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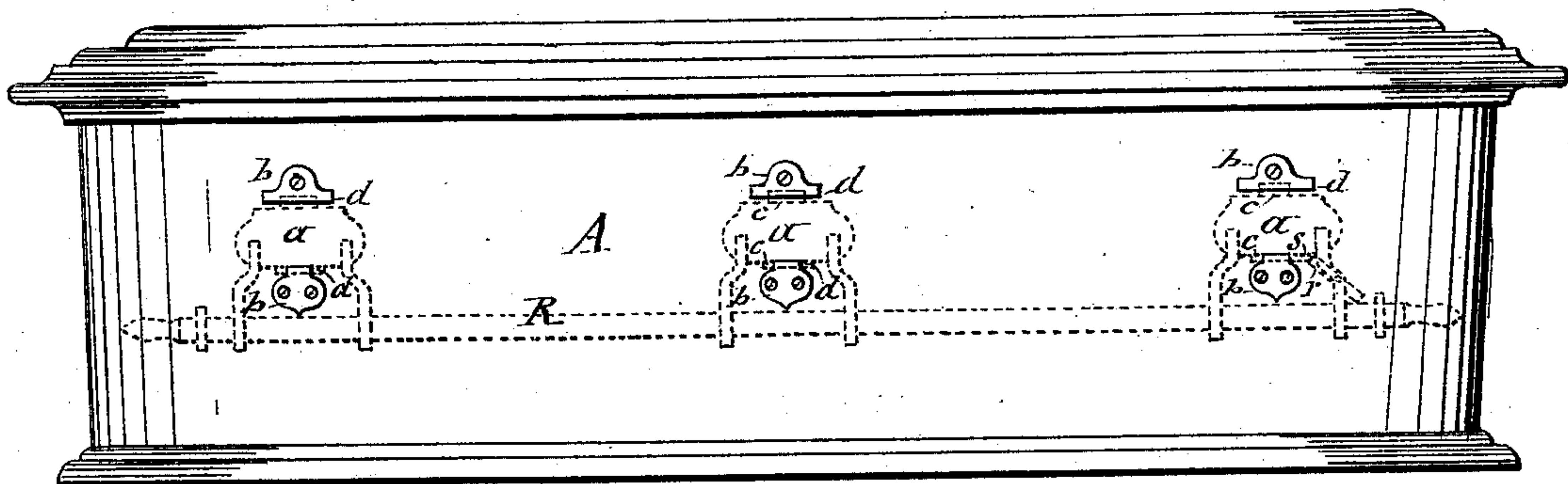


FIG 1-

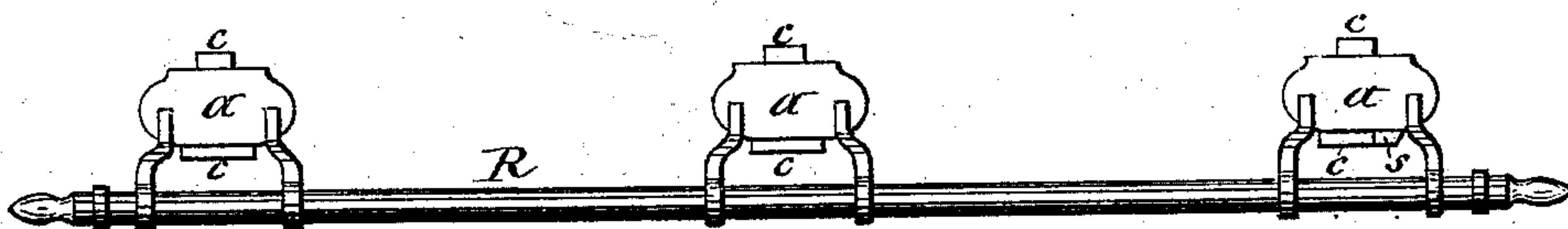


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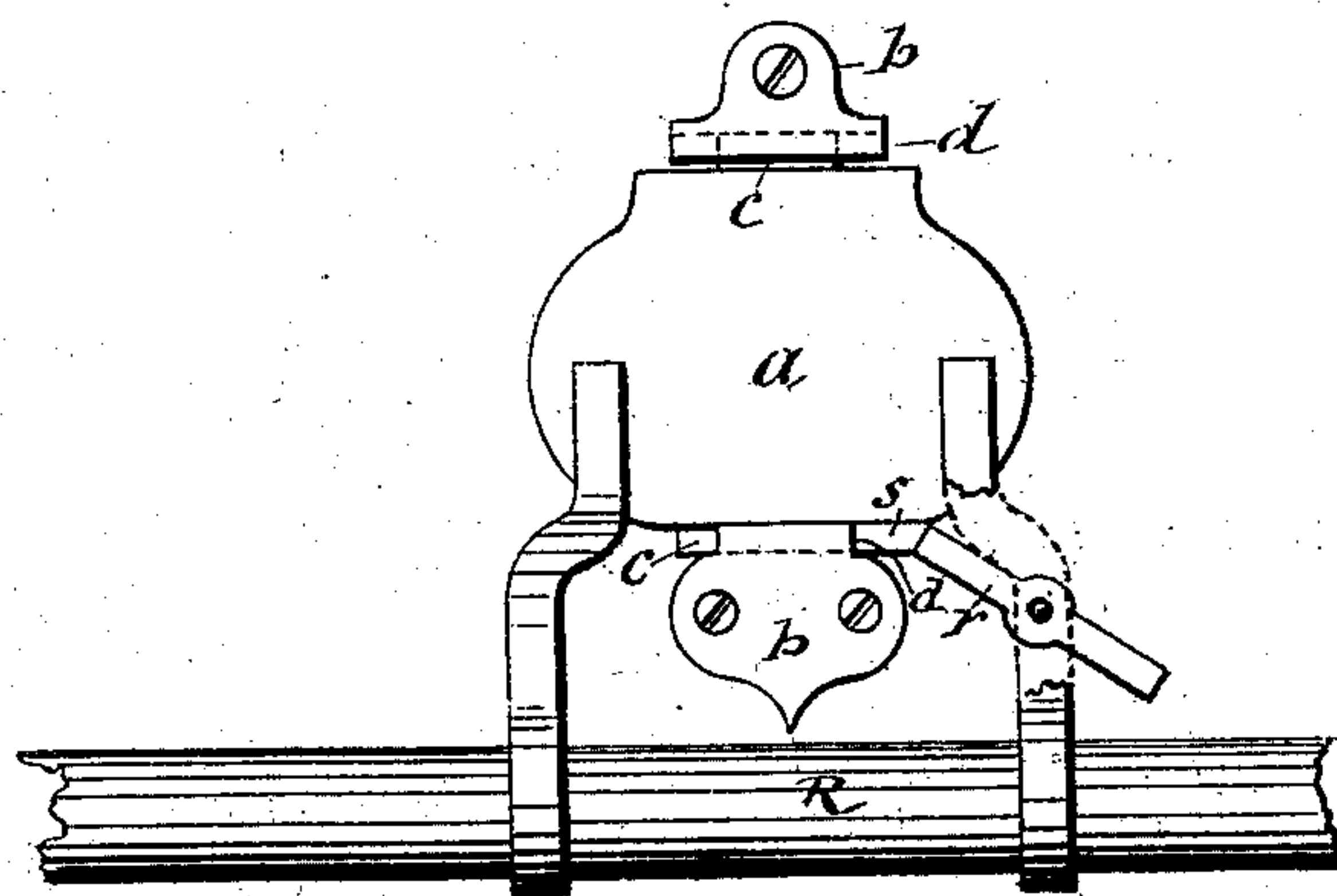
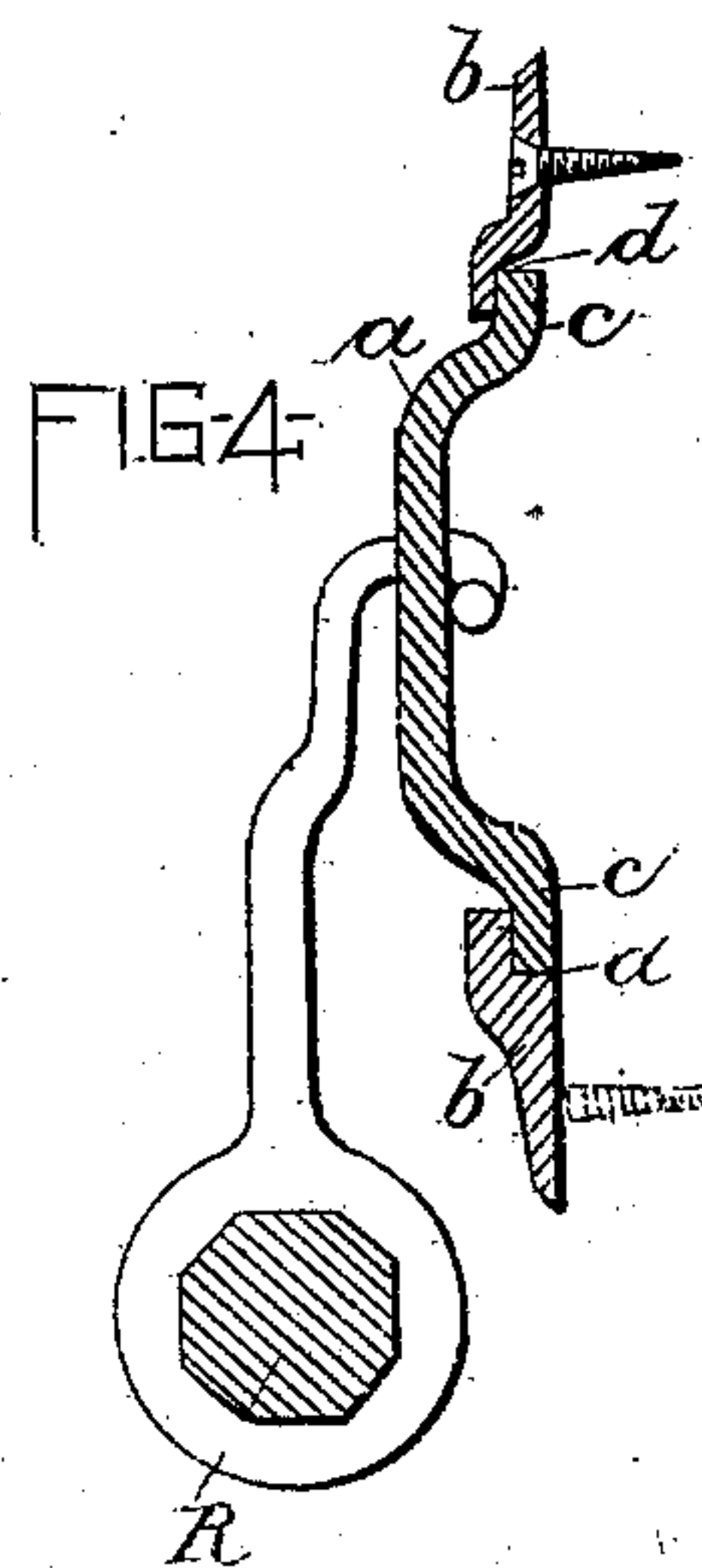


FIG 3-



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COFFIN-HANDLE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN McCARTHY, of Syracuse, in the county of Onondaga, in the State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Removable Handles for Caskets and Coffins, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to the class of handles which are detachably connected to the casket or coffin, so as to obviate the necessity of burying with a casket or coffin the ornamental handles which are usually applied to the side thereof, and to preserve said handles for repeated use, thereby materially reducing the cost of burial-caskets and coffins, or, in other words, admitting of furnishing the same with highly-ornamented and costly-appearing handles without incurring extra expense.

The invention consists in a novel construction and combination of the constituent parts of the attachment of the handles on a burial-casket or coffin, all as hereinafter more fully explained, and set forth in the claims.

In the annexed drawings, Figure 1 is a side view of a burial-casket provided with my invention. Fig. 2 is a detached view of the removable handle; and Fig. 3 is an enlarged detail view of the device by means of which the removable handle is secured to the casket or coffin.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A represents a burial-casket, and R the handle, which generally consists of an ornamented rail extending the length of the casket. Said handle being usually connected at intervals of its length to plates *a a a*, which have hitherto been permanently attached to the side of the casket, the handle thus secured had to be buried with the casket. I obviate this unnecessary waste by providing the plates *a a a* with tongues *c c* respectively on their upper and lower edges, and to the side of the casket

or coffin I rigidly secure clips or plates *b b*, arranged at intervals in the same relative position as the plates *a a* on the handle or rail R, and disposed in sets of two, one above the other, a proper distance apart to receive between them the plates *a*. The plates or clips *b* are undercut or channeled at the back of the edge adjacent to the plate *a*, to form ways *d* for the reception of the tongues *c c* of said plate *a*, the handle being connected to the casket or coffin by sliding the plate *a* between the clips *b* endwise the latter. One or more of the plates *a*, I provide with a stop, *s*, in the form of a boss or projection which collides with the end of the clip *b*, and prevents the plate *a* from passing too far between the clips *b b*.

To lock the handle in its connection with the casket or coffin, I connect to the side of the latter a latch, *r*, or other adjustable locking device adapted to engage with the boss *s*, or with other suitable abutting shoulder on the plate *a*, so as to prevent said plate from sliding back and out from between the clips *b b*.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. The rail R, in combination with the plates *a a a*, provided with tongues *c c*, and the clips *b b*, provided with the ways *d*, and adapted to be rigidly secured to the casket or coffin.

2. The handle or rail R, in combination with the plate *a*, provided with tongue *c* and with the stop *s*, the clips *b b*, provided with the ways *d*, attaching-screws *e e*, and a locking device, *r*, arranged to confine the plate *a* in its connection with the clips *b*, substantially as described and shown.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name and affixed my seal, in the presence of two attesting witnesses, at Syracuse, in the county of Onondaga, in the State of New York, this 29th day of March, 1882.

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