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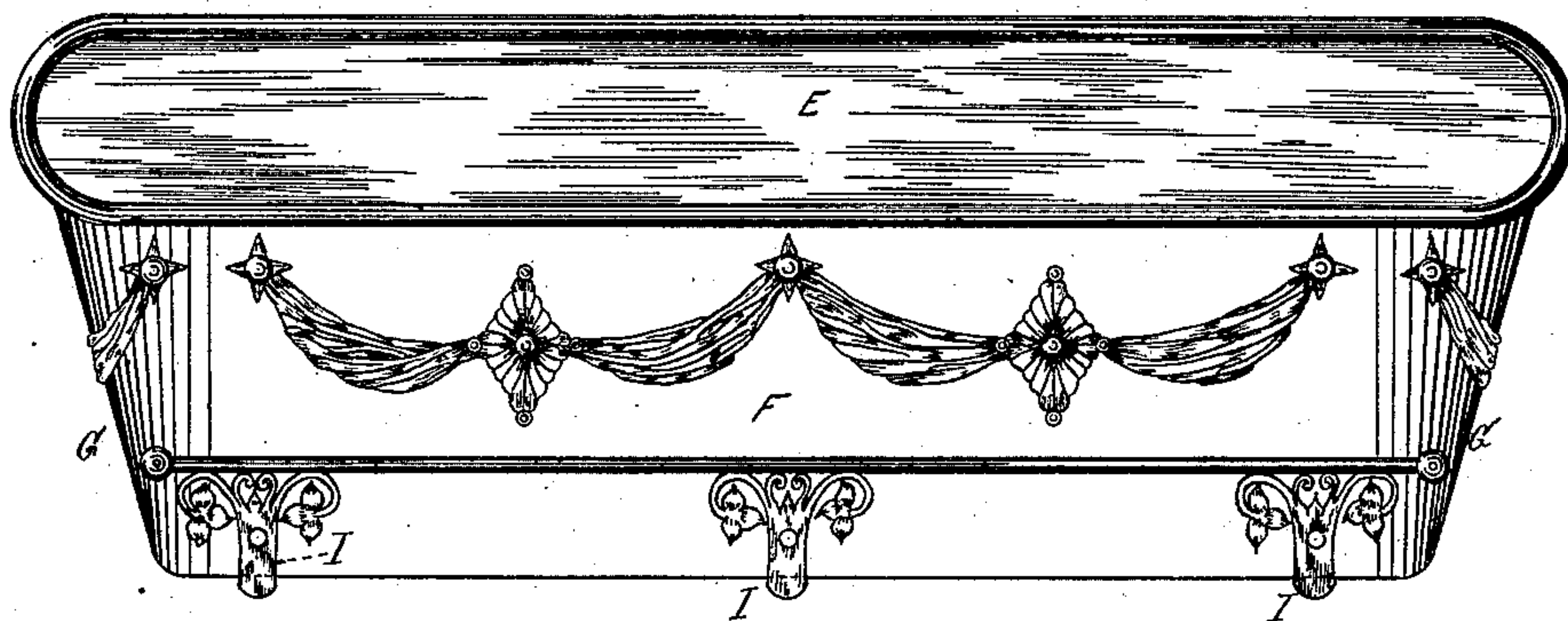


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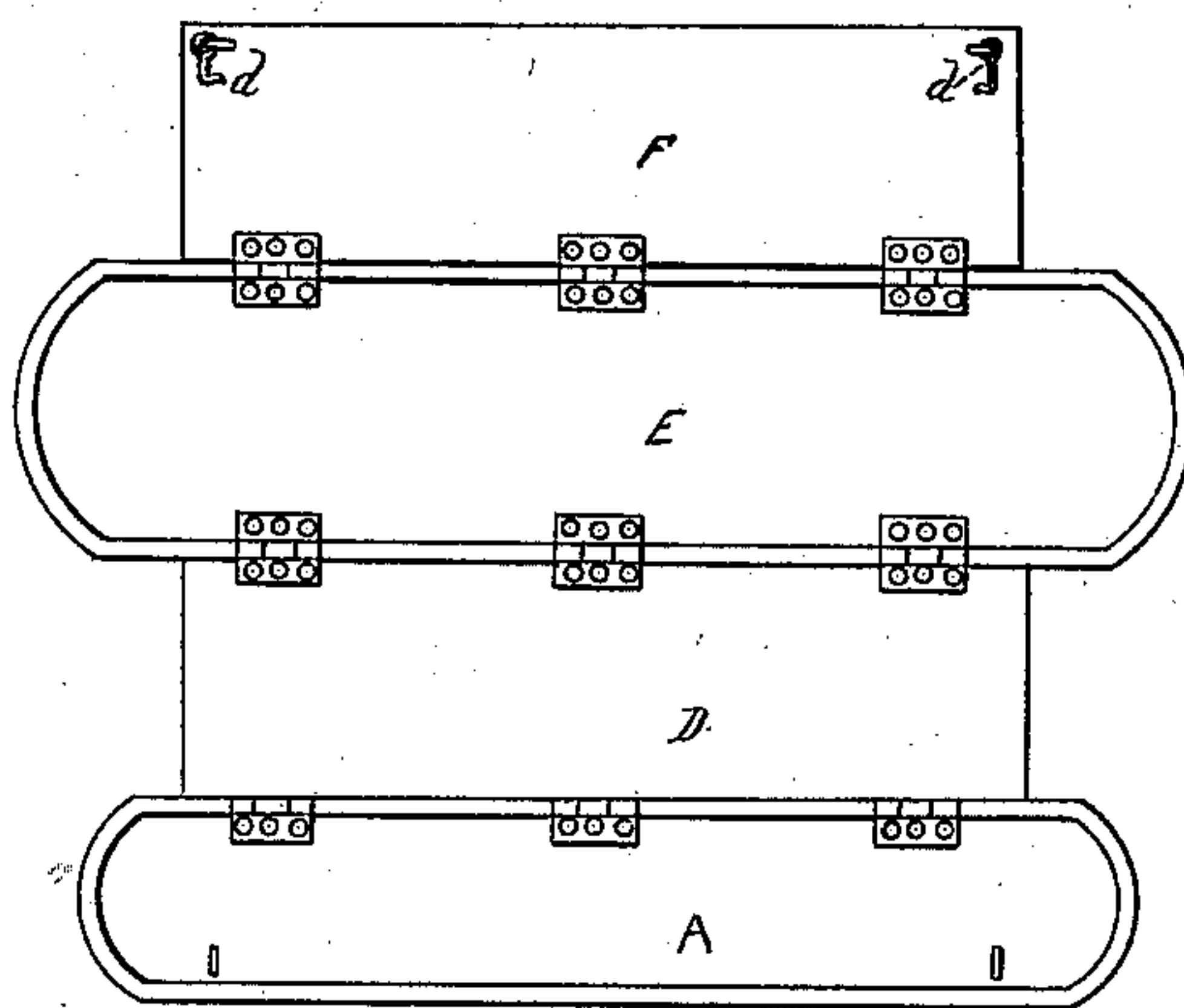


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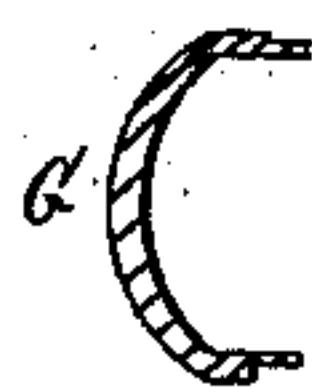


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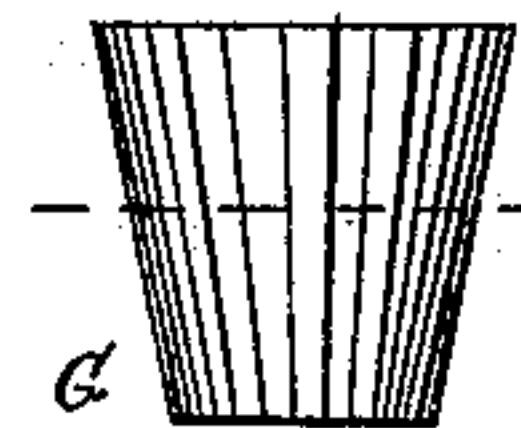


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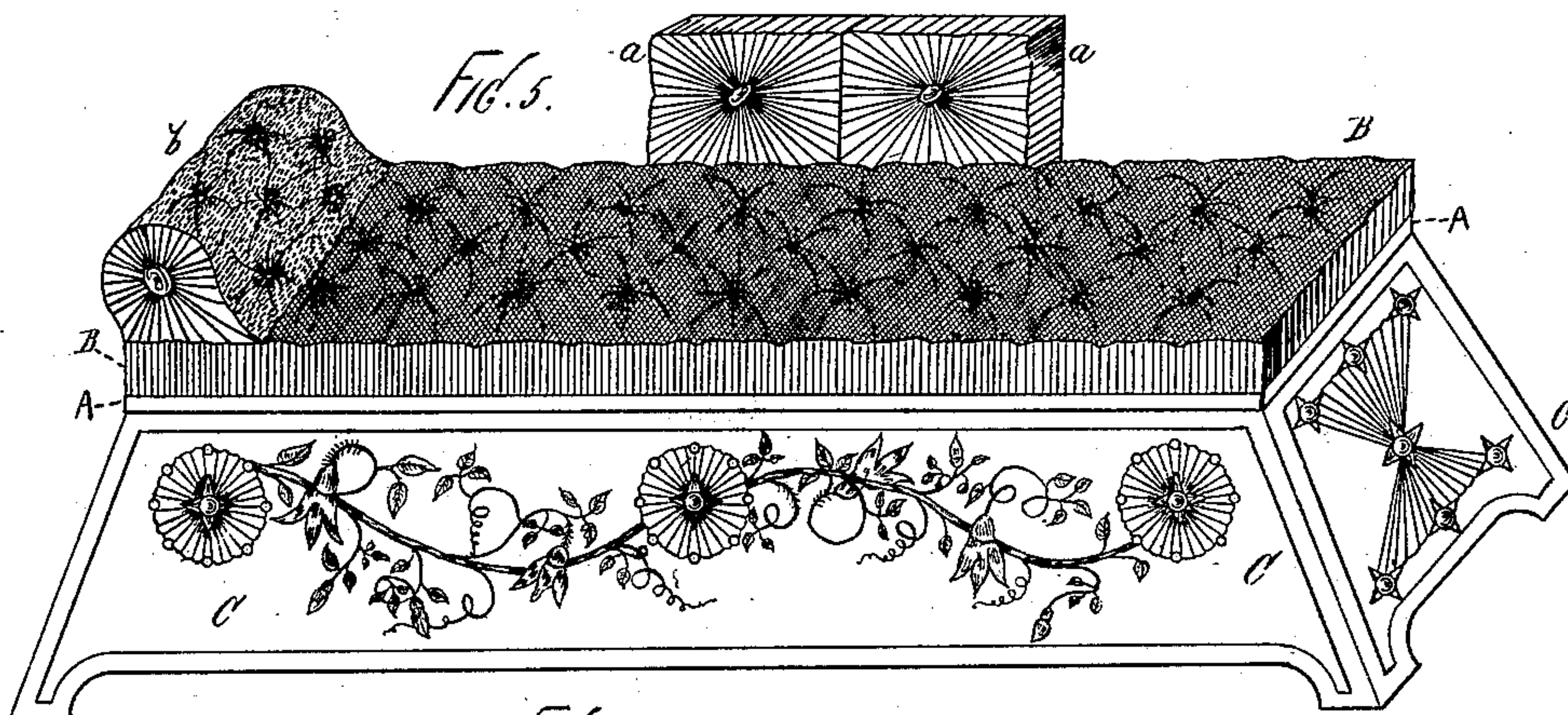


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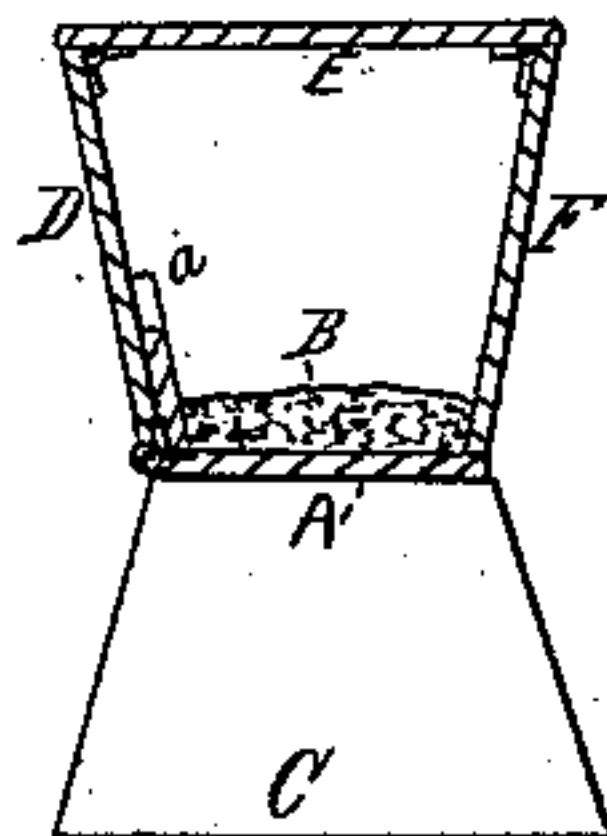
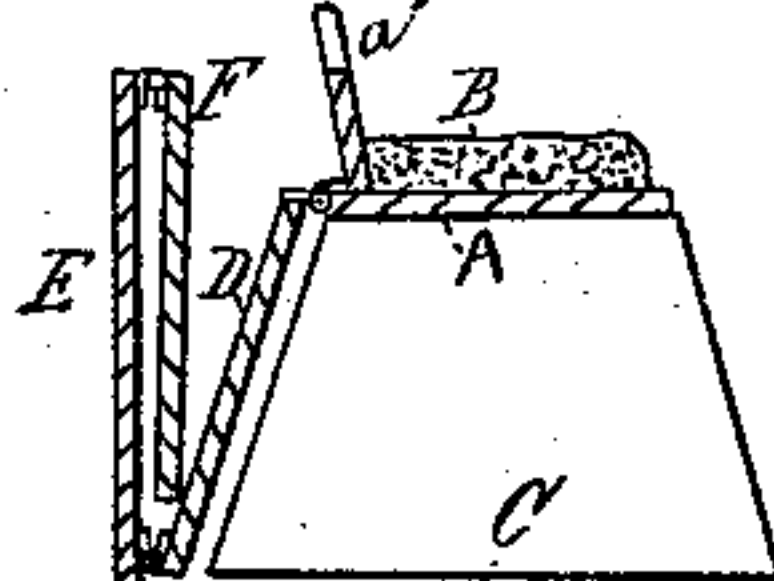


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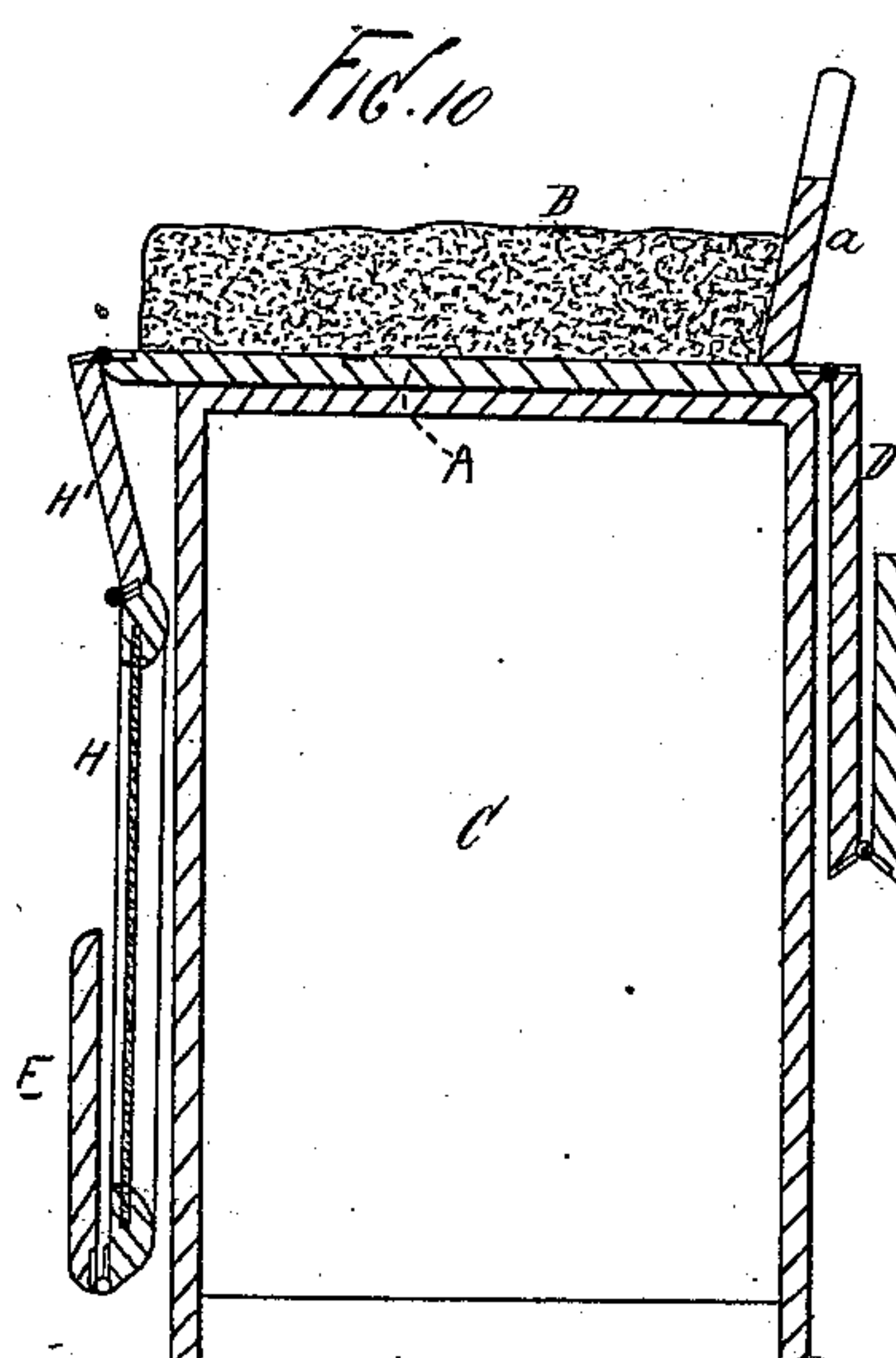
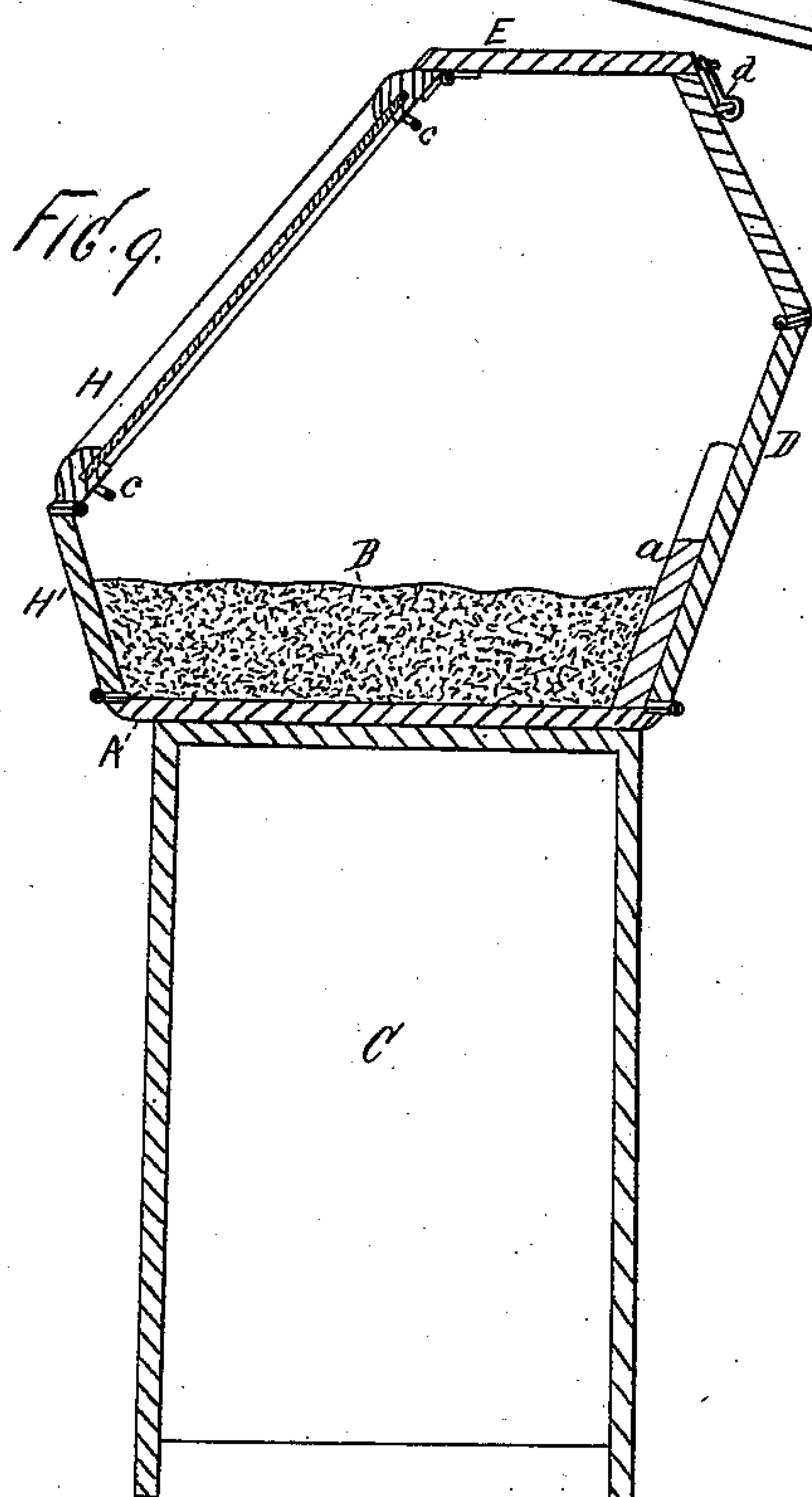
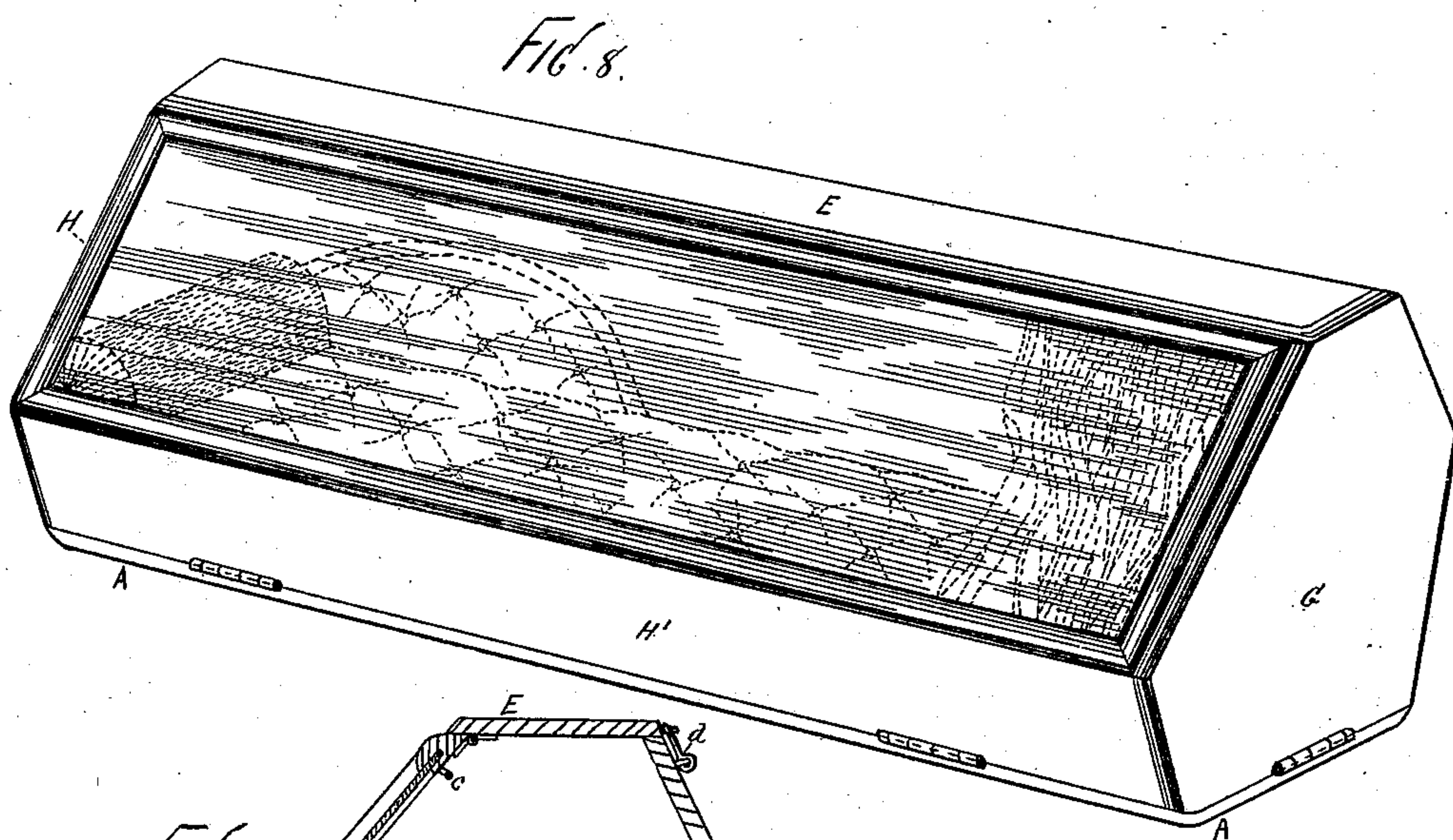
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB H. HEDENBERG, of Brooklyn, county of Kings, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Burial-Cases, &c., of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

This invention relates to certain improvements in that class of burial-cases, coffins, or caskets with a top, sides, and ends so hinged as to be let down to fully expose the corpse on the bottom or base board of the casket.

The object of my improvement is to produce a burial case or coffin which shall be simple in the construction and arrangement of the several parts, affording more facility in the matter of properly arranging and resting the corpse, and increased convenience in packing the cases for shipment before use.

My invention therefore consists in providing a back support, against which the corpse is supported when the sides are dropped down, and in certain novel and useful arrangements or combinations of parts, all of which will be herein first fully described, and then pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a burial-case having curved or rounded end pieces, showing the application of handles to the structure, and the whole being constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the bottom piece, the sides and top being hinged thereto and thrown back, so as to lie flat, and the curved end pieces being entirely detached. Fig. 3 is a horizontal section, and Fig. 4 an elevation, showing the form and construction of the separable curved end pieces. Fig. 5 is a perspective view, showing the bottom of sofa or couch mounted upon an appropriate foundation and ready to receive the corpse, the sides and top being thrown back and the end pieces removed.

Fig. 6 is a cross-section of the coffin closed, and Fig. 7 a similar view of the same opened, the coffin being mounted upon a stand, and the sofa-back shown connected with the bottom board independently of the hinged back piece. Fig. 8 is a perspective view of a burial-case designed to be employed when the body

or corpse is disposed upon its side. Fig. 9 is a cross-section of the case shown in Fig. 8, the parts being closed and mounted upon a foundation or stand; and Fig. 10 is a similar view, showing the several parts removed from over the sofa or upholstered bottom.

In all these figures like letters of reference, wherever they occur, indicate corresponding parts.

A represents the bottom board, which is of course the base of the coffin or casket structure. Upon this I place the mattress B, upholstered in any suitable style, preferably after the manner of sofas, divans, or lounges, as they are generally made. C is the foundation, stand, table, or rest, preferably made in form to represent the lower part of a sofa or lounge, so that when the bottom board, with its upholstery, is placed thereon the whole will make in fact a sofa, or lounge, or couch.

To complete the base part of the device any form of back or backs, upholstered or otherwise, may be provided, as at *a*, and an upholstered or other pillow or cushion, *b*.

When the body is placed upon its side it should be strapped to the mattress, as will be readily understood, the straps to be concealed by the drapery.

The back *a* is employed to sustain the body as well as to make up the finished sofa or couch. It is independent of the back piece of the coffin, (being rigidly secured upon the bottom part,) and remains upright when the back piece is lowered.

D is one side of the coffin, hinged to the bottom board. Upon this is hinged the top board, E, and to this last piece the front side, F, is hinged, as most plainly shown in Figs. 2, 6, and 7. When the coffin is to be closed these parts fold together, as shown in Fig. 6, the end pieces, G G, being first mounted upon the bottom board and suitably keyed or otherwise secured in place.

The parts are divided with any convenient number of hooks, locks, or catches, as *d*, at suitable points, by which, after being adjusted, they are held in proper relative positions.

The hinges may be of any suitable pattern, and they might be made so as to admit of the parts being readily detached. When the sofa is exposed, as in Fig. 5, the parts are made to

assume the position indicated in Fig. 7, whereby they are out of sight at the rear of the couch.

Following the general principles so far indicated, a variety of forms or shapes may be given the casket.

Fig. 8 represents one specially designed for use in cases in which the body is placed upon its side, the principal front piece, H, being provided with a glass, and connected with the bottom board, A, by an intermediate hinged strip, H'.

Instead of having the couch flat, it might be inclined in either direction upon the bottom board. A sliding curtain running upon the inner rods, *c c*, may be employed to conceal the body, when desired.

The top may be provided with a glass panel and a variety of combinations made to suit the taste.

The handles I I may be of any pattern. They are preferably made to extend below the bottom board a sufficient distance, so that in carrying the coffin the strain will be brought upon the bottom board rather than upon the hinged sides.

The construction suggested in no way interferes with the use of glass panels in any part.

Metallic or other decorations may be applied, same as in former constructions.

The improvements herein described will be found to admirably answer all the purposes and objects of the invention before stated.

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

1. In a burial-casket of the class described, the upholstered base, provided with back piece or support, secured to said base, and the movable side, end, and top pieces, substantially as shown and described.

2. The combination of the base, upholstered as explained, the back piece secured thereon, the hinged sides and top connected therewith, and the end pieces, one of the hinged pieces being inclined at an angle with the base and provided with a transparent panel, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two witnesses.

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