

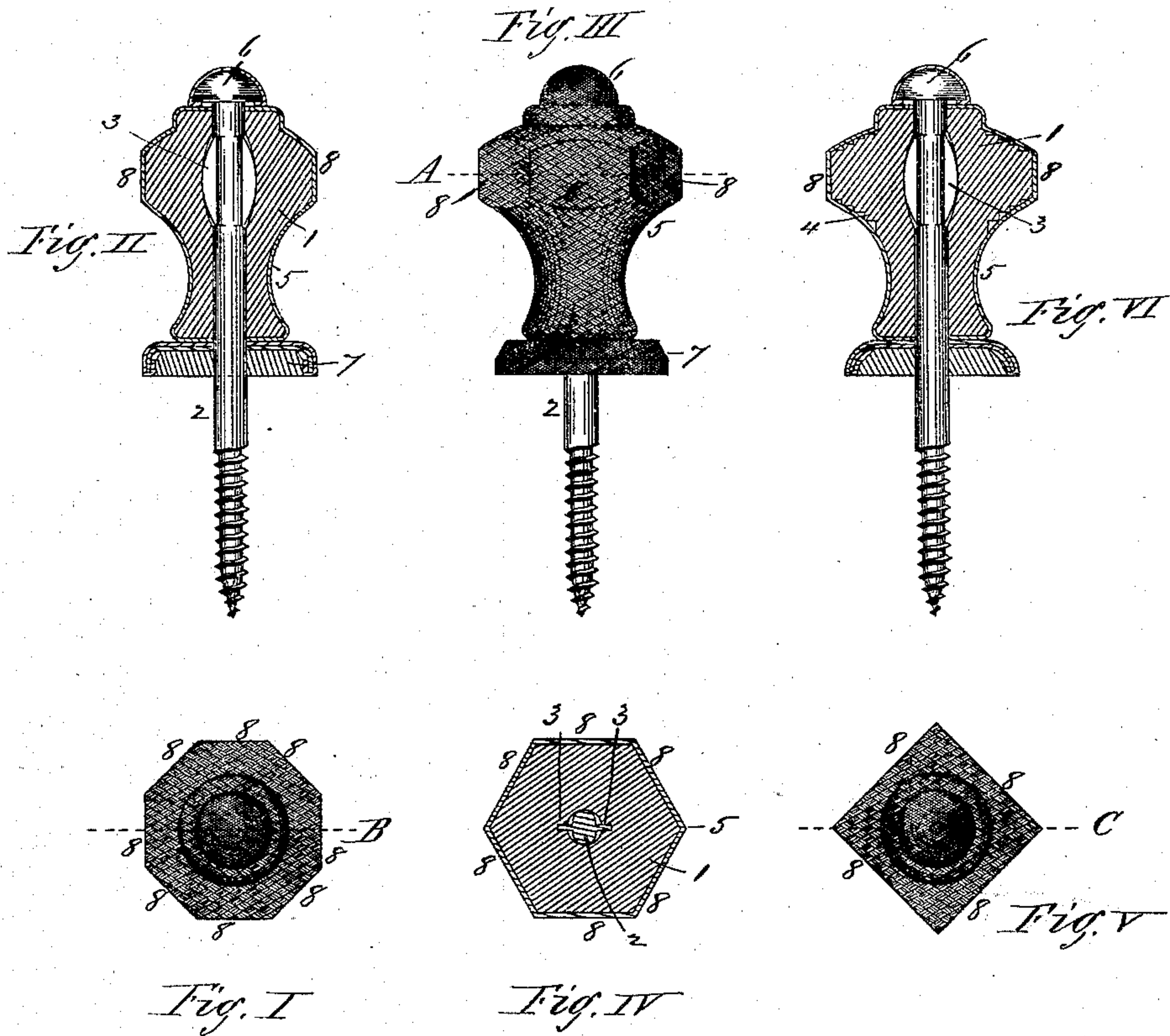
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN C. BROOKS, of Westfield, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and
5 useful Improvement in Casket-Knobs, of which the following is a specification and description.

The object of my invention is to provide a screw-knob for caskets which may easily be
10 screwed into its place in the casket and without soiling or displacing the fabric with which the knob is covered; and I accomplish this by the means substantially as hereinafter described, and illustrated in the accompanying
15 drawings, in which—

Figure I is a plan view of a casket-knob made according to my invention, and which is octagonal or eight-sided, and is covered with a textile fabric. Fig. II is a vertical section
20 of the same at line B. Fig. III is a side view of a knob having six sides and similarly covered. Fig. IV is a horizontal section of Fig. III at line A. Fig. V is a plan view of a knob having four sides, and Fig. VI is a vertical
25 section at line C of Fig. V.

In the drawings, 1 represents a knob, made preferably of wood, and whose general form in horizontal cross-section is circular, except the part near the top, which is seized with the
30 fingers to turn it, and this part I make of angular form in its horizontal cross-section, or polygonal, or having any desired number of straight sides, as 8. The knob 1, I prefer to turn from wood in a lathe of any desired ornamental form, and a hole is made through it
35 lengthwise, and it is then platted with thread or other similar material; or it may be covered with cloth or any desirable textile fabric and the fabric or thread secured to the ends of the
40 knob by any suitable adhesive substance; and I then insert a screw, as 2, into said hole, the head of said screw being covered with a textile fabric, if desired, and its shank, at a point inside the knob 1, being provided with a flange,
45 as 3, on one or more sides, so that when the screw is forced into position within the knob, as shown in Figs. II, III, and VI, the screw may be turned into a hole by turning the knob with the fingers.

50 A base consisting of one or more buttons, as 7, made of wood, metal, or other material, and covered with a textile or other fabric, may be used to give a finished appearance to the knob.

If desired, the wood portion of the knob, at
55 its more curved portions, may be provided with a series of ridges, as at 4 in Fig. VI, to prevent the thread from slipping from its position upon the wood when being platted.

Heretofore platted or covered knobs for
60 caskets have been made of circular form in horizontal section, and when it is attempted to secure the knob in place by turning it with the fingers to turn the screw into its hole in the casket, if it turns a little hard the fabric
65 with which the knob is covered turns upon the knob, gets twisted out of place, and, especially if covered with platted thread, so displaces the latter as to expose the material of
70 which the knob is made through the openings between the threads. Then, again, these knobs are often platted with white silk thread, and as the fingers are apt to slip on the smooth
75 covering in turning the knob into place, the white covering or silk is thereby quickly soiled.

My invention entirely obviates all these objections, as in turning a knob having any
80 number of sides into place the fingers have a firm hold against the two opposite sides, and will not slip therefrom, and the platted thread
85 is firmly held to its place, and is prevented from slipping around on the knob by the angles of the sides, and these sides 8 may be curved or concave instead of straight, in which case the hold of the fingers upon the knob in
85 turning the screw in will be more firm than when made straight.

It is evident that knobs provided with sides, as above described, give a greater variety of
90 design and ornamentation to this class of casket-trimmings, owing to the different number of sides which may be given them.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is—

A casket or coffin thumb-screw knob covered
95 with a textile fabric, provided with angular sides or faces, for the purpose of preventing the displacement or soiling of the fabric and to afford a better surface to be grasped
100 by the thumb and finger while turning the screw into the casket, substantially as described.

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