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BURIAL CASKET.

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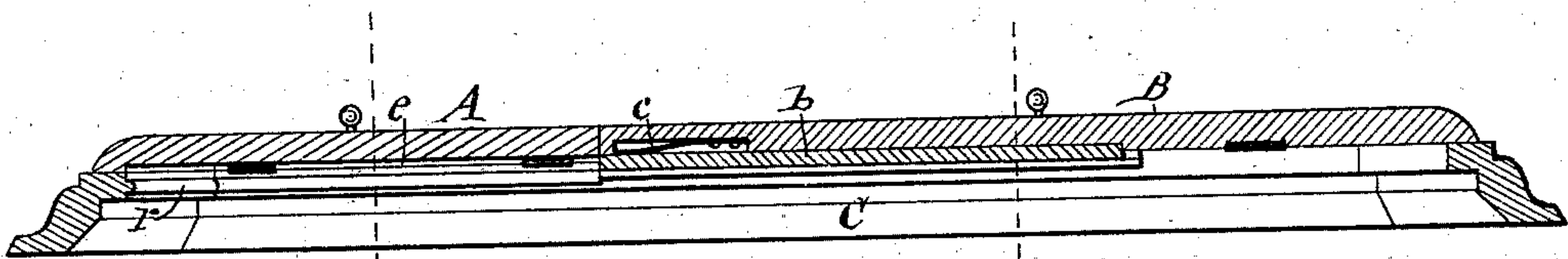
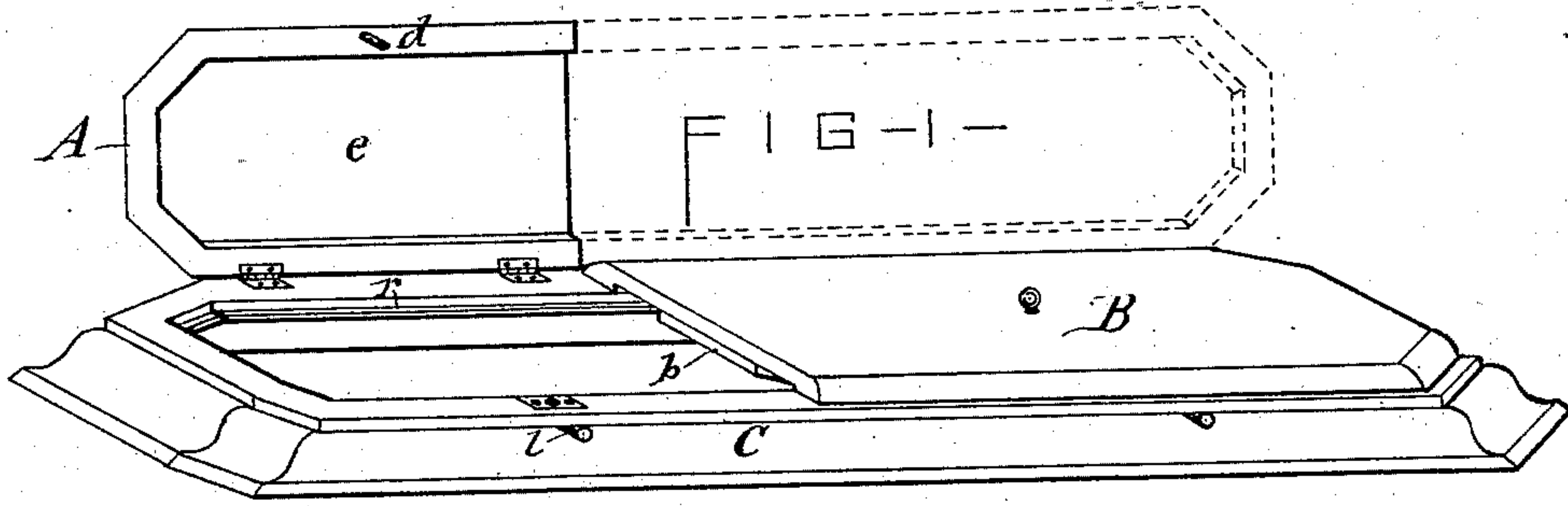


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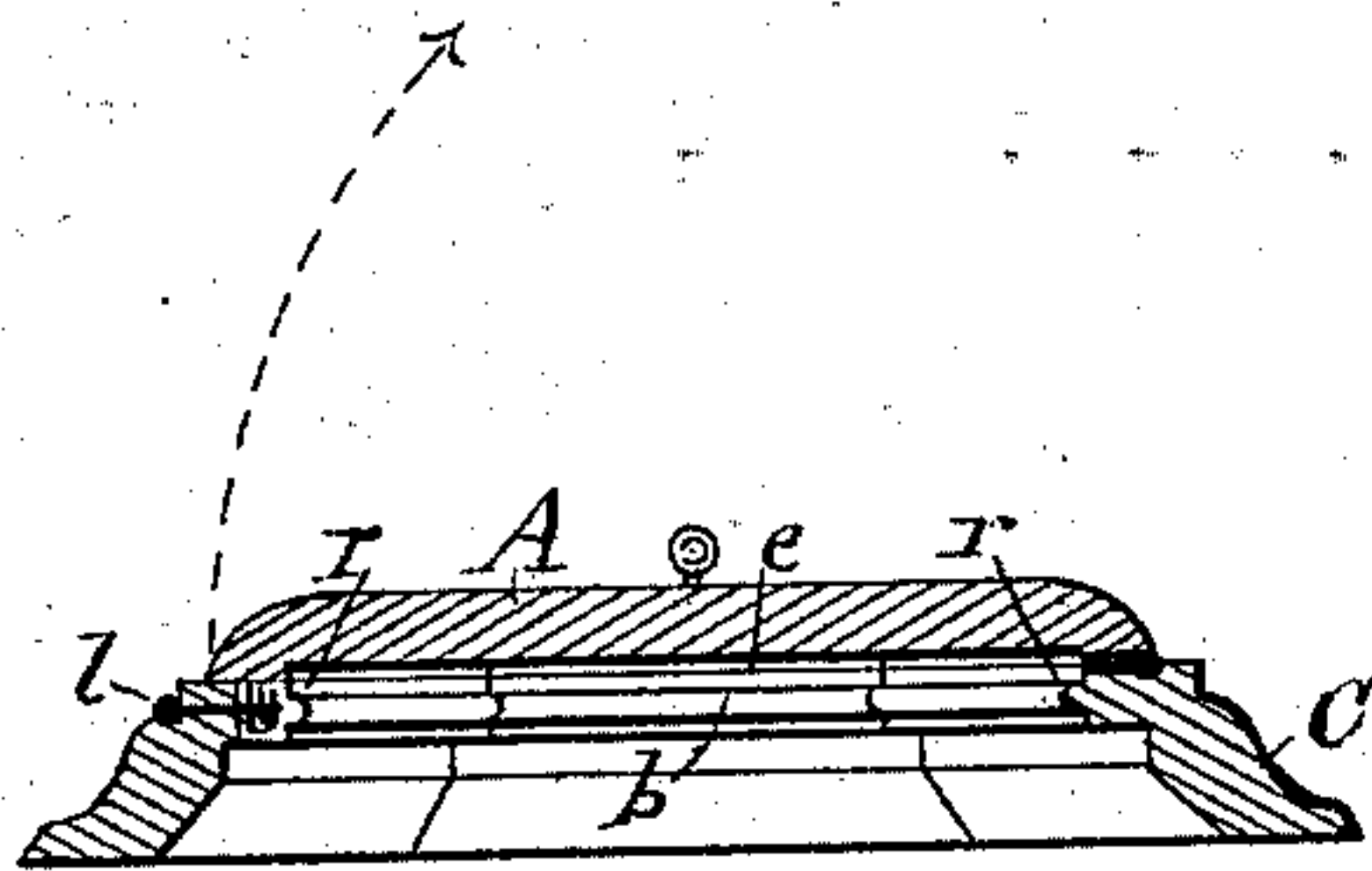


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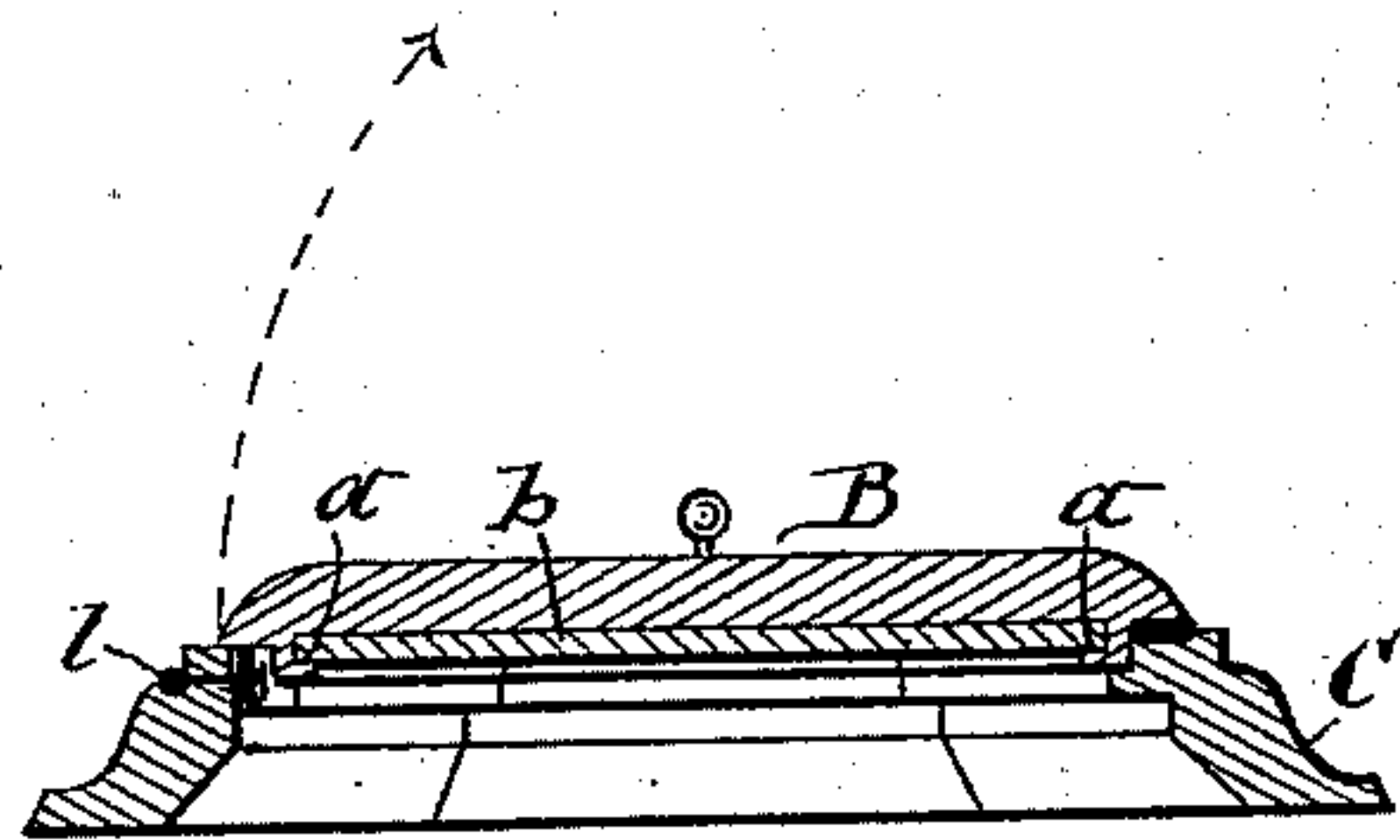


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## BURIAL-CASKET.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 283,002, dated August 14, 1883.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, JOHN MAXWELL and HENRY F. QUINT, both of Oneida, in the county of Madison, in the State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Burial-Caskets, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention consists chiefly in dividing the casket-lid transversely, and hinging the respective sections thereof to the side of the casket, thereby combining three styles of lids—viz., the so-called “quarter-opening,” “three-quarter-opening,” and “entire-opening” lids—which allows either end of the casket to be used for the head portion, and affords ready access to any part of the interior of the casket.

The invention also consists in a novel combination of a sliding face-glass with lid-sections, hinged on the casket, as aforesaid, all as hereinafter more fully explained, and set forth in the claims.

Referring to the annexed drawings, Figure 1 is an isometric view of the top portion of a burial-casket, showing our improved lid in position for exposing the face of the corpse. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical section of the same when closed. Fig. 3 is a transverse section through the head-section of the lid; and Fig. 4, a transverse section through the foot-section of the lid, showing the arrangement of the sliding face-glass.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

C represents the usual top or lid frame, which is generally detachably secured to the top of the casket, its connection therewith being so well understood by those conversant with the construction of caskets as to render it unnecessary to here illustrate the same. Said top frame is provided with a single central opening extending from the head to the foot of the casket.

A and B denote the lid, which is divided transversely at the point where the common head-lid usually joins the stationary foot portion of the lid. These two sections, A and B, we hinge, independently of each other, to the side of the top frame C, so as to allow either or both of said sections to swing upward and outward to the side of the casket. The free edge of the sections A and B is provided with a suit-

able catch, *d*, adapted to engage with a latch, *l*, on the casket-top C. The lid thus constructed admits of opening either end of the casket, and therefore allows either end to be used for the head portion, and by dividing the lid, as aforesaid, the large hinged section B can be used as a three-quarter-opening lid, or the smaller hinged section A may be used as a quarter-opening lid, and when it is desired the entire lid can be opened with the greatest facility. The under side of the large section B is provided with parallel longitudinal ways *a*, on which slides the face-glass *b*, which is of proper size to cover the smaller end portion of the opening in the frame C, said portion of the opening being provided around its edges with a ledge or rabbet, *r*, to support the face-glass when drawn out from under the lid-section B.

*c* is a spring-bar attached to the under side of the foot-section B, and bearing with its free end on the face-glass, to hold the same and prevent its rattling when slid underneath the foot-section of the lid.

Having described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination of the top frame, C, having a central opening extending from the head to the foot of the casket, and the lid composed of sections A and B, hinged, independently of each other, to the side of frame C, substantially as described and shown, for the purpose set forth.

2. The combination of the top frame, C, having a central opening extending from the head to the foot of the casket, and provided with the ledge *r* around one end of said opening, the lid divided transversely, and having its sections hinged to the side of the frame C, the way *a*, secured to the under side of the lid-section B, and the face-glass *b*, sliding on said way and ledge, all constructed and combined substantially in the manner shown and set forth.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto signed our names and affixed our seals, in the presence of two attesting witnesses, at Oneida, in the county of Madison, in the State of New York, this 18th day of October, 1882.

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