

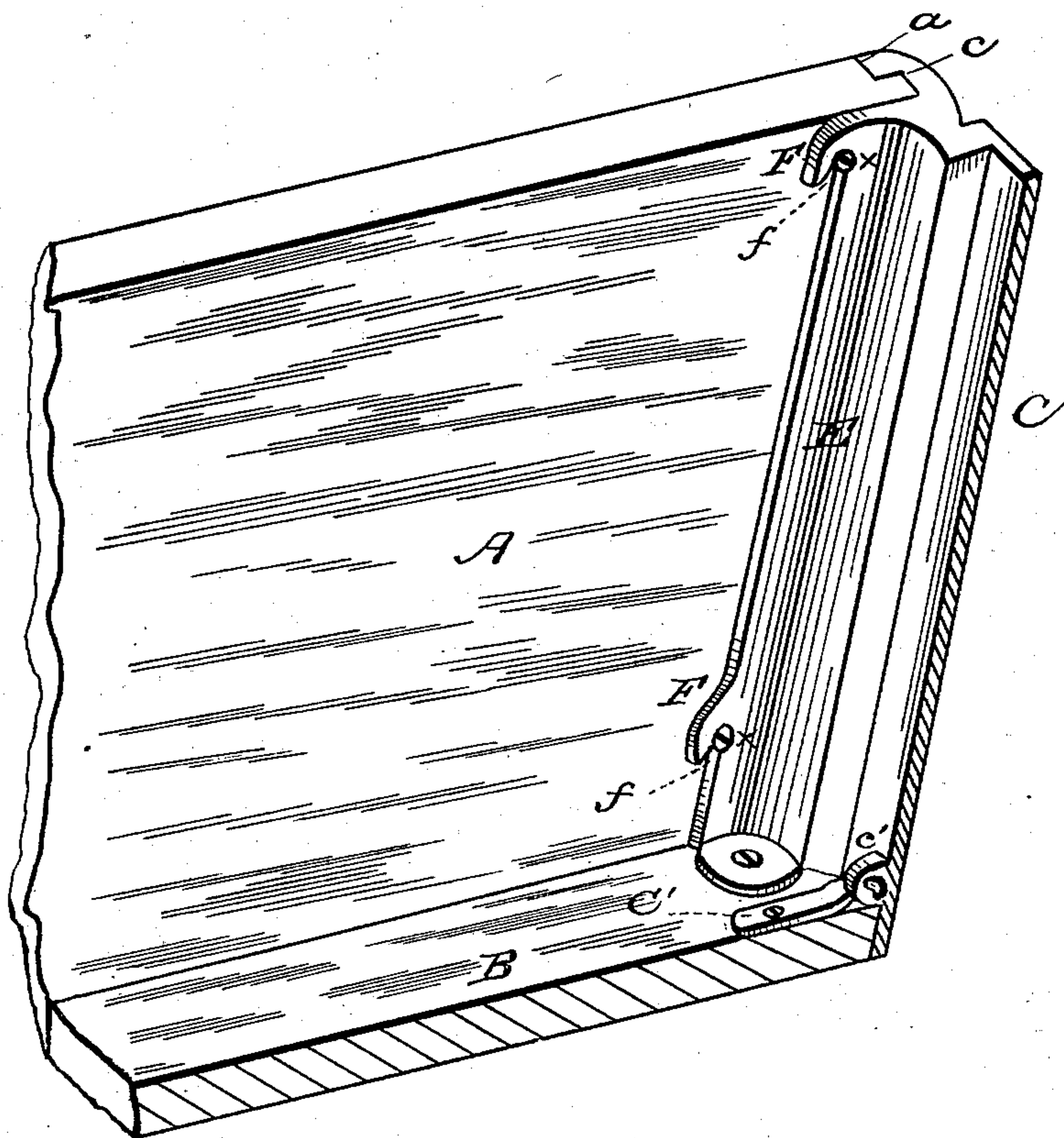
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NELSON WOODRUFF, a citizen of the United States, residing at Grand Rapids, in the county of Kent and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Burial-Case, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in that class of burial-cases that are manufactured, transported, and stored in the "knock-down" condition—that is, in separate parts—and the various parts finally attached when wanted for use.

My invention consists of a combination of parts, all as will hereinafter be described and claimed.

Referring to the drawing, which represents a perspective of part of my improved case, A represents the side of a case; B, the bottom; C, the end piece. The end C is made of a single casting of metal, having the flange E, provided with hooks F, forming open slots *f*, which fit over pins *x* on the inside of side A. The ends of the casting are provided with a groove, *c*, formed by the flange E, and the outside of end, C, and which embraces a tongue, *a*, on the side, A, and together form a close and simple joint. The end C is attached to the bottom B by means of a hook, C', and eye *c'*, and by a screw, C², which passes through a lip, *e*, on flange E. Both ends of the case are attached to the sides and bottom in the same manner as shown in the figure, and the lid or cover is attached in the usual way.

The operation of my device is as follows: The various parts of these burial-cases can be finished separately and stored in less space, thus requiring less shop and warehouse room.

A number of corresponding parts can be packed in one box or package, thus economizing space for stowage during transportation. By the use of hook fastenings I am enabled to set up said case quicker than by the use of fastenings requiring either screws or nails. By the use of ends composed of a single casting I reduce the number of parts and amount of fitting required, and also produce a stronger case, thus effecting a saving in the cost of construction.

I am aware that knockdown coffins and boxes are old, and that the parts of said boxes have been held together by pivoted hooks on one part and staples on the other parts of said boxes. My device differs from that form, in that the hooks are stationary and have an inner inclined face, which, when forced upon the pin, draws the parts together and makes a neat joint, which is not the case when the ordinary pivoted hook is used.

What I claim and wish to secure is as follows:

1. In a burial-case, the combination of the sides having pins, a bottom attached to the sides and having hooks and end pieces, each made of a single casting, and having hooks for the pins on the sides and eyes for the hooks on the bottom, substantially as described.

2. The combination of side A, having pins *x* and tongue *a*, bottom B, having hooks C', and end C, having hooked flange E, F, and *e*, groove C, and eye *c'*, substantially as described.

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