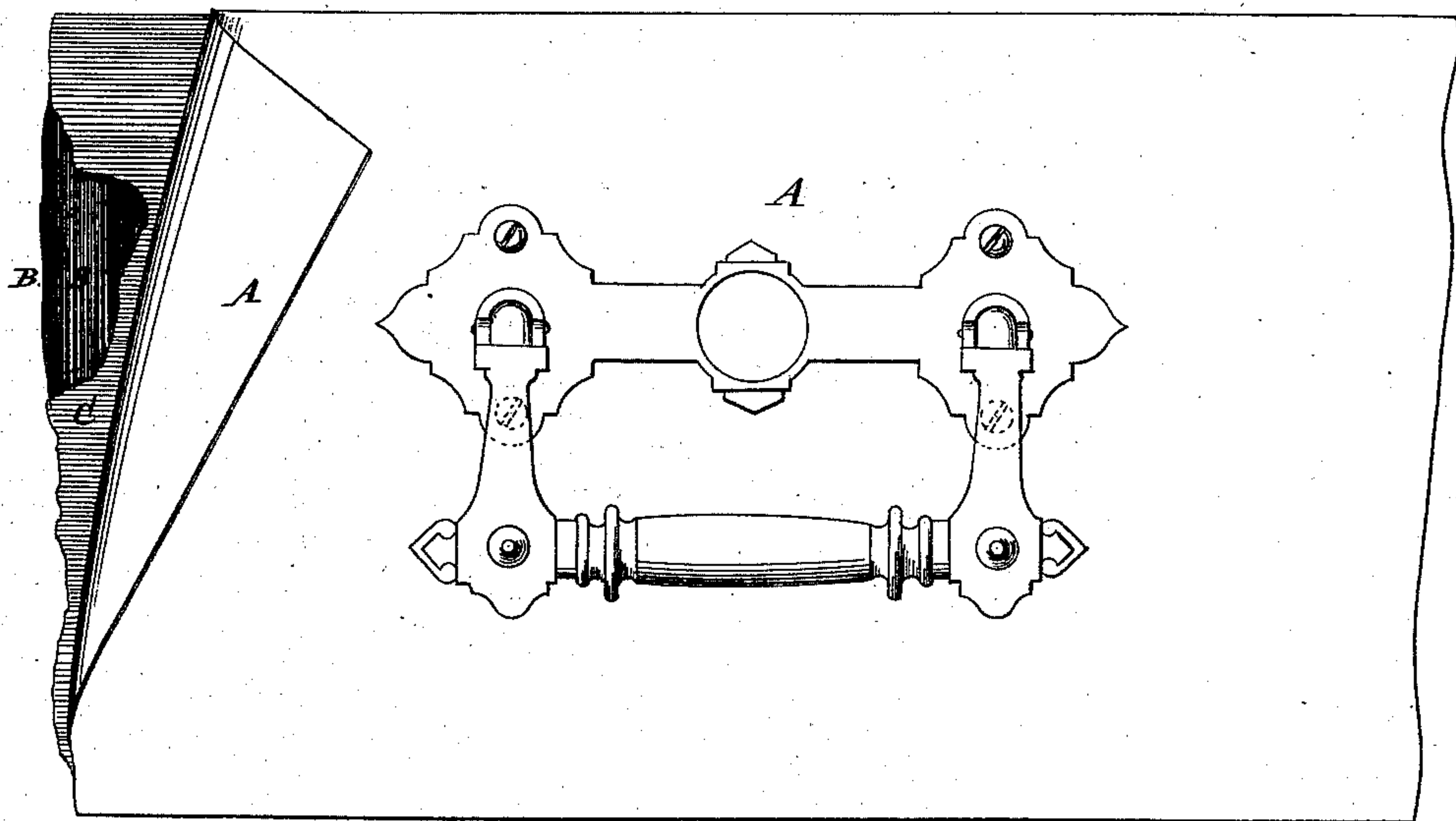


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Processes for Covering Metallic Burial-Cases.
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CASE E.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM S. WOOD, of Newtown, Queens county, New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Covering Metallic Burial-Cases, of which the following is a specification:

Metallic burial cases or caskets have not heretofore been covered with cloth or velvet, from the fact that it has been thought impossible to so attach and confine the cloth to the iron as to make the case present a neat and workmanlike appearance. After many experiments I have succeeded; and the invention consists in covering or veneering an iron burial-casket with cloth or velvet in a manner hereinafter more fully described.

The drawing illustrates my invention.

A represents the cloth or covering. B is the iron casket. C is a coating of wax or other adhesive substance, by means of which the cloth or velvet is made to adhere and form a smooth and even surface over the casket, similar to the veneer over the surface of wood. To produce this result speedily I submerge the upper and lower shells and the caps of the casket in a vat of melted bees-wax, and while

the wax is warm the cloth or velvet is put on and rubbed or pressed to the waxed surface.

The wax or other cement may be applied with a brush or in any other manner; but by submerging the casket and then wiping off the surplus wax or other material, the operation is quickly performed, and in the most perfect and workmanlike manner.

Any part of the casket may be thus covered and the balance finished in the ordinary way.

The adhesive material—wax, &c.—may be applied to the cloth, and then the cloth applied to the casket; but the mode described is preferred.

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

The process herein described of covering or coating a metallic burial-casket with velvet or other cloth by the application of wax to the casket, substantially in the manner described.

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