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Fig. 1.

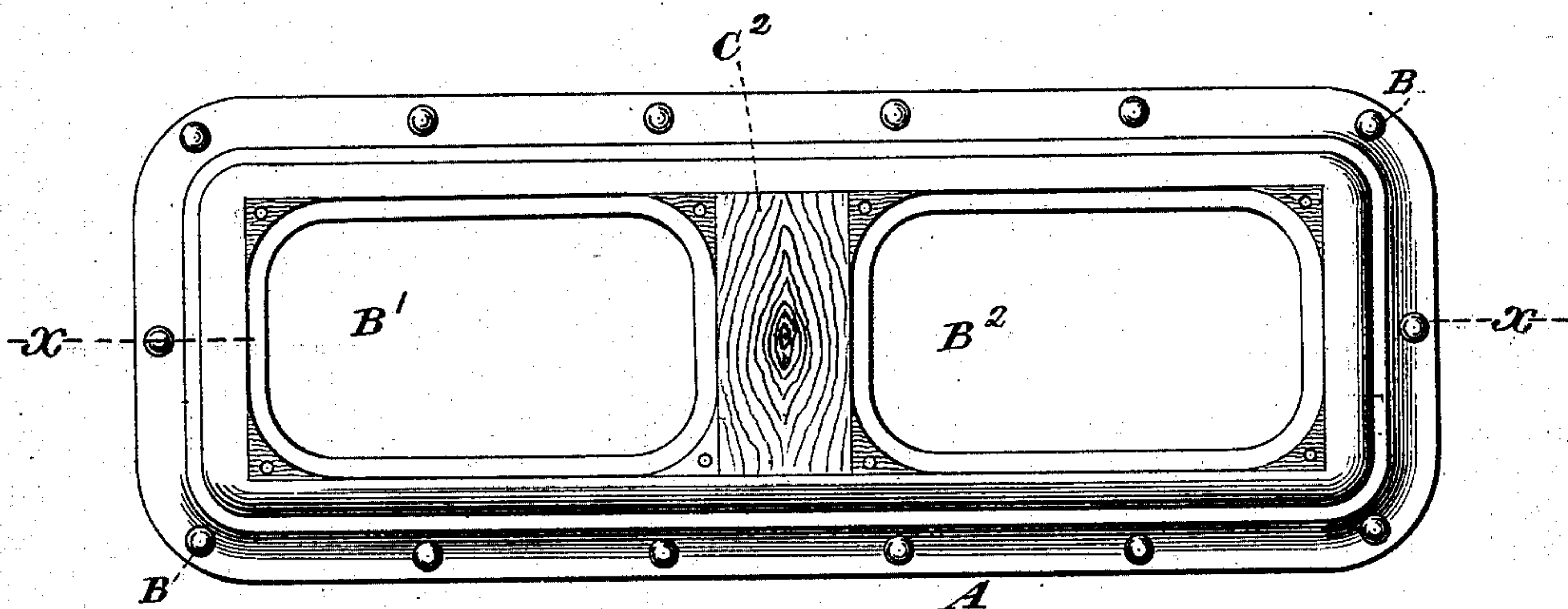
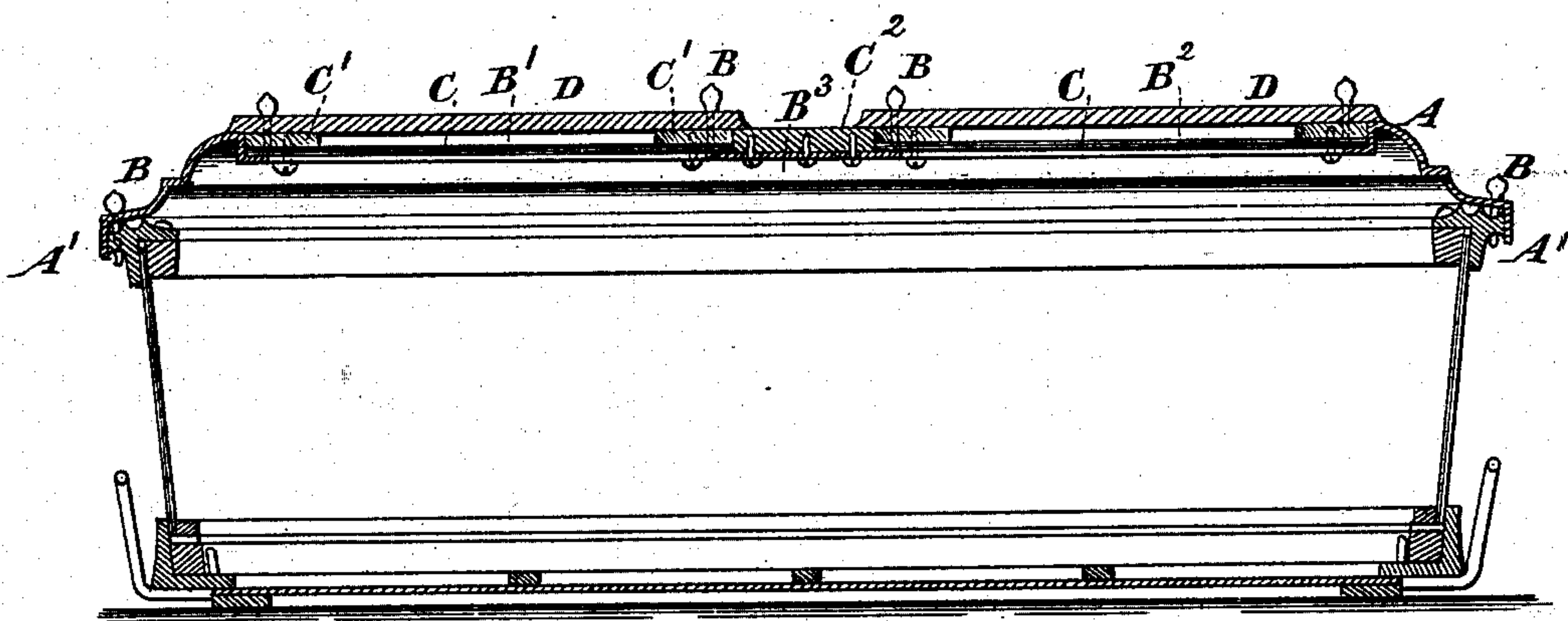


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH ASKINS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Westfield, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Burial-Cases; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as 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 the letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to that type of burial-cases which are composed of metal, glass, and wood combined in such a manner as to form an air-tight case; and the object of my improvement is to provide a novel combination of the parts of which the cover of the case is composed.

I attain the object sought by the combination of the parts, as hereinafter described, and as illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view, showing the upper surfaces of a metal frame, the fillets of wood to which the cover is secured, and the removable sectional cover; and Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section on line *x x* of Fig. 1, showing the construction of the metallic frame, the glass plates in the cover, the method of securing thereto, and the covering of wood.

Similar letters refer to similar parts in both views.

In constructing burial-cases with my improved cover attached thereto I prefer to make the body of the case as shown in Fig. 2; but it may be applied to other forms of construction, it being composed of sheet metal, wood, and glass. The sheet-metal portion A is of such dimensions as to cause it to cover the entire upper surface of the case, its contour being substantially such as is shown; or it may be of any ornamental form desired, it having downwardly-projecting flanges A', which pass down over the edge of the frame or case, to which it is secured by a series of screws, B, the

heads of which may be ornamented, if desired. The raised portion of this cover is provided with two apertures, B' and B², a bar of metal, B³, extending across it at its center, which projects outward beyond the wood which covers it, thus leaving a projection for the glass to rest upon at that point, the outwardly-projecting portions being below the upper surface of the cover, the object being to provide a seat for the plates of glass C C to rest upon, pieces of wood C' C' being made to rest upon the same flanges, their upper surfaces being flush with or slightly above the raised portion of the cover A. These pieces are held in position by screws passing through the flange on the outside of the body of the case.

To the cross-bar B³ there is secured a piece of wood, C², the thickness of which is equal to that of the projection raised upon the cover A, its office being to strengthen the cover at its center and to provide a suitable place to which to attach the main plate by screws or otherwise. For the purpose of protecting the glass plates C C, and also for the purpose of making the case air-tight at these points, there are provided two covers, D D, of wood or other suitable material, which, when the case is closed, rest upon the upper surface of the cover A and the cross-piece C², and thus, when screwed down thereon, constitute a tight joint, and form an air-tight case in which a body may be kept for a considerable period of time before decomposition will take place.

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

The combination of the sheet-metal recessed cover A, the wooden cross-pieces C' C', the cross-piece C², covers D D, and glass plates C C, whereby a tight joint is secured at the points where plates are placed, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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