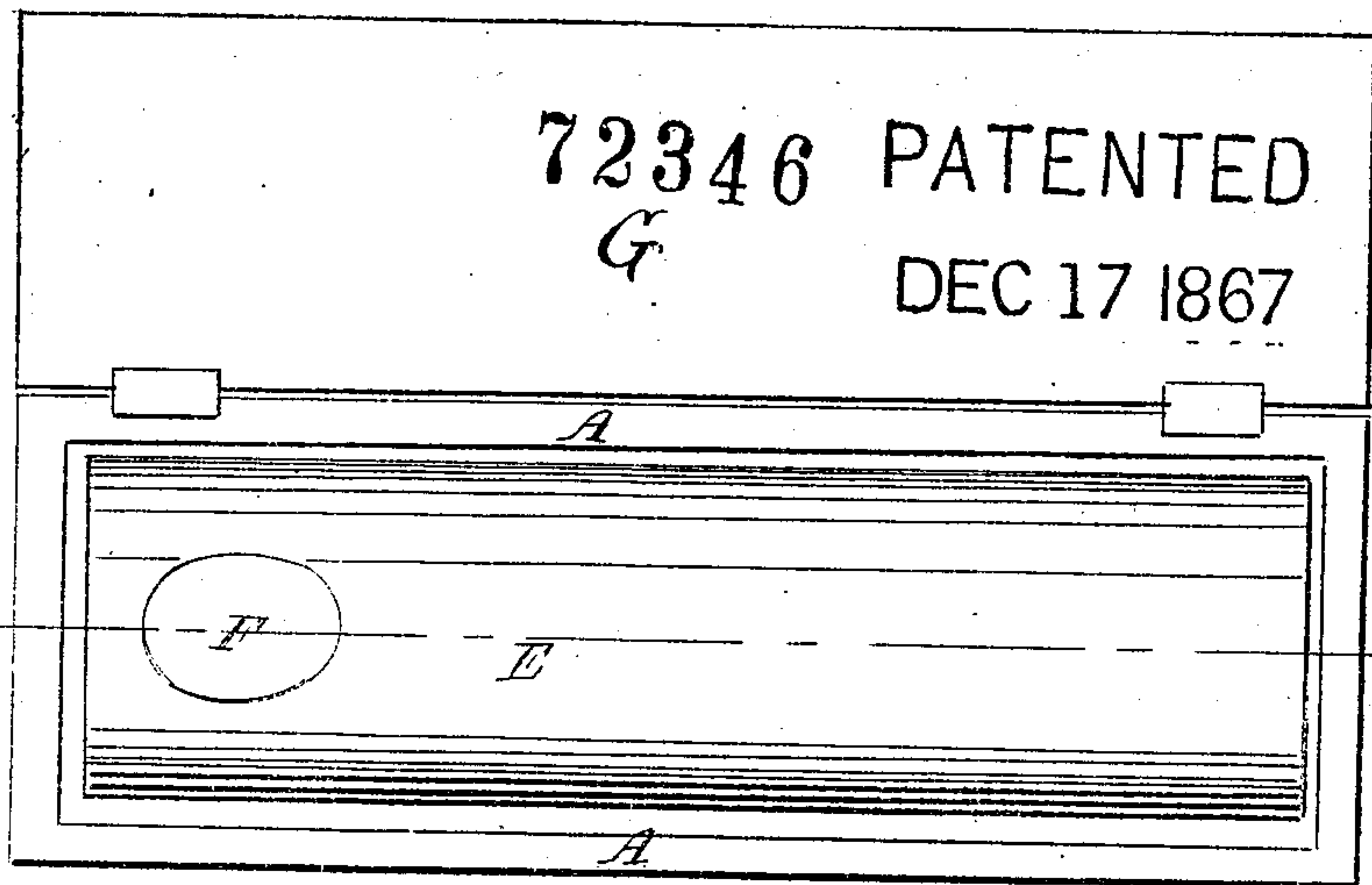
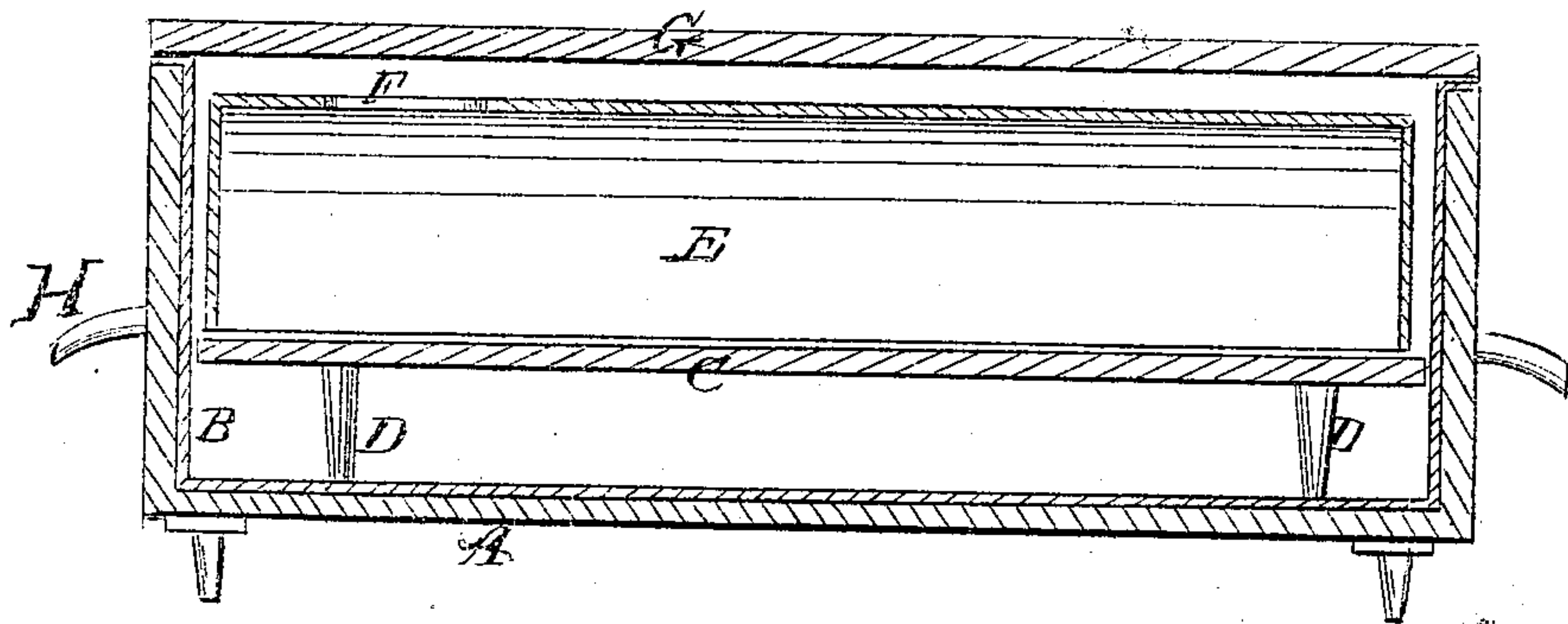


Fig. 1.



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IMPROVEMENT IN BOX FOR PRESERVING CORPSES.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, PETER WENDHISER, of Rockville, in the county of Tolland, and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and improved Case or Box for Preserving Corpses; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

The present invention relates to a case or box for the preservation of corpses, which box or case is constructed in a novel and peculiar manner, whereby it is rendered extremely efficient and desirable, as well as serviceable for the purpose intended. In the accompanying plate of drawings my improved preserving-case or box for corpses is illustrated—

Figure 1 being a central longitudinal vertical section through the same, and

Figure 2 a plan or top view, with the case or box opened.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A, in the drawings, represents the outer case or box, which for lightness and convenience of handling, it is best to make of wood, suitably coated or otherwise prepared for rendering it air-tight. This box A, upon its inside, is lined with zinc, B, or other suitable metal or other material, and I deem it best, when soldering it, to leave a space or chamber between the zinc and wood, for preserving a cooler temperature in the box. C, a board provided with a leg, D, at each corner, for supporting it above the bottom of the box. On this board the body or corpse to be preserved is placed when setting it in the box A, in which, previously, however, ice or other cooling-agent has been placed. Over such body a cover or lid, E, is then set, that is made of a suitable concave or circular shape therefor, and the cover or lid G to the box closed and fastened. The cover E for the body or corpse has an opening, F, in it, to allow of a free circulation for the air between it and the interior of the box.

From the description above of my improved box or case for corpse, it is plainly obvious that with the use of ice, without such ice necessarily coming in contact with the body, such body can be preserved, the case being in every respect simple, efficient, and practicable.

H, an outlet for the waste-water from the melting of the ice in the box.

I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The corpse-table C, provided with the removable metallic cover E, having the opening F, when said table is supported upon legs D, and placed within the wooden box A, lined with the metallic lining B, and provided with the water-outlet pipes H, all constructed as described, for the purpose specified.

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