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Coffin,
No. 96,581. Patented Nov. 9. 1869.

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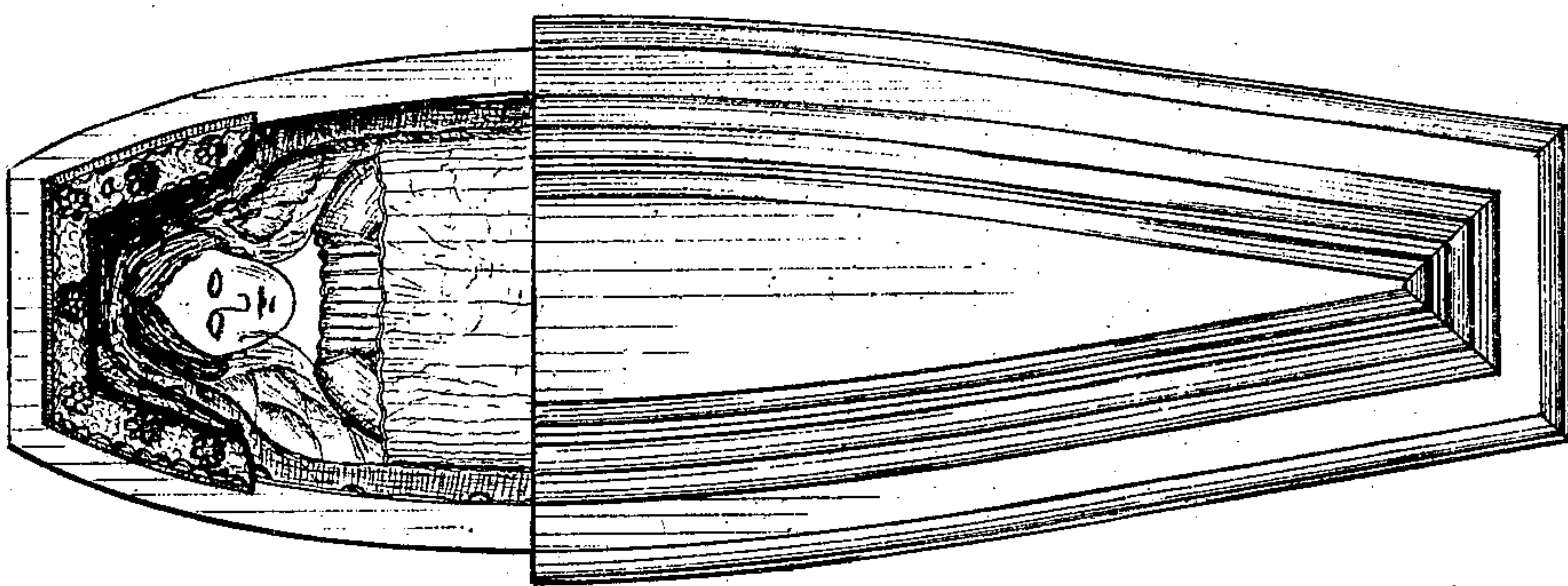
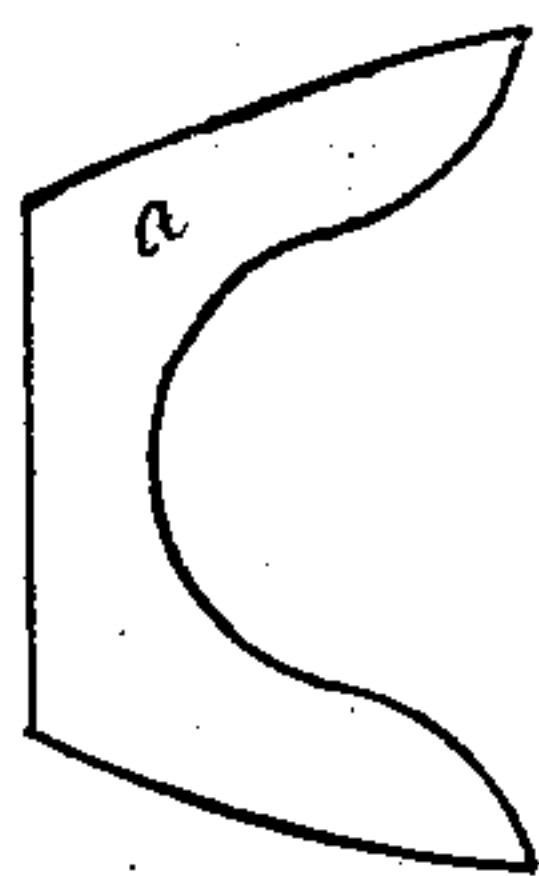


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVED HEAD-BRACE FOR COFFINS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 96,581, dated November 9, 1869.

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 Head-Brace or Support for Square-Headed Burial-Cases; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, 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 top or plan of my improved burial-case with face-cover removed, showing the shape and position of the head-brace as applied; Fig. 2, the configuration of head-brace as cut out of material of suitable thickness.

The nature of my invention consists in applying a brace to the upper and head end of a square-headed wooden burial-case, to keep the head of a body in proper position and obviate the necessity for its readjustment, whether from transportation or other causes.

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

The head-brace *a* is cut out of proper stuff, in shape similar to that represented in Fig. 2. It is then fastened in any suitable way to the upper portion of a square-headed coffin of corresponding dimensions to receive it, and, when properly upholstered with hair, cotton, or other material, not only preserves a fixedness of position to the head of the body, but imparts a finish and symmetry peculiar to this invention.

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

The within-described head-brace to square-headed wooden burial-cases.

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