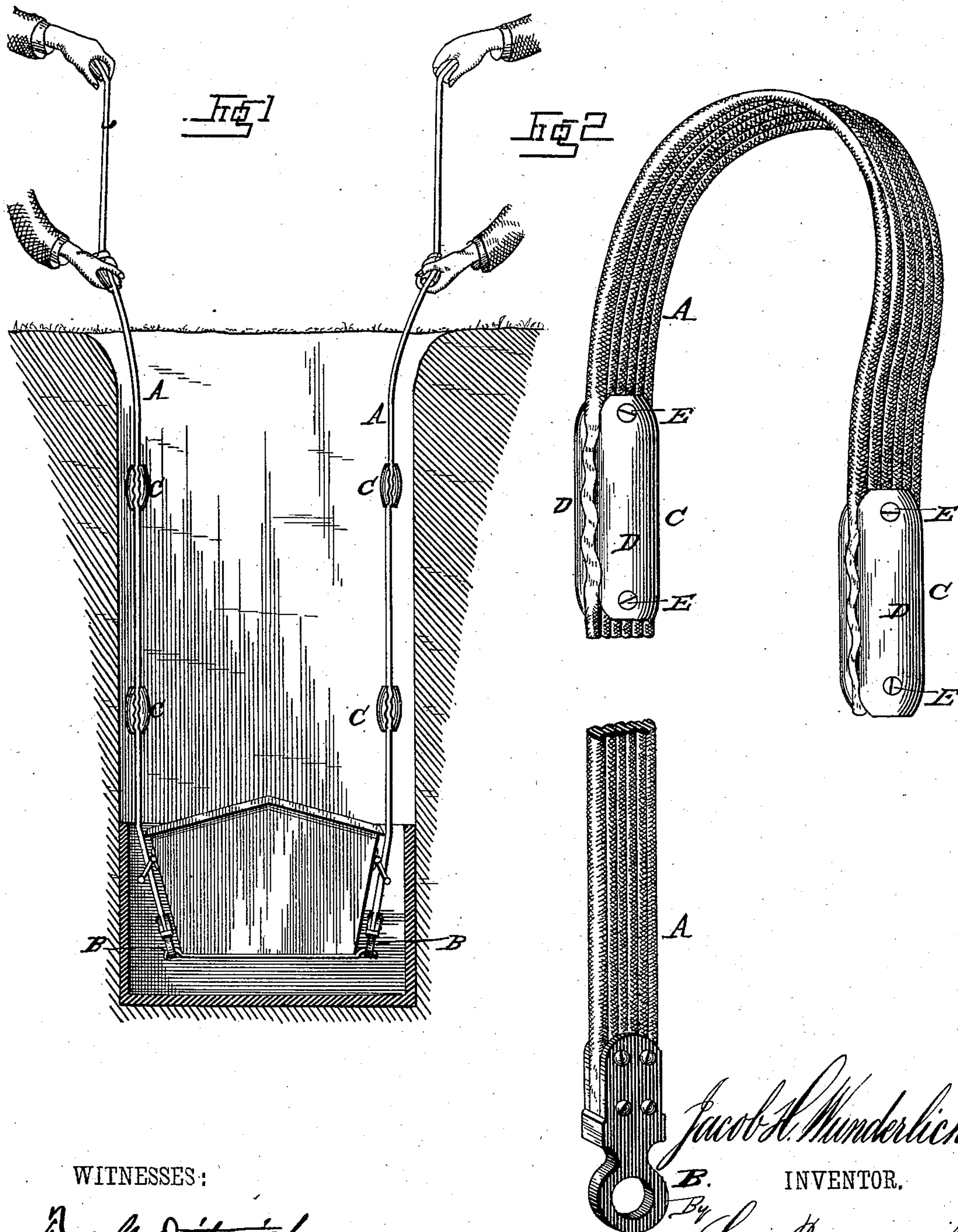


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB H. WUNDERLICH, of Allegheny city, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Burial Apparatus; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a sectional view of a part of a grave and a casket, showing the application of my device; and Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the device detached.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the figures.

My invention has relation to apparatus for lowering coffins into graves; and it consists in the improved construction of a strap having knobs or handles upon the same at intervals, offering points of resistance in lowering the coffin into the grave, as hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, the letter A indicates a strap of leather, webbing, or other flexible material provided at its lower end with a hook or ring, B, adapted to engage a ring or hook upon the coffin. The strap is provided at intervals with knobs or handles C, consisting of two semi-cylindrical blocks, D, having rounded ends placed one upon each

side of the strap, and secured by means of screws E, passing through the blocks and the strap. It will be seen that by having these knobs fastened upon the strap they will offer places of resistance for the hands of the persons lowering the coffin, enabling them to lower it with greater ease and safety, and by hooking the eyes upon the lower ends of the straps into hooks upon the sides of the coffin they may be easily unhooked when the coffin is in the grave and removed, doing away with the trouble often experienced where the coffin is lowered by means of plain ropes passed under the coffin.

I am aware that a rod having knobs fastened upon it at intervals has been made and patented, and I do not claim, broadly, a lowering device having knobs or handles; but

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

The herein-described device for lowering coffins, consisting of the strap A, having ring B at its lower end, and blocks D, secured in pairs upon the same at intervals by means of screws E, as and for the purpose shown and set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereunto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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