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Fig. 1.

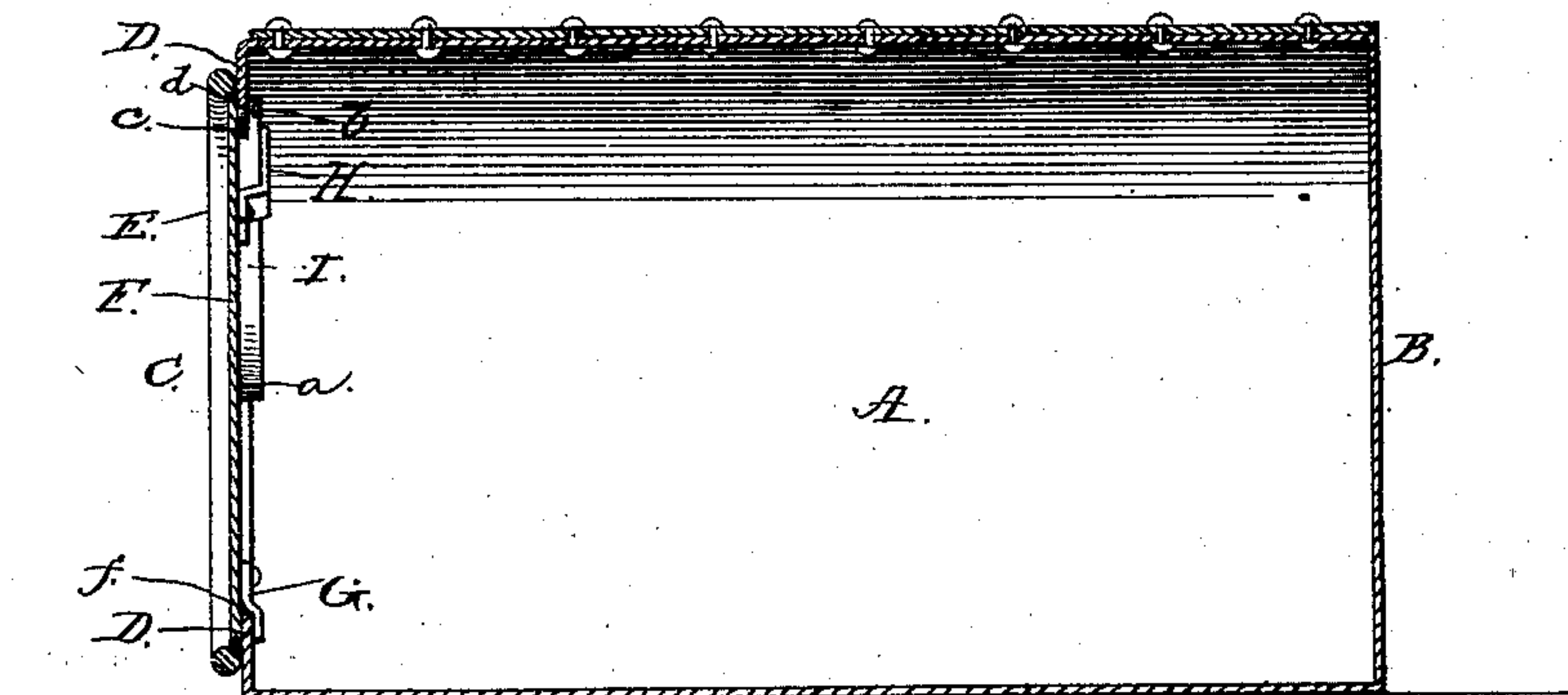
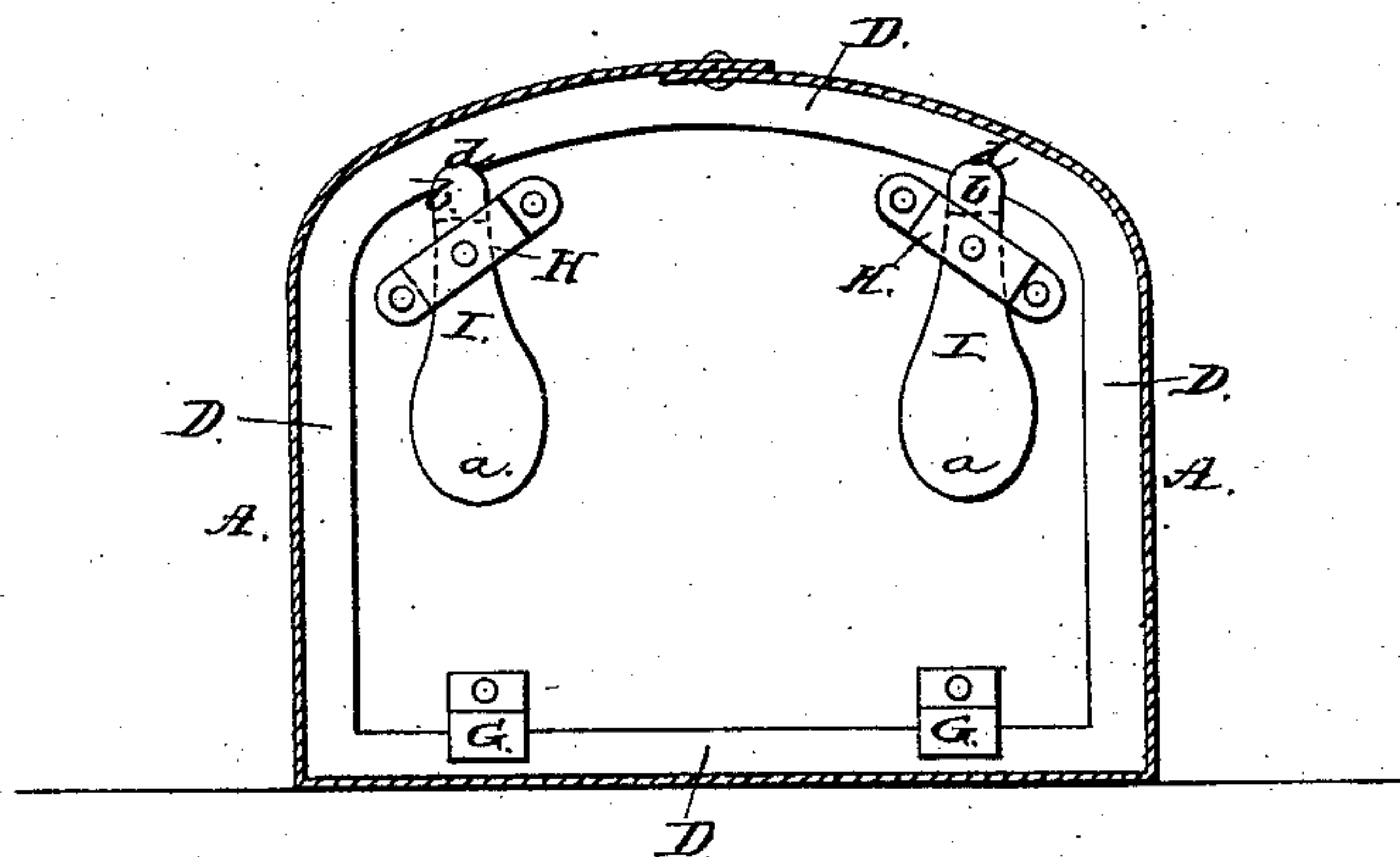


Fig. 2.



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BURIAL-VAULT.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES F. WINCHELL, of Springfield, in the county of Clarke and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Burial-Vaults; 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 longitudinal section, and Fig. 2 is a vertical cross-section thereof.

This invention relates to improvements in burial-vaults.

The object of the invention is to prevent robbery; and the invention consists in the construction hereinafter described, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the annexed drawings, A represents a vault made of sheet metal, in one piece, or several pieces riveted together, with a closed end, B, and open end C. This open end is formed by a flange, D, and outside of this is a surrounding bead, E.

F is a metal head of a size and shape to snugly fit outside the flange D, within bead E. The head has at its bottom edge, *f*, two catches, G G, firmly affixed thereto. At its upper corners are secured the bands H H, in which are pivoted the latches I I, having weighted lower ends, *a*, and catch-heads *b*, rabbeted at

c, forming the reduced ends *d*. The head is put in place, the heads *b* being held down by the weighted ends *a* until the ends *d* have passed under the flange, the catches G G holding below, when the hand is removed, the head pushed farther in until it is in place, when the weighted ends fall and the heads *b* catch behind the upper part of flange D. This holds the head secure, and the bead E prevents any tool from being introduced to pry open the vault.

Concealed latches arranged so that they cannot be opened from the outside are common for coffins, and flanged catches for sewing-machines and analogous uses are also well known. Neither of these elements is broadly claimed herein.

What I claim is—

An outer metallic coffin having an open end surrounded by an inwardly-projecting flange, in combination with a head or door, E, having catches G G at its lower edge, on the inner face thereof, and pivoted weighted catches I I near the upper edge, on the same face, to engage the flange and lock the head from the inside, substantially as shown and described.

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

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