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Burial Cases.

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Fig. 1.

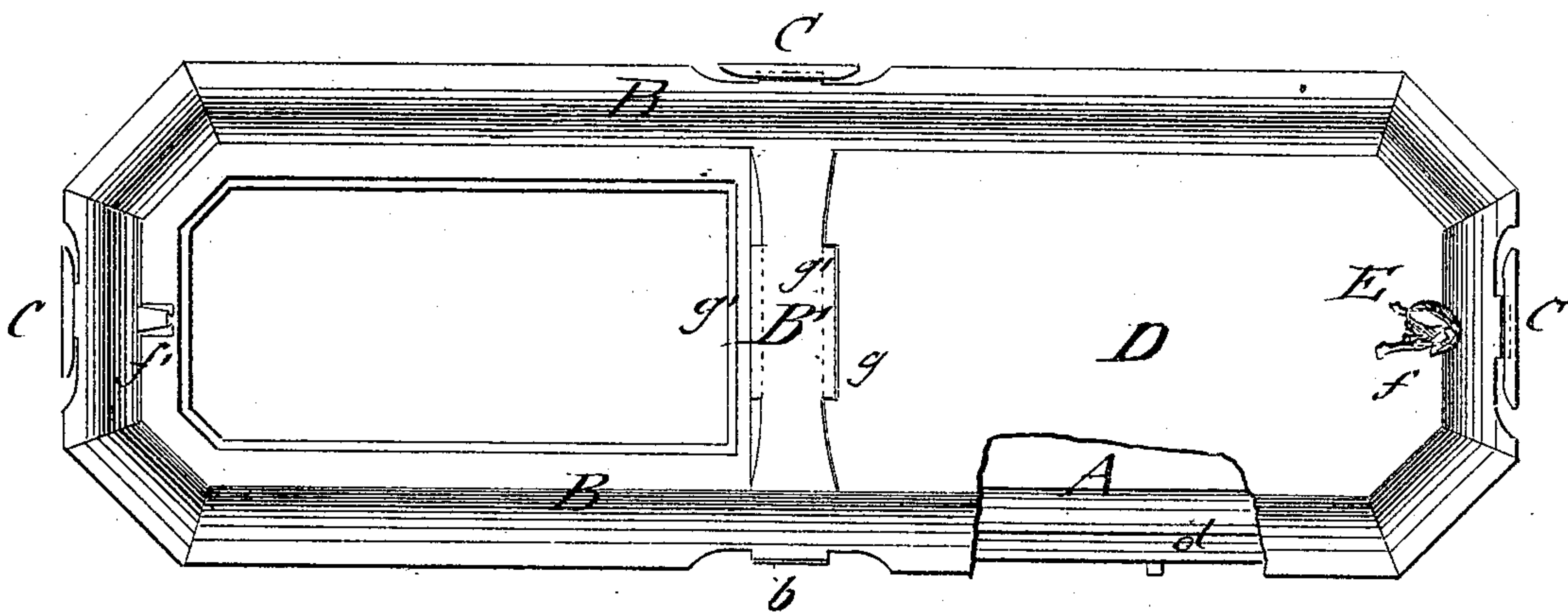


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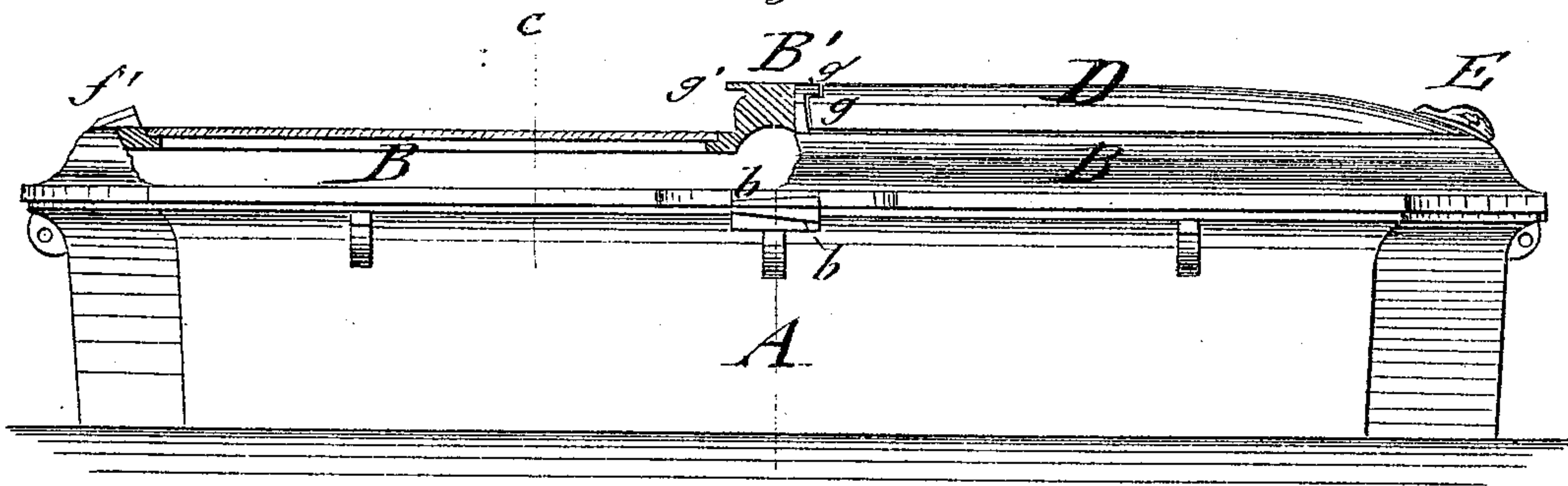


Fig. 4.



Fig. 3.

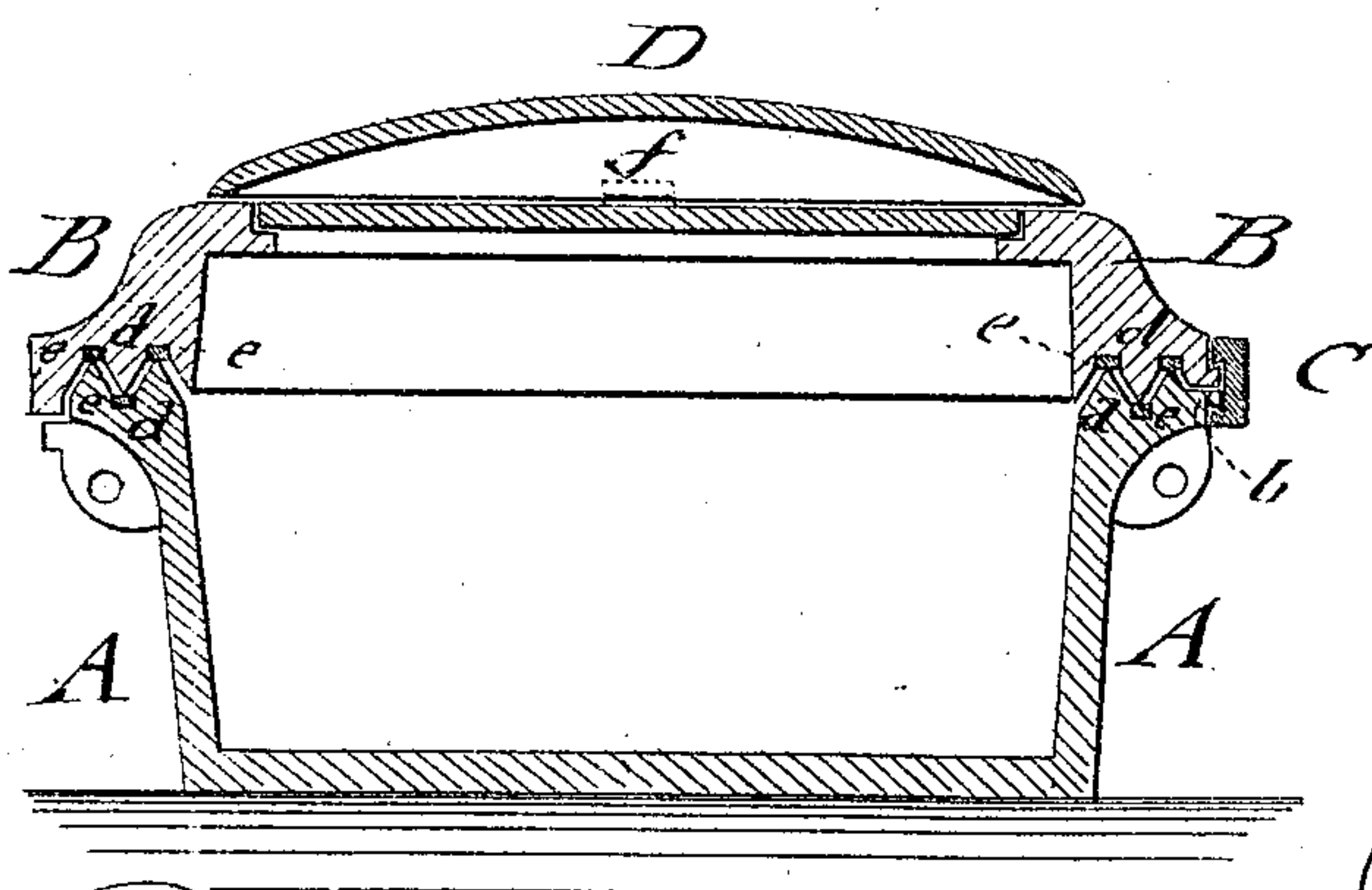
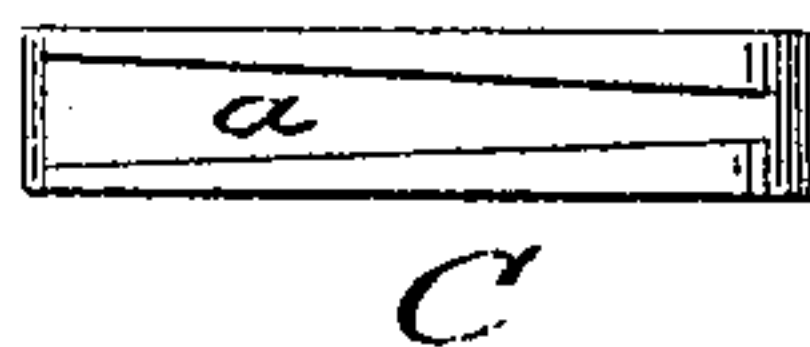


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## IMPROVEMENT IN BURIAL-CASES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JACOB H. FORSHAY, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Burial-Case, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 represents a top view of my improved burial-case, with parts taken off to show construction; Fig. 2, a sectional side elevation; Fig. 3, a vertical transverse section of the same on the line *c c*, Fig. 2; and Figs. 4 and 5 are detail views of the fastening-clamps for attaching the cover and glass-protecting lids.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of my invention is to produce an improved burial-case, which may be readily opened and closed, and hermetically sealed without the use of fastening-screws or cement, and the cover be applied in a quicker and easier manner, allowing the rearranging of the body after transportation without the loss of time incident to the removing of the cement and the resealing of the cover. The invention consists in combining a suitably-recessed glass-protecting lid with a flanged base-piece, wedge-shaped lug, and fastening-clamp, as hereinafter more fully described.

In the drawing, A represents the body, and B the cover, of my burial-case, which is constructed in any size, shape, and finish, and of any suitable material, by preference, cast of zinc, or similar metal.

The connection of body and cover of the case I intend to make entirely without the use of screws and cement, as the same are objectionable not only by consuming more time in putting on the lid, and dropping the superfluous cement on the floor, but mainly by the inconvenience of quickly taking off and resealing the lid for the purpose of arranging the body when the same has become disarranged by transportation or otherwise. The last view of the deceased is frequently denied to the friends on account of the delay and trouble incident to the removal of the lid.

By my mode of fastening, the lid may be applied and taken off in a few minutes without difficulty, the connection being made by fastening-clamps C, which are provided with tapering grooves or recesses *a*, and placed over the dovetailed wedge-strips *b* at the

sides and ends of the body and cover of the case. The adjoining parts of body A and cover B are provided with interlocking grooves and tooth-shaped projections *d*, which extend around the whole circumference of the case, and have, at the lowest or highest points of the grooves, rectangular extension-recesses, into which corresponding continuous strips *e*, of rubber or similar lining, are wedged, glued, or otherwise applied.

By placing the cover on the body of the case, it is evident that the apexes of the projections embed themselves tightly into the rubber lining, and form thereby a perfect and hermetically-sealing joint as soon as the fastening-clamps are applied, a threefold connection being obtained by arranging the body with two projections and one intermediate groove, and the top with corresponding grooves and projections, as shown in Fig. 3.

The glass plates of cover B are set into the same in the customary manner, and the arched protecting lids D fastened on the same by recesses *f* at their outer ends, and lateral recesses *g* at the inner ends. The outer recess *f* is placed over projecting lug *f'* of the cover, while recess *g* is placed under a projecting flange, *g'*, of the lateral brace-piece B', lid D fitting moreover at both sides of its recess *g* into corresponding recesses of piece B', side-wise of flange *g'*. Lug *f'* has a wedge-shaped projection, over which a similarly-recessed clamp, E', of suitable symbolic ornamentation is placed, it being of larger size than lug *f'* and recess *f*, so as to project over the lid and bind the same firmly in position between brace-piece B' and the lug.

A tightly-fitting and readily-applied fastening of the cover and glass-protecting lids is thus obtained, and a more convenient and useful burial-case produced.

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

The combination of a glass lid, D, having end recesses *f g*, with flanged base-piece B, wedge-shaped lug *f'*, and clamp E, as and for the purpose specified.

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