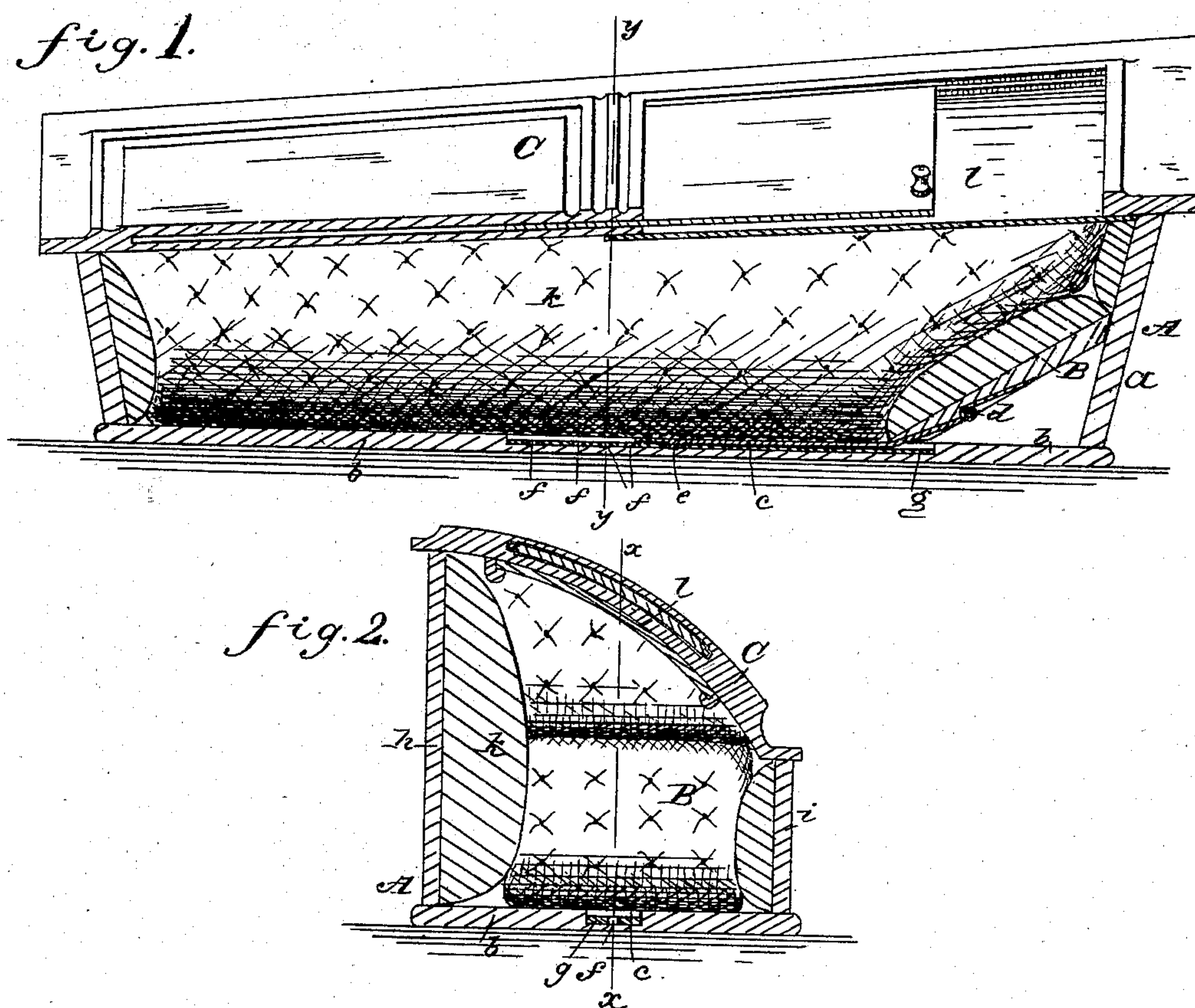


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## BURIAL-CASKET.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN JEROME TICKNER, of Bancroft, in the county of Shiawassee and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Coffins and Burial Caskets or Cases, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention consists in a coffin, burial casket or case of novel construction, whereby provision is made for raising or arranging in a more or less elevated position the head and upper portion of the dead body, and of adjusting its inclination, so as to give the corpse a more natural and life-like position.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a longitudinal section of the same on the line *xx* in Fig. 2, and with its lid or cover applied, and Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse section thereof on the line *yy* in Fig. 1.

A in the drawings is the body of the casket, having a flat bottom, *b*, which is interrupted or provided internally with an inclined head-rest, B, whereby the head and upper portion of the body is raised and the corpse made to occupy

a more natural and life-like position than if stretched out horizontally. Said head-rest may be made removable by fitting it loosely within the casket and providing it with a metal strap, *c*, hinged at *d*, and having a lower stud or projection, *e*, which engages with any one of a series of holes, *f*, in a fixed bottom plate, *g*, whereby the head-rest may be set to occupy different inclinations.

The corpse may be laid on its side, and will have the appearance of reclining in an attitude of repose, as if on a couch or sofa, and may be readily viewed from a great distance.

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

The combination, with the head-board *a*, bottom *b*, and loose head-rest B, of the metal strap C, hinged at *d*, and having a stud or projection, *e*, engaging any one of a series of holes, *f*, in the fixed bottom plate, *g*, as shown and described.

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