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Coffin-Plates.

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Fig. 1.

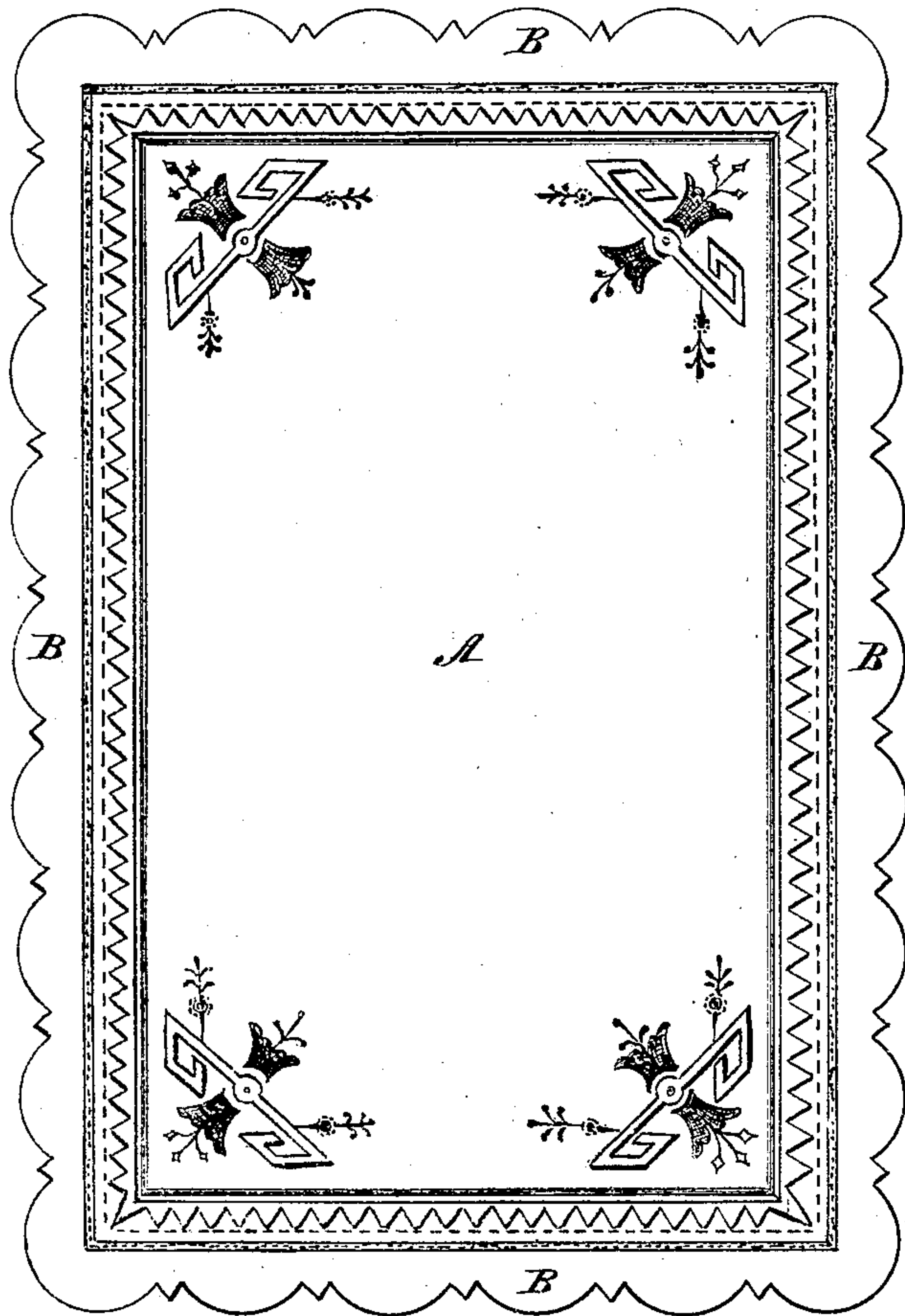


Fig. 2.

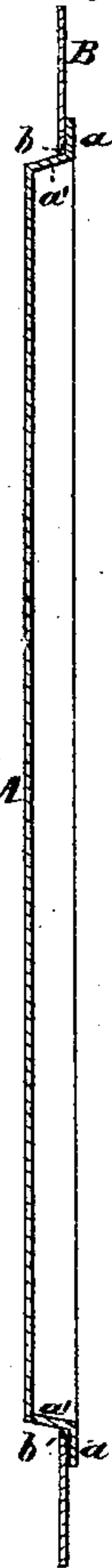
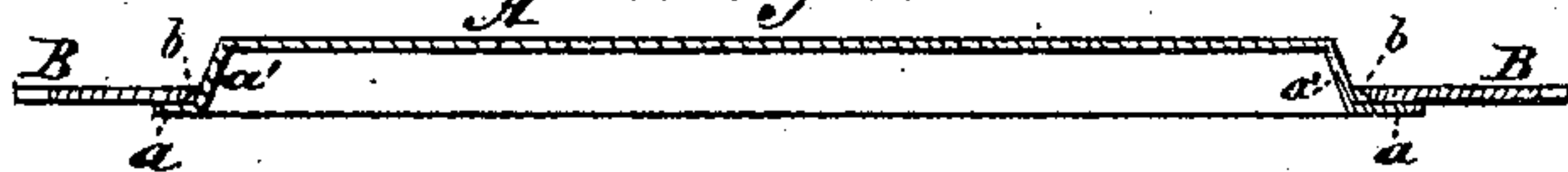


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN COFFIN-PLATES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE BRABROOK, of Taunton, in the county of Bristol and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and Improved Coffin-Plate; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of plate and ornament; Fig. 2, a longitudinal, and Fig. 3 a transverse, section of Fig. 1.

The invention relates particularly to inscription-plates for coffins, but generally to all such plates as are intended for either inscription or ornamentation plates for coffins. It will be first described in connection with all that is necessary to a full understanding thereof, and then clearly pointed out in the claim.

In the drawing, A represents a coffin-plate having the circumjacent horizontal flange *a* at the bottom, and the body *a'* rising upwardly from said flange, preferably on a taper toward the top. B is an ornamental border of any suitable configuration and design, preferably beveled on the under side *b* of its edges in a reverse direction from the plate. By this relative construction of the plate and its border

the latter will fit snugly down on and around the former, but may be also riveted or made fast thereto if desired. This border can be formed in two or more sections if preferred. The great advantages of making these two parts separately, and subsequently attachable together, consists in enabling the golden or other fanciful border to be made without the necessity of coating, with water-proof substance, those parts that are not intended to be gilded; also in saving the expense of refinishing the plate after the gilding, this being always required if both are made in one piece; and, finally, in allowing one ornamental border to be substituted for another.

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

The coffin-plate, A having circumjacent flange *a* at the bottom, and body *a'* tapered toward the top, combined with a detachable border, B, beveled on the under side *b*, in the manner and for the purpose described.

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