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Coffin Handle.

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Fig. 1.

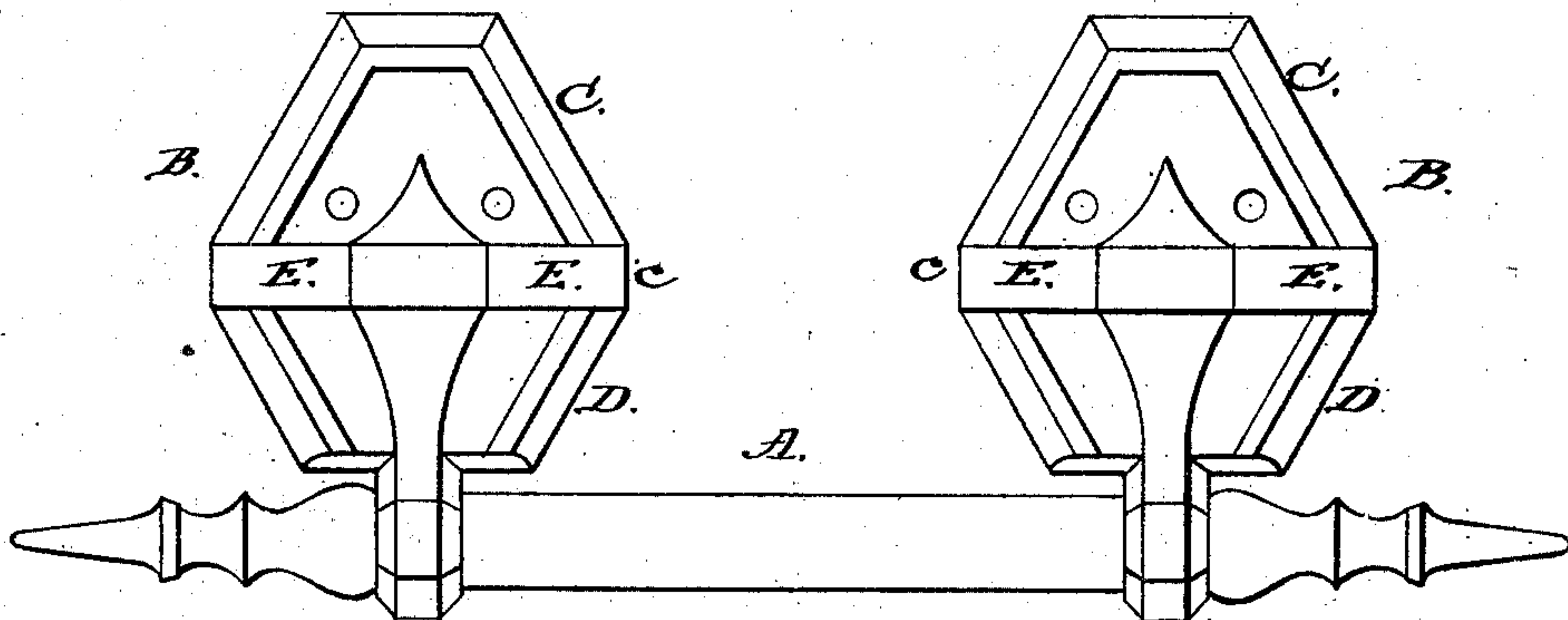


Fig. 2.

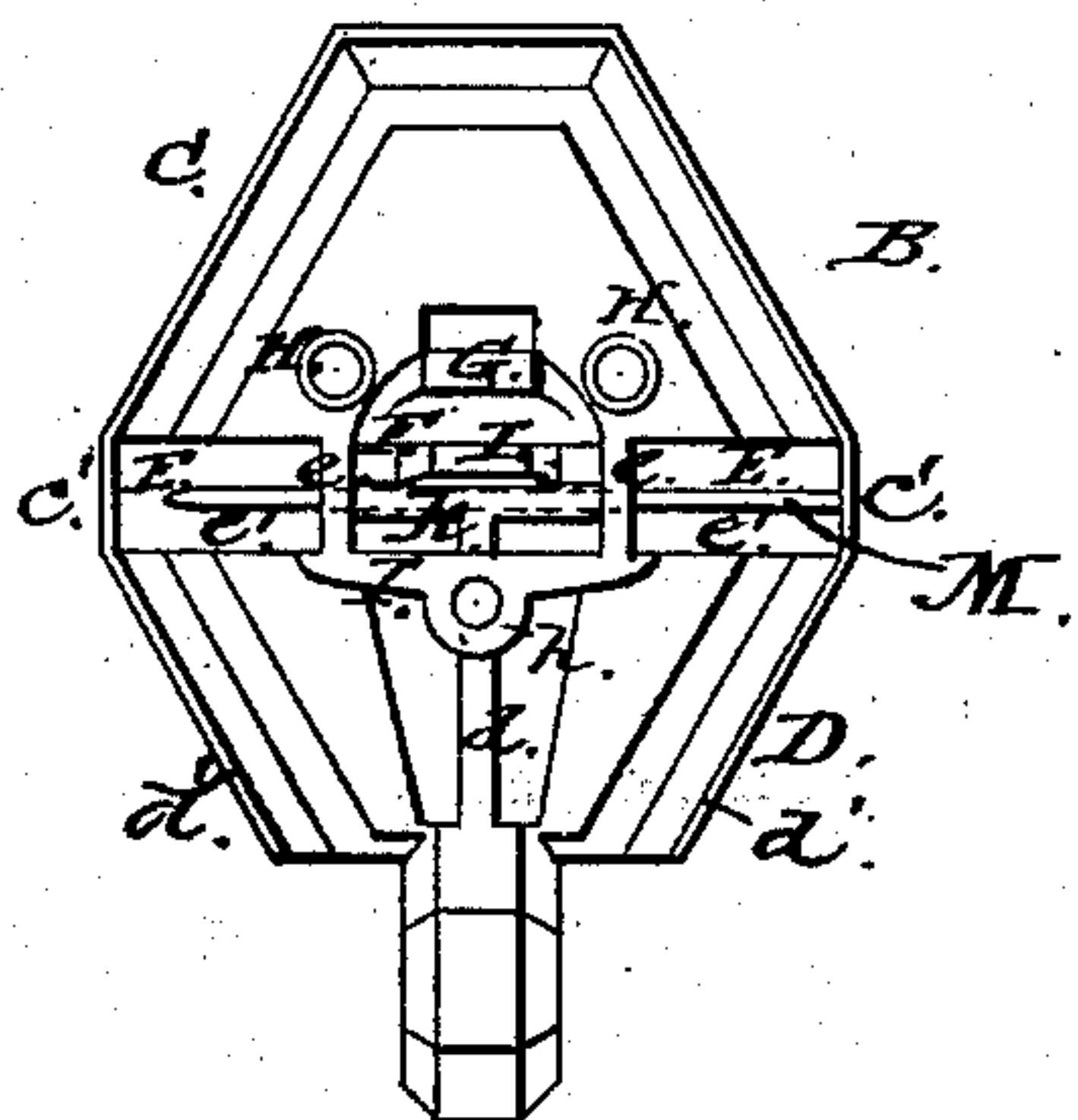
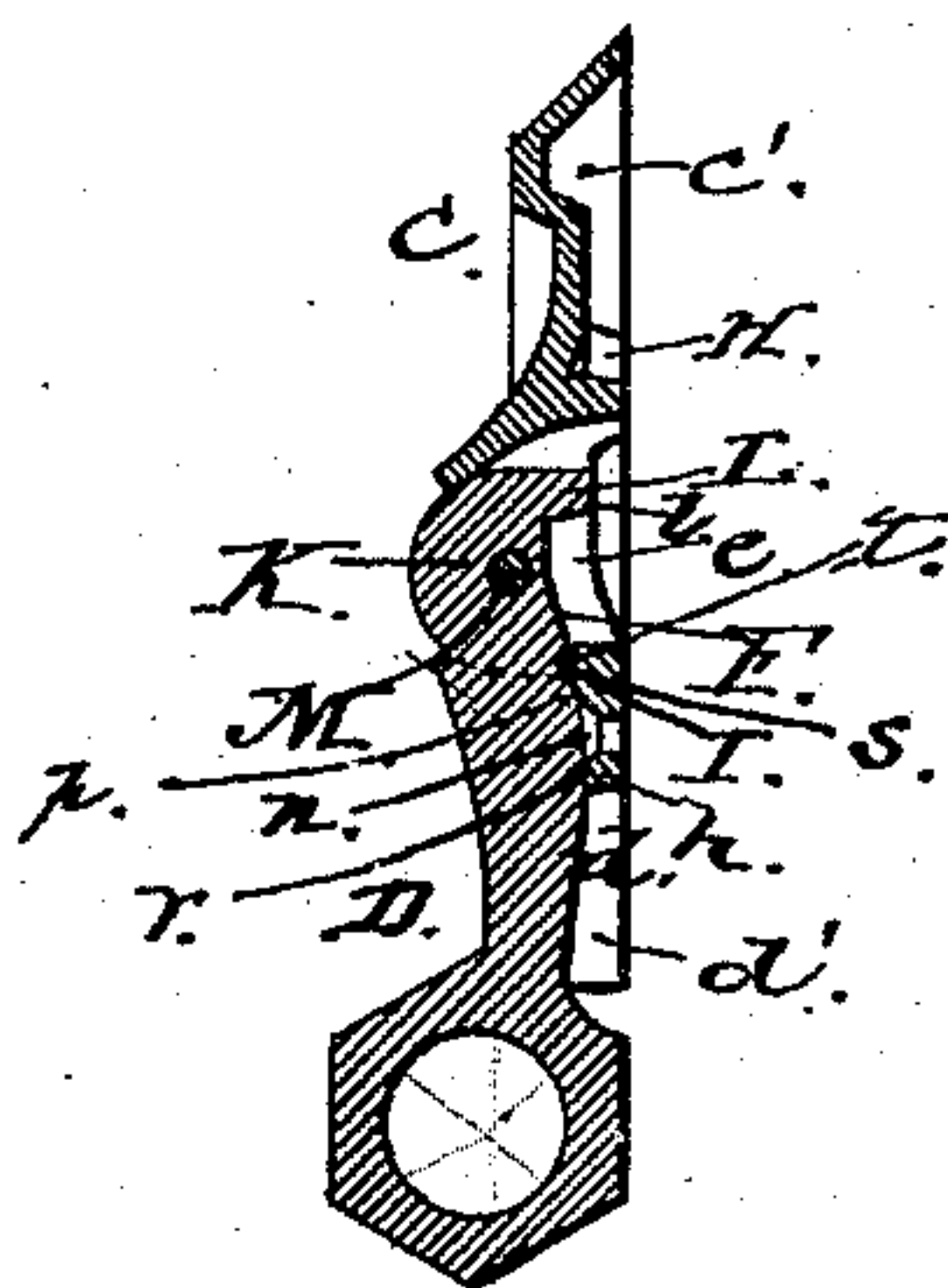


Fig. 3.



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COFFIN-HANDLE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES A. BAILEY, of Cobalt, in the county of Middlesex and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Coffin-Handles; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of a side elevation of my coffin-handle. Fig. 2 is a rear view, and Fig. 3 is a sectional view.

This invention relates to coffin-handles; and it consists in the construction hereinafter described and particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the drawings hereto annexed, A represents the hand-clasp; B, the ear for attaching the same to the coffin. This ear consists of two halves or portions, C D, hinged together, one of said portions being firmly secured to the hand-clasp; the other to the coffin.

The portion C, which is secured to the coffin, has its edge C formed of two half-tubes, E, terminating at their outer ends at the flange c' , and at their inner ends closed by a wall, e , there being a space or recess, F, between said walls $e e$ of the semi-tubes E, at whose inner end is located a stud, G, with a flat top, and on each side of said stud is a perforated boss, H. The walls $e e$ rise up above the curved surface $e' e'$ of the semi-tubes E, and, extending beyond the same, have their ends connected by a cross-bar, I, which has a perforated enlargement, h , at its middle. The perforated bosses H H and enlargement I are for the attachment of portion C to the coffin and the tops of the same and of flange c' are about on a level, so as to give a firm bearing and make a secure hold, the triple fastening preventing a wrench.

Portion D has a flange, d' , to correspond with flange c' , and an extension, K, made to fit in recess F between walls $e e$. This portion D has a rib, d , extending from its connection with the hand-clasp lengthwise through it into extension K, and terminates in a transverse swell, k , from whose top, at the middle, rises a stud, L, having a flat top, l .

M is a pivot-rod, which passes through walls $e e$ and swell k , and holds the two portions C and D pivotally together.

The upper surface of rib d curves downward at n , and the under side of cross-bar I is cut away at p , so that when the two portions are straightened out the enlargement h rests upon the top portion, r , and the lower part, s , of cross-bar I upon the lower portion, t , of said rib, the curve n entering the cut-away p , so that the cross-bar I has a firm bearing on rib d .

When the hinge is opened the position of stud L is such that cross-bar I bears against flat top l of said stud, which takes the strain off of the hinge.

What I claim is—

An ear for attaching handles to coffins, consisting of one portion of said ear rigidly secured to the hand-clasp, and having an extension provided with a swell and stud, and the other portion rigidly secured to the coffin, and having a recess to receive the extension of the other portion, and a cross-bar adapted to bear on the stud entering said recess, substantially as and for the purpose described.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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