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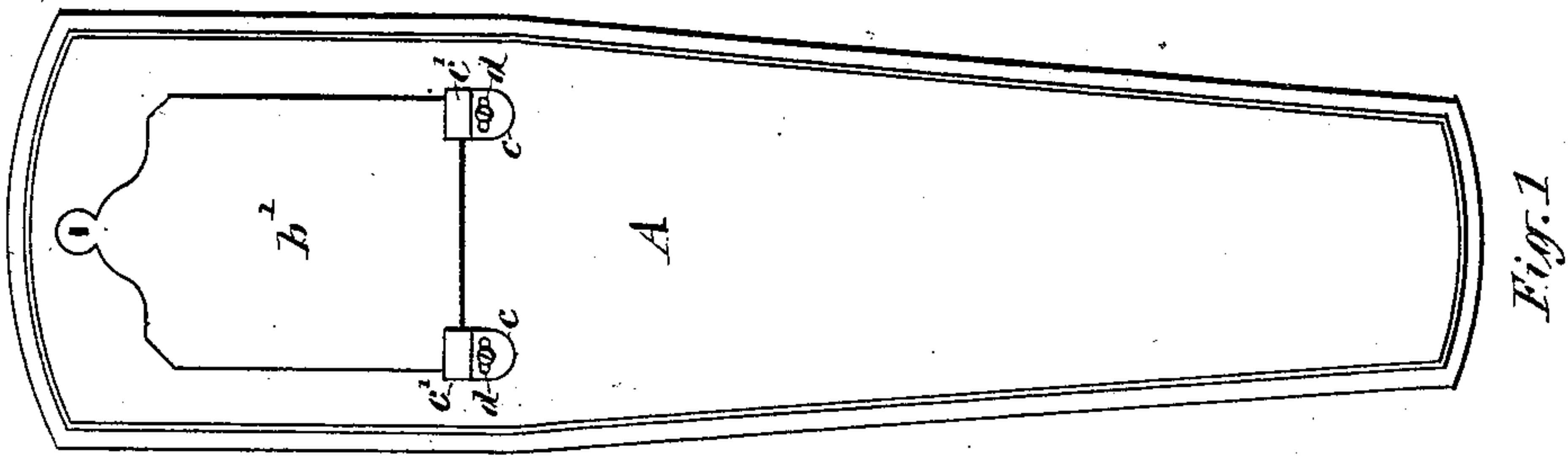


Fig. 1

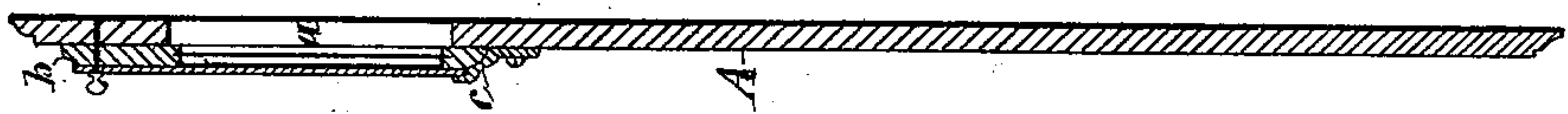


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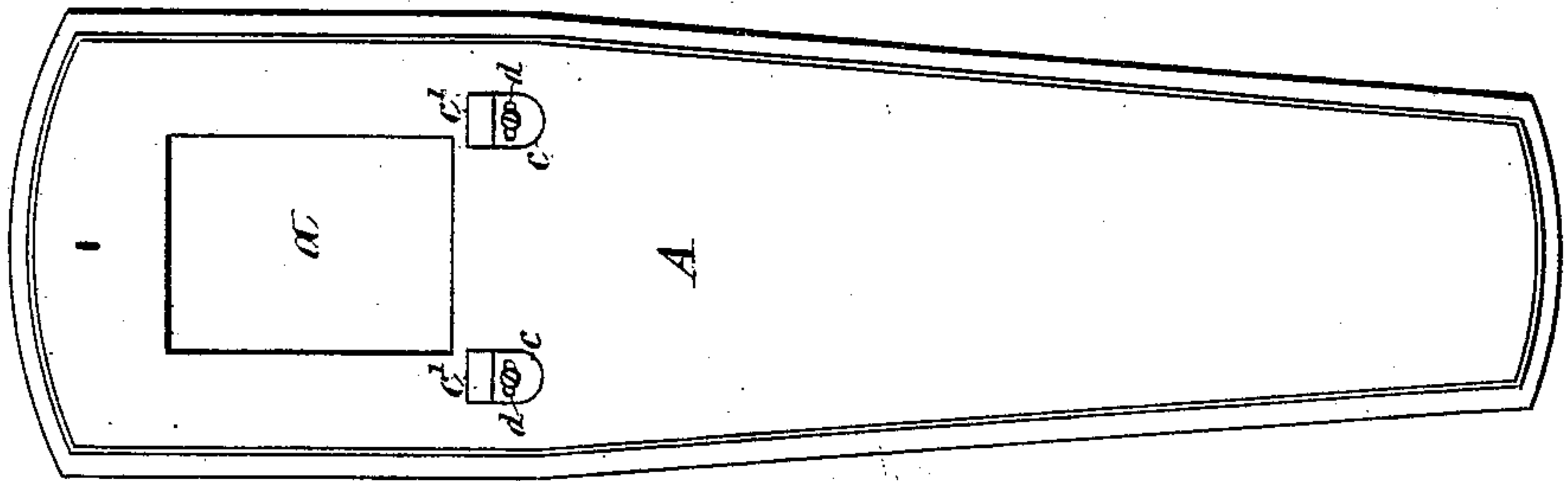


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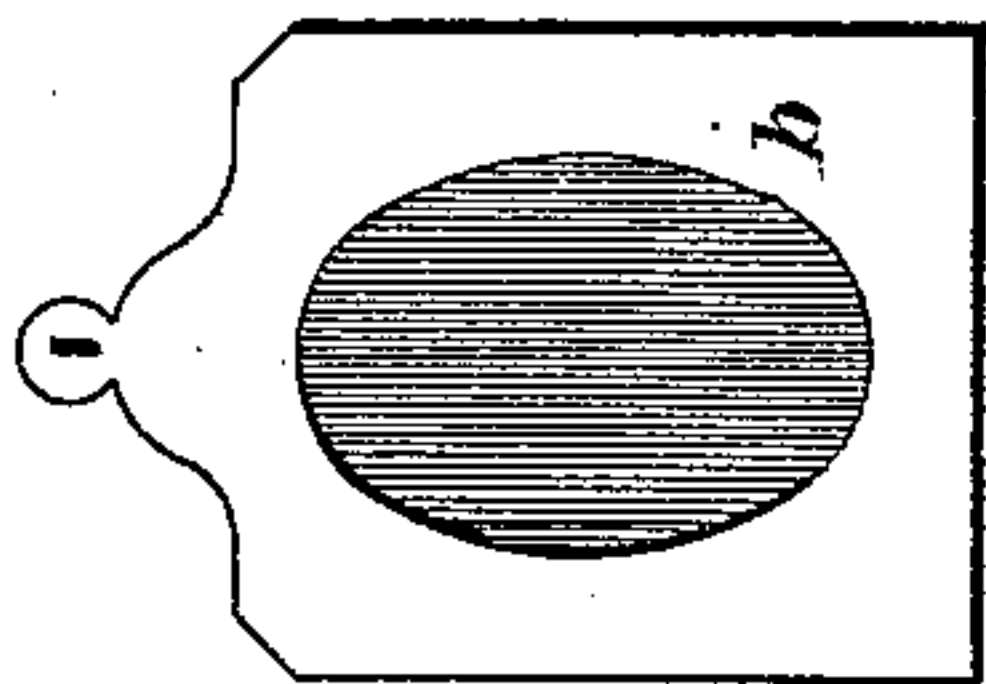


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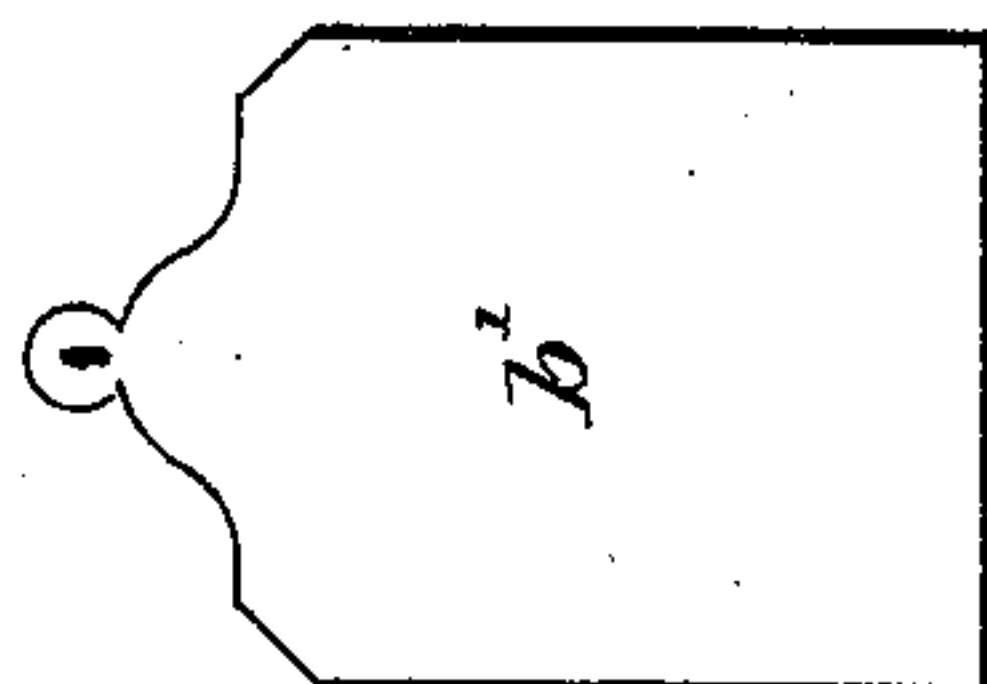


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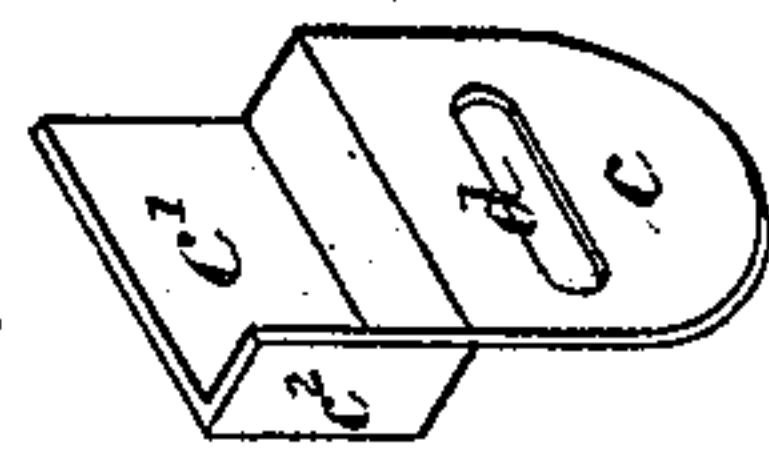


Fig. 6

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## IMPROVEMENT IN COFFINS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN McCARTHY, of Syracuse, in the county of Onondaga and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Removable Face-Glass Frames for Coffins, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to devices for detachably securing the face-glass frame to the lid of a coffin or burial-casket, so as to give access to the head of the corpse for adjustment, &c., without necessitating the removal of the entire lid.

The invention consists, essentially, in the combination of a face-glass frame mounted loose on the coffin-lid, and secured in its position by overlapping brackets or plates attached to the coffin-lid, and embracing the top end and sides of the face-glass frame, which improvement greatly facilitates the attachment and removal of the face-glass frame, and is simple and comparatively inexpensive in construction, and readily applied to most any coffin or casket lid.

It also consists in providing the aforesaid brackets or plates with a lateral slot or elongated eye for its attaching-screw, whereby the same is rendered adjustable in its position, and capable of being fitted to face-glass frames of various widths, all as hereinafter more fully described.

The invention is fully illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a plan view of a coffin-lid with the face-glass frame secured by my improved devices; Fig. 2, a longitudinal section of same; Fig. 3, a plan view of the coffin-lid with the face-glass frame removed. Figs. 4 and 5 are plan views, respectively, of the face-glass frame and the cover of same detached. Fig. 6 is a detached enlarged isometric view of my improved device for securing the face-glass frame to the coffin-lid.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A represents the lid of a coffin or burial-casket, provided at the head thereof with the usual aperture *a*, to which the face glass is applied. This face-glass I set in a frame, *b*, which I mount loose on the lid of the coffin, and secure it in its position by brackets or plates *c*, attached to the lid of the coffin at the two bottom corners of the face-glass frame, and having an overhanging lip, *c'*, underneath which the edge of the face-glass frame and its cover are inserted.

At the side of the face-glass frame the overhanging lip of the bracket is provided with a flange or shoulder, *c''*, which abuts against and stays laterally the face-glass frame.

To facilitate the fitting of the face-glass frame, and also to render the same adjustable and capable of compensating for any shrinkage which may occur, the brackets *c c* are provided with a lateral slot, *d*, through which the attaching-screw of same passes, so that by loosening the said screw the bracket can be set up to and made to properly embrace the sides of the face-glass frame.

I do not claim, broadly, a face-glass frame detachably secured to the coffin-lid by overlapping clasps and lateral stays, as I am aware the same is not new.

What I do claim as my invention is—

1. In combination with the frame *b* and cover *b'*, the bracket *c*, provided with the lip *c'* and shoulder *c''*, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. In combination with the frame *b*, the bracket *c*, provided with lip *c'*, flange *c''*, and slot *d*, substantially as described and shown, for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name and affixed my seal in the presence of two attesting witnesses at Syracuse, in the county of Onondaga and State of New York, this 20th day of May, 1879.

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