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Burial Casket.

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Fig. 1

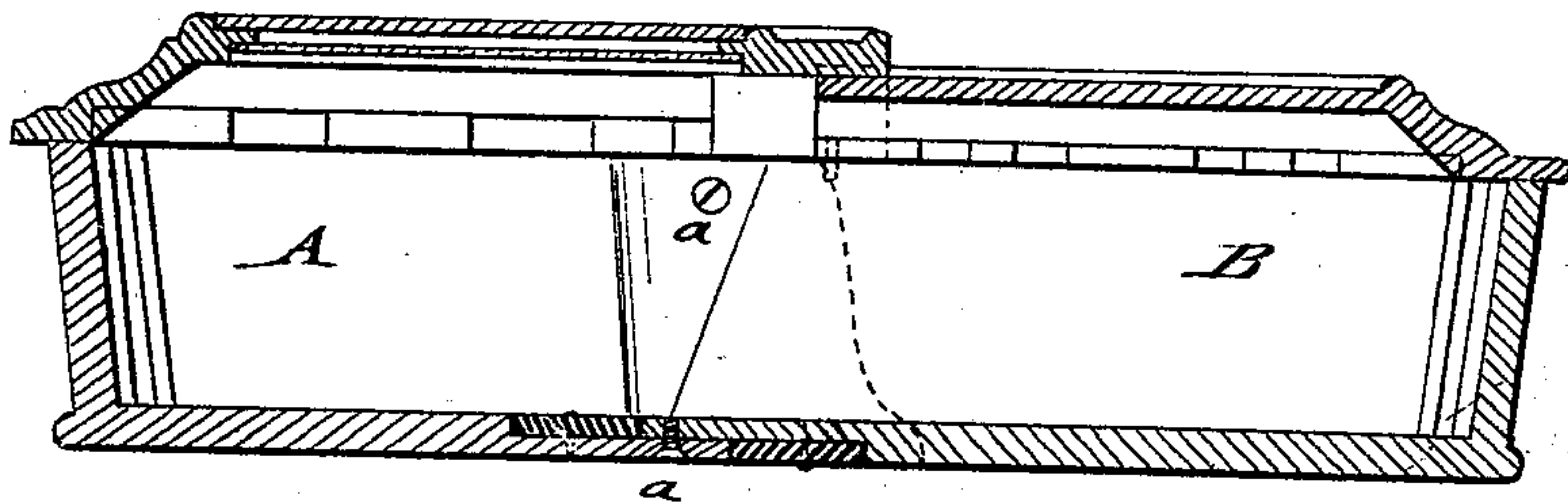
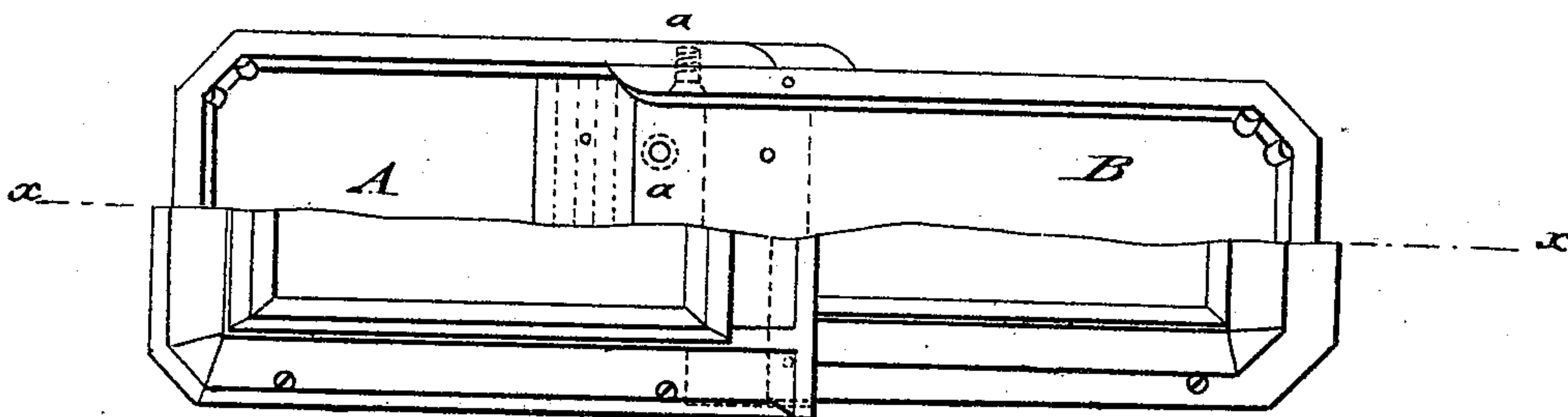


Fig. 2



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IMPROVEMENT IN BURIAL-CASKETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN HOMRIGHOUS, of Royalton, in the county of Fairfield and State of Ohio, have invented a new and Improved Casket, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a vertical longitudinal section of my improved casket, taken on line *x x*, Fig. 2; and Fig. 2 is a top view of the same, with part of the top removed to show interior construction.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to provide for undertakers an improved construction of burial-caskets, by which they may be adjusted any length, so as to enable the undertaker to keep on hand a full stock without being obliged to keep on hand as many caskets as are required by the present sizes.

The caskets may be adjusted with great facility to the required length, and thereby a more accurately-fitting casket obtained.

The invention consists of a casket made of a foot-section that is adjustable to a certain length in the head-section, the bottom being respectively recessed at the lower and upper sides, and the sections connected by side and bottom screws, and the intermediate spaces filled up by strips of wood of corresponding width.

Referring to the drawings, A represents the head-section and B the foot-section of my improved adjustable burial-casket. The foot-section is made of less width than the head-section, so as to slide into the same, the sides of the foot-section being guided along the sides of the head-section.

The bottoms of the head and foot sections A B are recessed to the length of adjustment, the bottom of the head-section being recessed at the upper side, and the bottom of the foot-section at the under side, so that these por-

tions overlap and form one thickness of board flush with the remaining parts of the bottoms.

The sections are connected for adjustment in rigid manner by side and bottom screws *a*, and the spaces left unoccupied in the bottoms of the head and foot sections are filled up by strips of corresponding width, that are tacked to the upper and lower sides of the bottoms. These strips vary in width according to the degree of adjustment of the casket.

The length of adjustment may be six inches (more or less) for each size, which will reduce the nineteen different sizes now manufactured to six sizes, which will be sufficient for all purposes. The undertaker is thereby enabled to lengthen or shorten the casket, as may be required, by sliding the foot-section into or drawing it out of the head-section. This is accomplished by removing the screws from the bottom and sides, then moving the foot-section until the required size is obtained.

The sides of the foot-section and the lid of the same may be cut off when a greater degree of shortening is required.

By using this adjustable casket undertakers can keep up a full stock without being required to keep as large a number of caskets on hand as heretofore.

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

1. A casket made of a head-section and sliding foot-section connected by side and bottom screws, and having recessed overlapping bottoms and filling-strips, substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. An adjustable burial-casket made of a head-section and of a foot-section sliding in the same, and being secured thereto, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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