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Fig. 1.

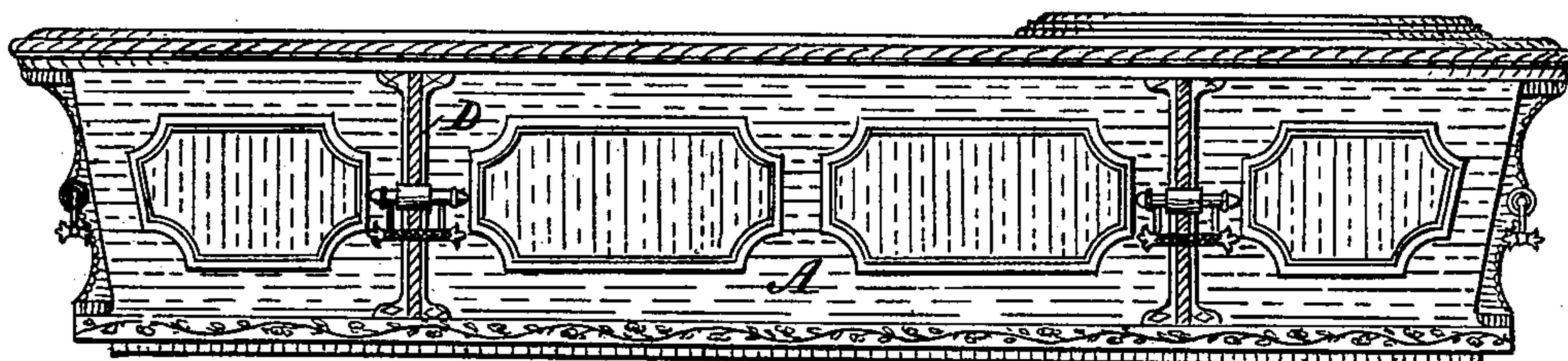


Fig. 3.

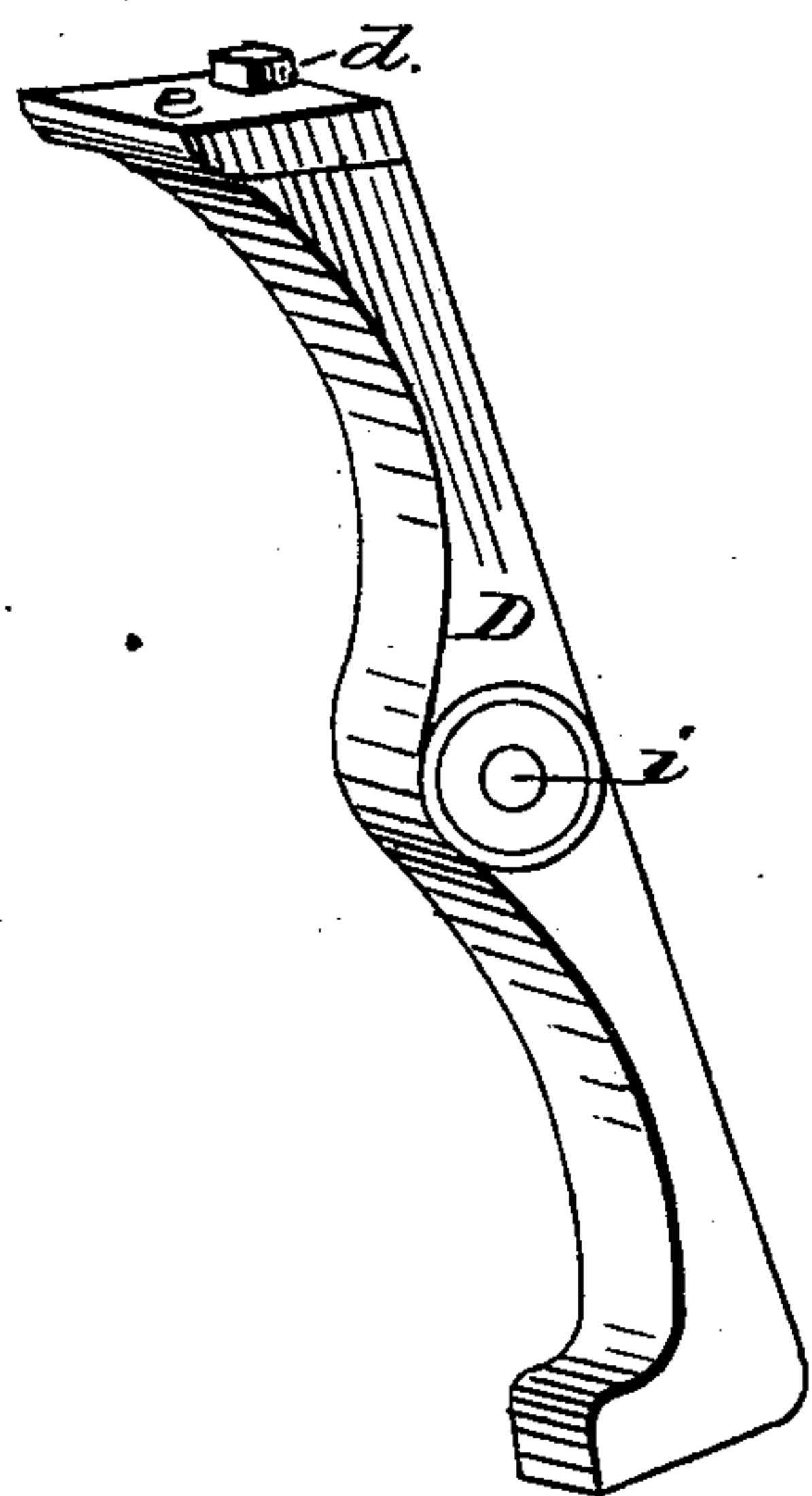
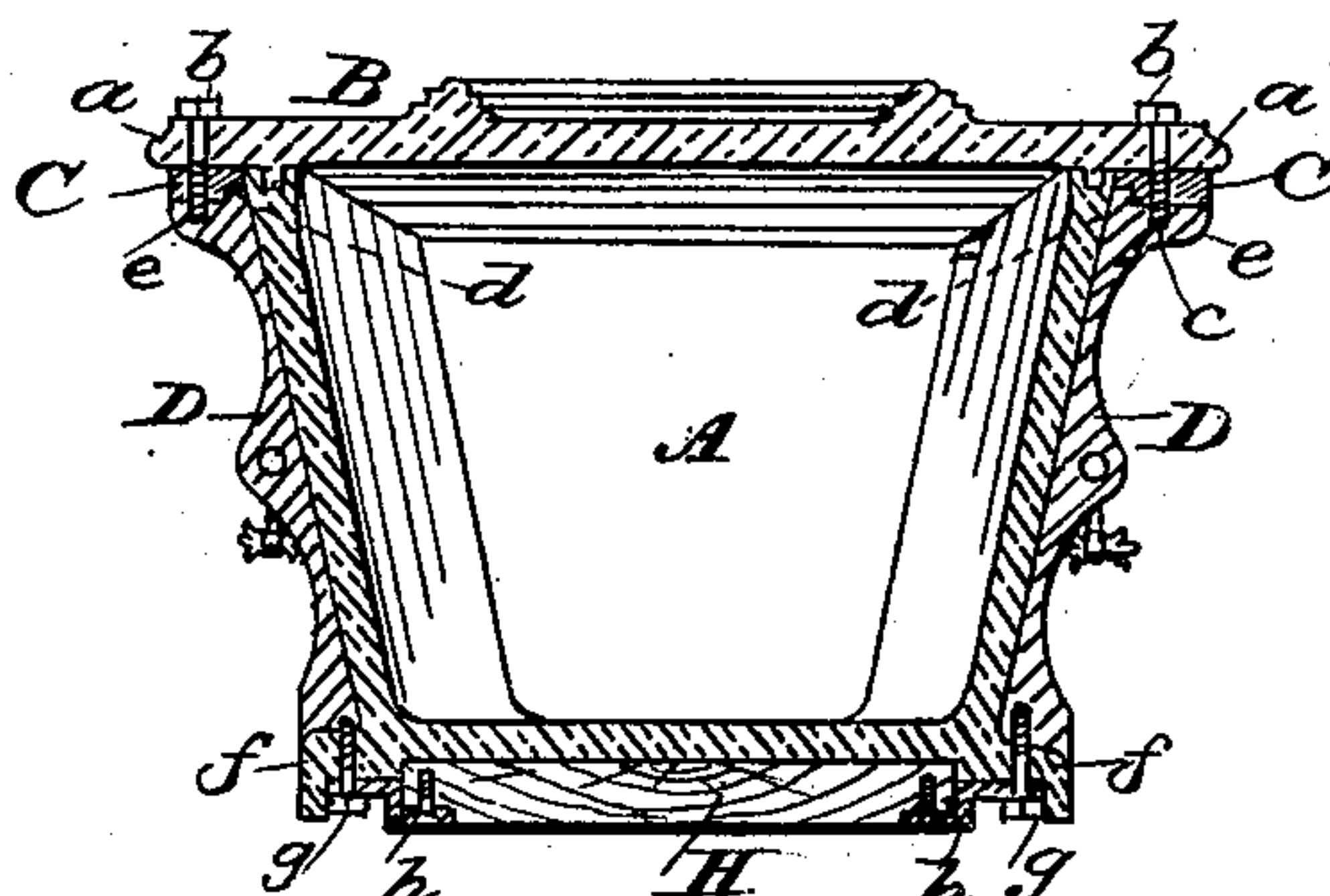


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHRISTOPHER W. McLEAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at New Berne, in the county of Craven and State of North Carolina, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in the Manufacture of Coffins of Glass; 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.

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of a glass coffin. Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional view of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a view in perspective of one of the handle-supporting posts or stanchions.

My present invention relates to securing the handles to glass coffins or caskets, and protecting the bottoms of said caskets from abrasion or injury; and it consists in certain details of construction which will more fully hereinafter appear.

A designates a coffin or casket, made of glass, pressed in a heated mold, as more fully appears in my application marked "A," filed even date herewith.

B is the lid, and is made wider than the main portion of the casket, so as to have overhanging ledges *a*, through which holes are pressed or drilled for the passage of bolts *b*.

C are strips of suitable material, fitted against the under side of the ledges *a*. The strips C have their inner lower edges cut out, as shown at *c*, to receive the tenon *d* on the upper end of the handle-supporting post or stanchion D.

The stanchion or handle-supporting posts may be made of glass, metal, or wood, ornamented

in any desirable manner, and are provided with shoulders or rests *e* at their upper ends, in which the strips C rest, and in which the bolts *b* are screwed. The lower end of the stanchion D is made to conform to the ledge or projection *f* on the bottom of the casket and is secured thereto by bolts *g*; or the ledge *f* may be a plain one, and a strip similar to the strip C may be used to confine the lower end of stanchion D.

h are metal brackets, one end of which is secured to the ledge *f* by the bolts *g*. The other end is bent so as to fit over and embrace the edges of the plank H, to which they are secured. The function or object of the plank or wooden bottom H is to strengthen and protect the casket while it is being moved from place to place.

The posts or stanchions are provided with holes *i*, in which the handles are secured. The handles may be of the ordinary construction, or may consist of a rod or bar of glass or ornamented metal passing through the holes *i* and extending the entire length of the casket.

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

The combination, in a glass coffin or casket, of the handle-supporting posts or stanchions D, provided with the tenon *d*, with the lid B, strip C, ledge *f*, and bolts *b* and *g*, as set forth.

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

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