

M. A. FROST.
Coffin.

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Fig. 1.

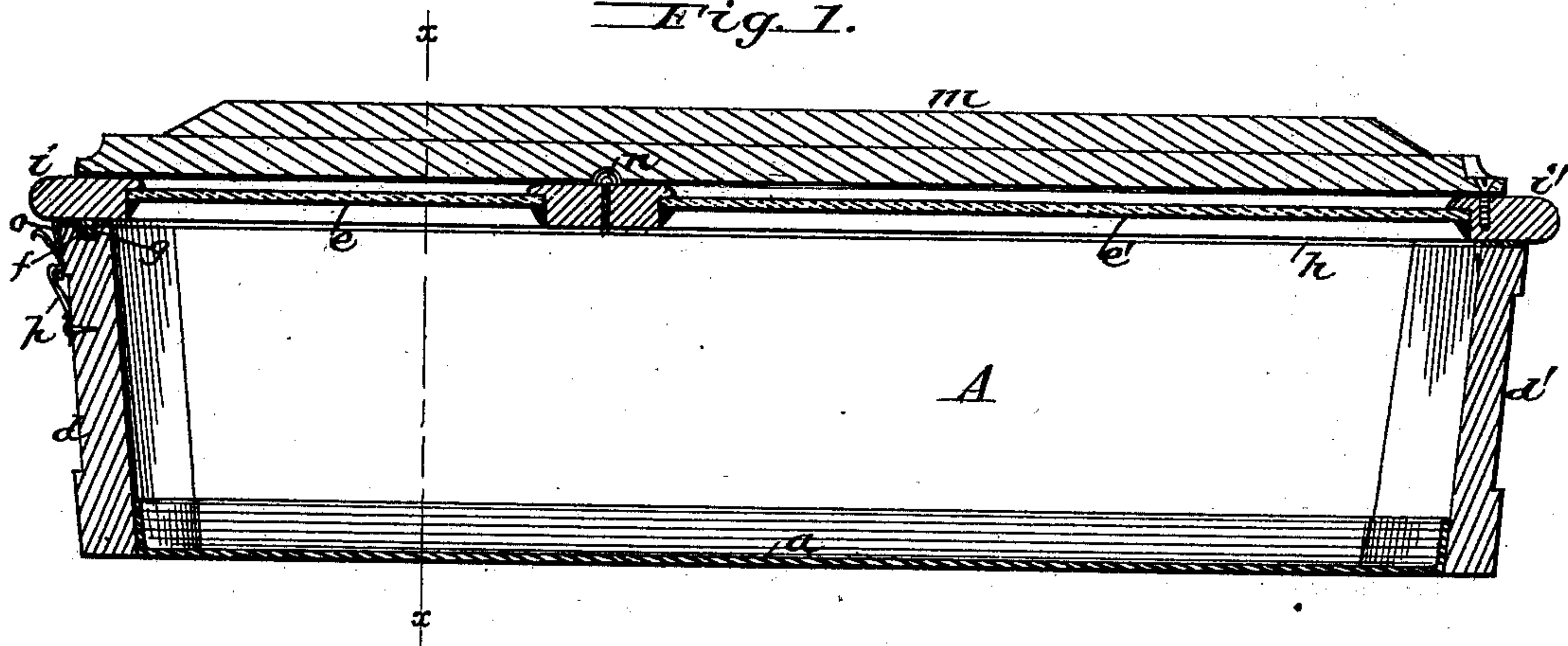


Fig. 2.

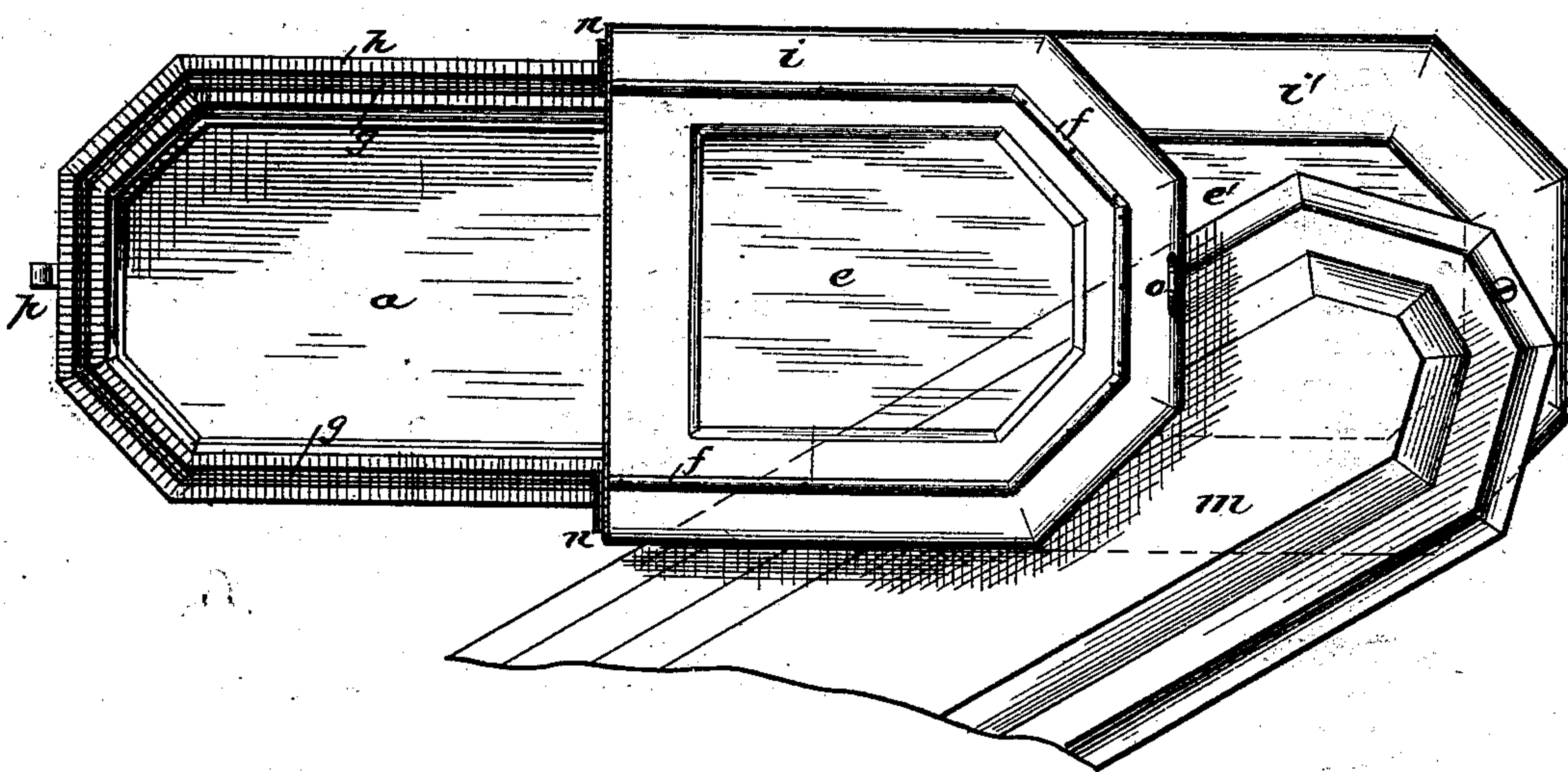
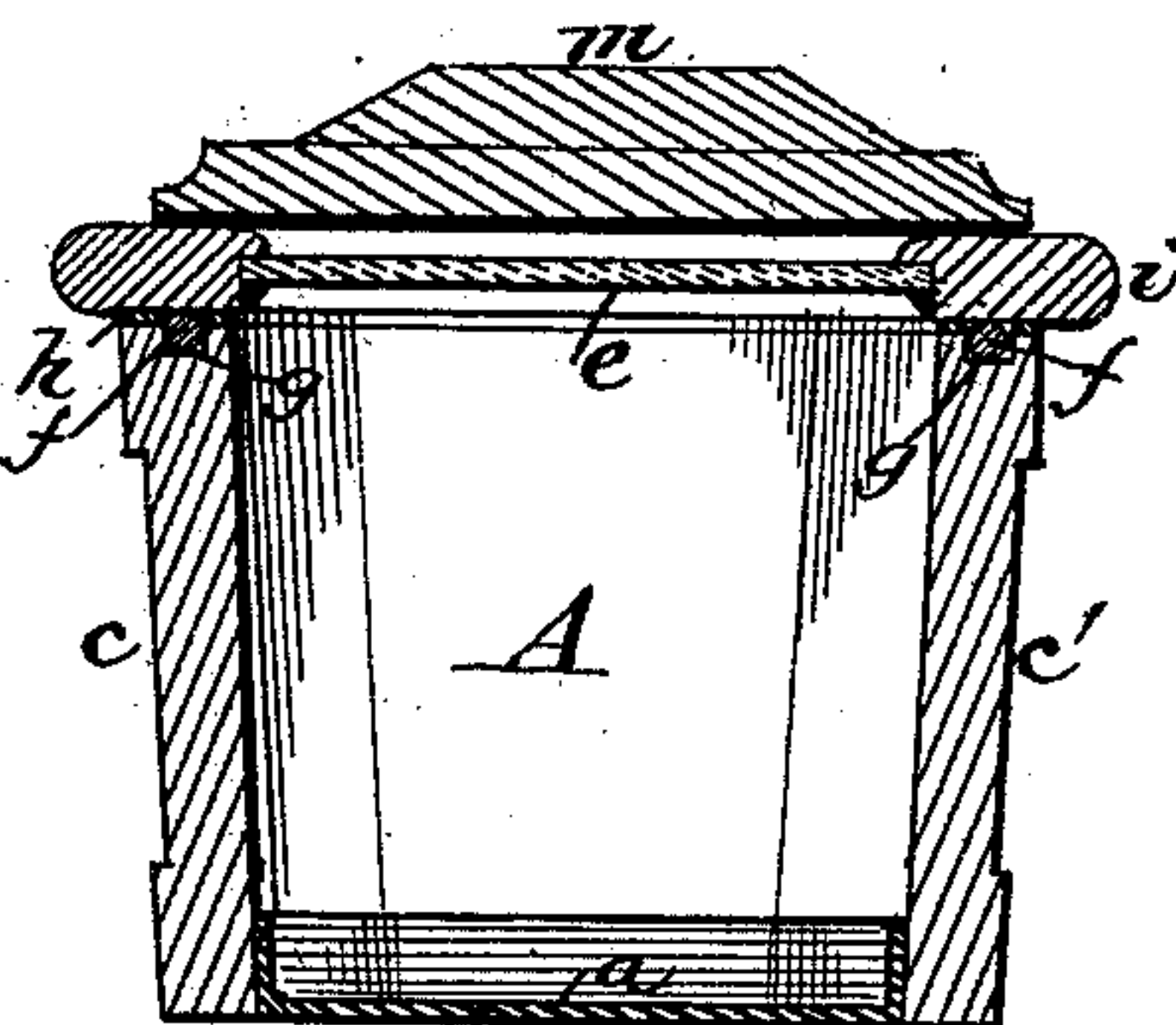


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN COFFINS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY A. FROST, of Barnesville, in the county of Belmont and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Coffins; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a coffin to be more especially used in connection with a corpse-cooler recently devised by me. However, said coffin is capable of general use where the ice is placed below the bottom of the coffin.

Figure 1 is a vertical cross-section. Fig. 2 is a top view, with the head portion of the lid thrown back and the cover put aside. Fig. 3 is a horizontal cross-section on line *xx*, Fig. 1.

The sides *c c'* and the ends *d d'* of the coffin *A* are made of wood, as shown, presenting a neat appearance. As this coffin is mainly intended to be placed upon a receptacle containing ice, I make the bottom *a* of tin or other suitable material. Said bottom may be joined to the wood-work in any proper way, and cement or putty can be used to make a tight joint, if desirable. The bottom *a* is entirely within the wood-work, and hence is not usually seen.

Around the upper surface of the head portion of the coffin *A*, I make a groove, *g*. Above and around said groove *g*, I place the rubber packing *h*; but this packing extends also entirely around the top of the coffin.

The lid is made in two portions and hinged at *n*. For the purpose of inspection I provide the glass portions *e* and *e'*. About these are the wooden rims *i* and *i'*, said rims extending slightly beyond the sides and ends of the coffin. On the under side of the head-lid I fasten the rib *f*. This rib fits tightly into the groove *g*, and, in connection with the packing *h*, makes a very tight joint. The coffin-lid is mainly fastened down by screws; but the head-lid is fastened by the staple *o* and spring-catch *p*. Above the lid is placed the cover *m*, suitably grooved to pass over the hinge *n*.

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

The wooden coffin *A*, furnished with a thin metallic bottom entirely within the edges of the wood-work, whereby the coffin may without injury rest directly upon ice, all as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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