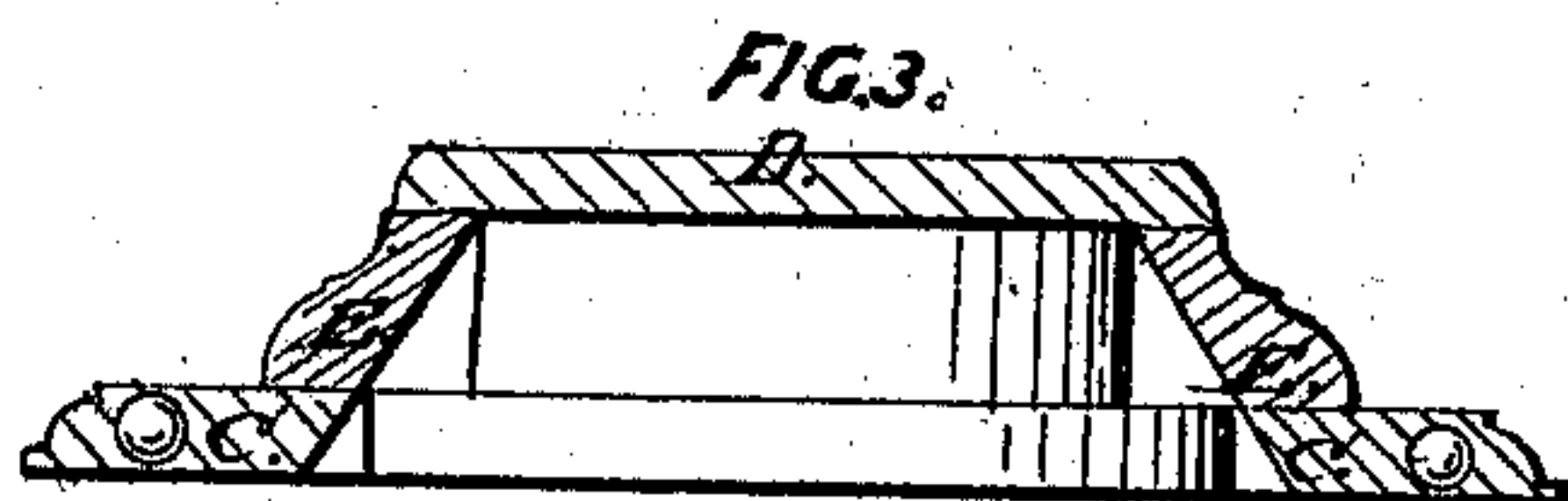
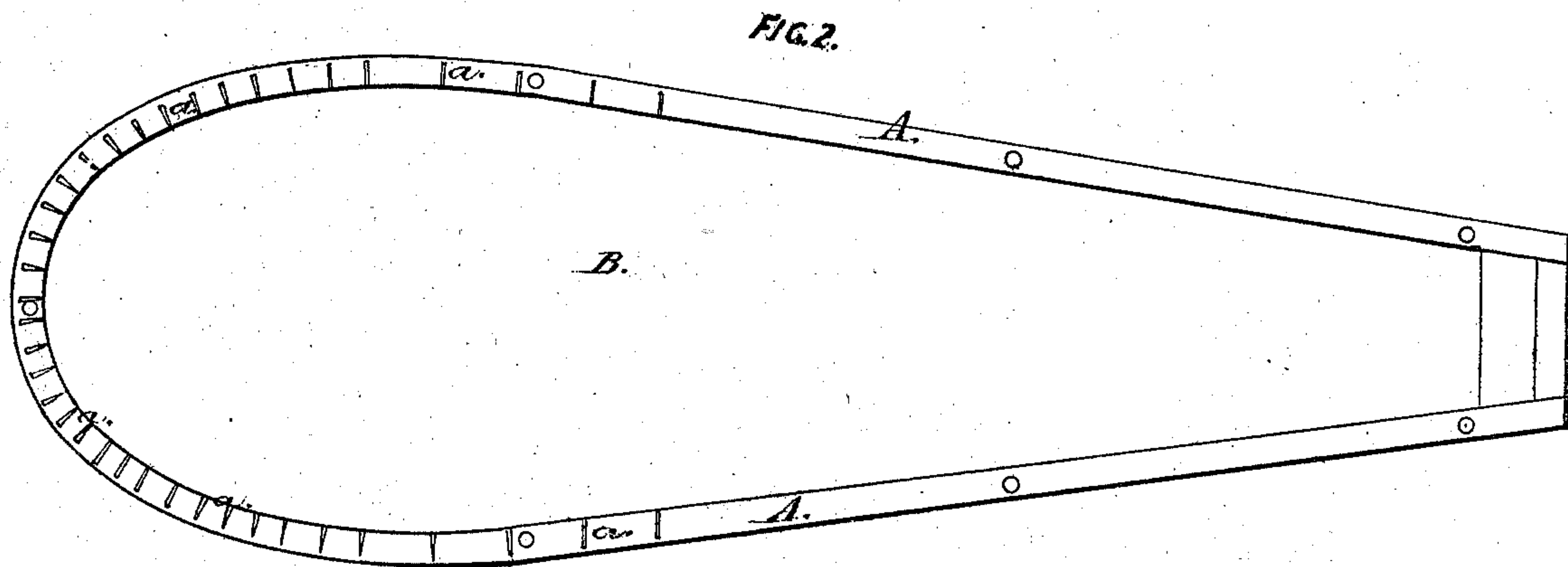
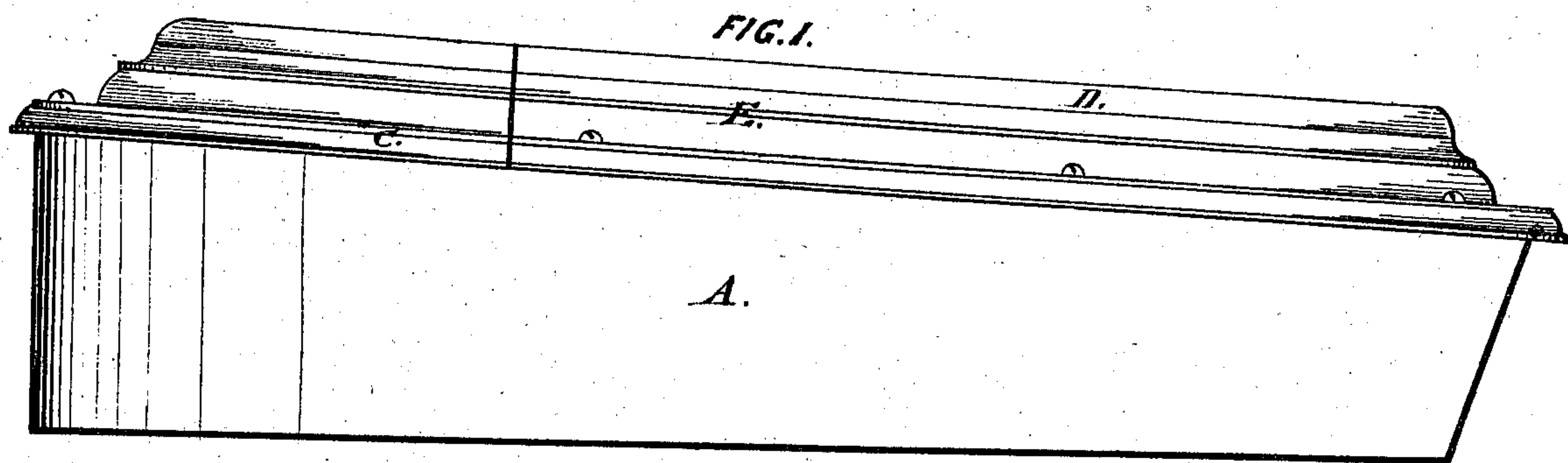


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**IMPROVED WOODEN BURIAL-CASE.**

*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, JOSEPH GAWLER, of the city of Washington, county of Washington, and District of Columbia, have invented a new and improved Wooden Burial-Case; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, in which—

Figure 1 represents a side elevation thereof;

Figure 2, a plan of the body of the case; and

Figure 3, an end view of the face-cover of the moulded top.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction of a wooden moulded-top and round-head burial-case, the body of which is composed of three pieces only, effecting not only in its construction, but likewise that of the top, great strength, beauty of finish, and economy of material.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe the manner of its construction.

The sides A of the case are continuous, without joint at its head, and are cut out of a single piece of stuff, running from foot to foot, as seen in fig. 2.

The portion of said stuff designed for the head of the case is turned to the required shape by means of kerfs *a*, half an inch apart about the head, and gradually increasing to a distance of one and a half inch apart as they approach the sides of the case. It is then

strengthened by means of wedges driven into each kerf after the sides are secured to the bottom, B.

The top of the case I construct in the following manner:

The lower moulding C is gotten out of five-eighths inch stuff, and sawed into the shape of the coffin. The piece D, composing the upper portion of the top, is sawed out of the inside of the lower moulding C, thus economizing material, whilst the middle moulding E is composed of two-inch, one-inch, or half-inch stuff, and so moulded as to conform to the shape of the coffin. The top, therefore, is composed of three pieces, with but one joint in the middle moulding, and two mitres.

I am aware that metallic burial-cases of similar round-head shape are in common use, but my invention consists in effecting the same shape in wooden cases by means of a single piece of stuff, prepared as described. Cases so constructed have not only greater strength than the ordinarily-made wooden coffin, but by reason of the grain of the continuous sides running one way, renders them susceptible of a higher finish than can be otherwise obtained.

Having thus fully described my invention,

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

The above-described improvement in burial-cases.

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