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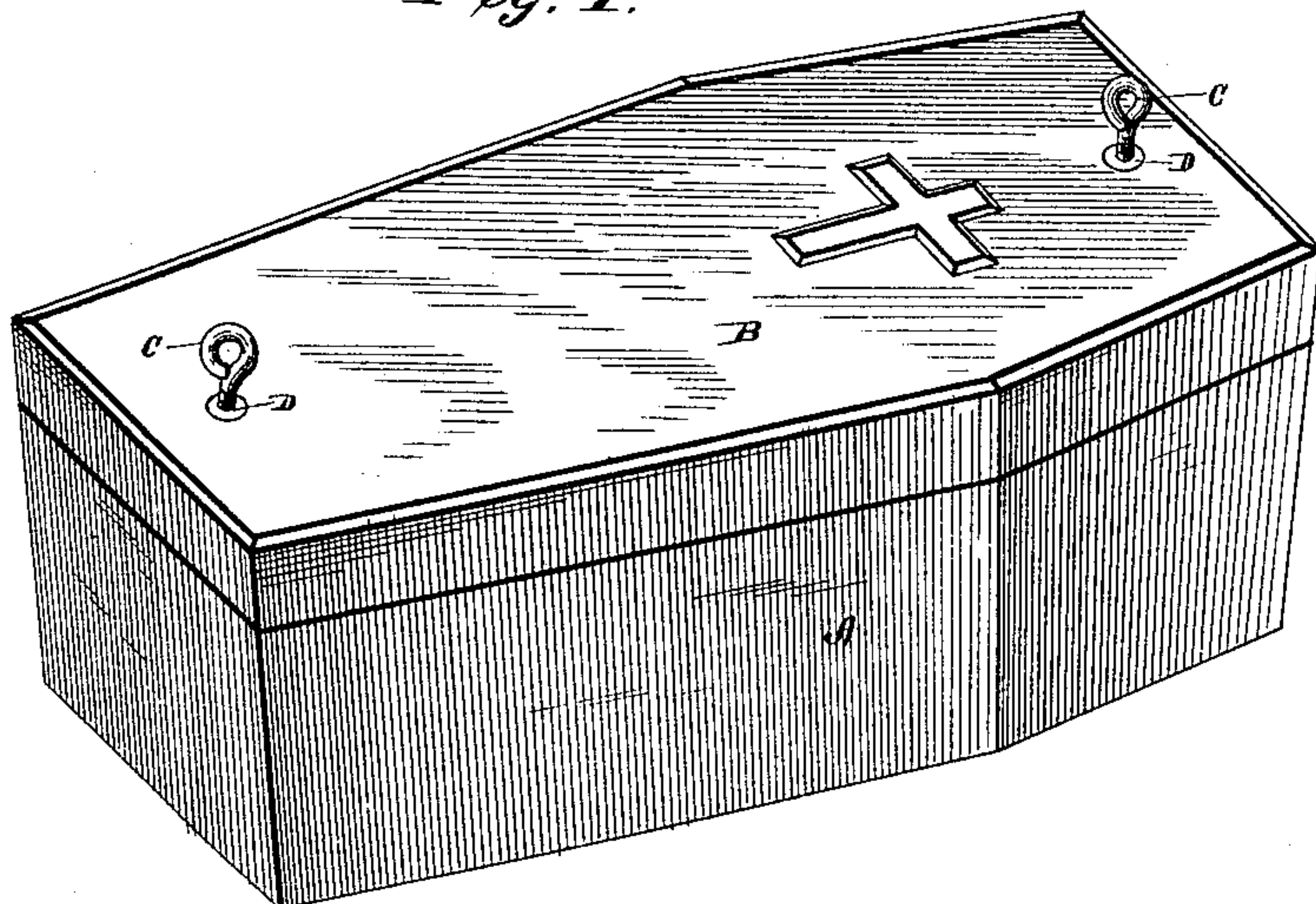
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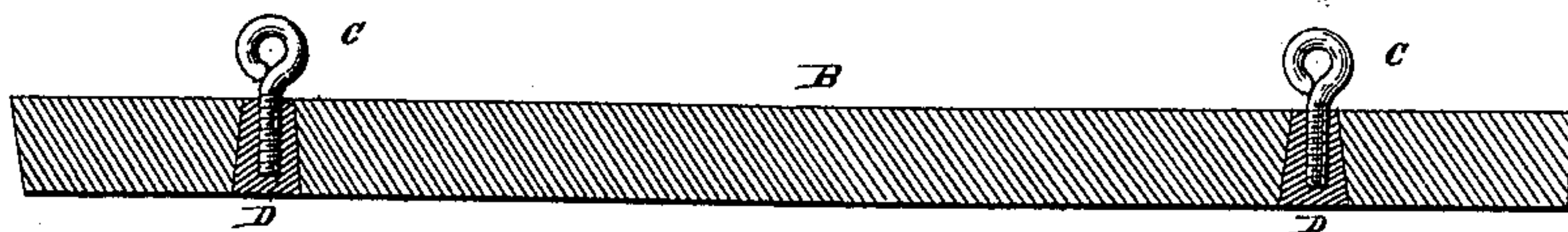
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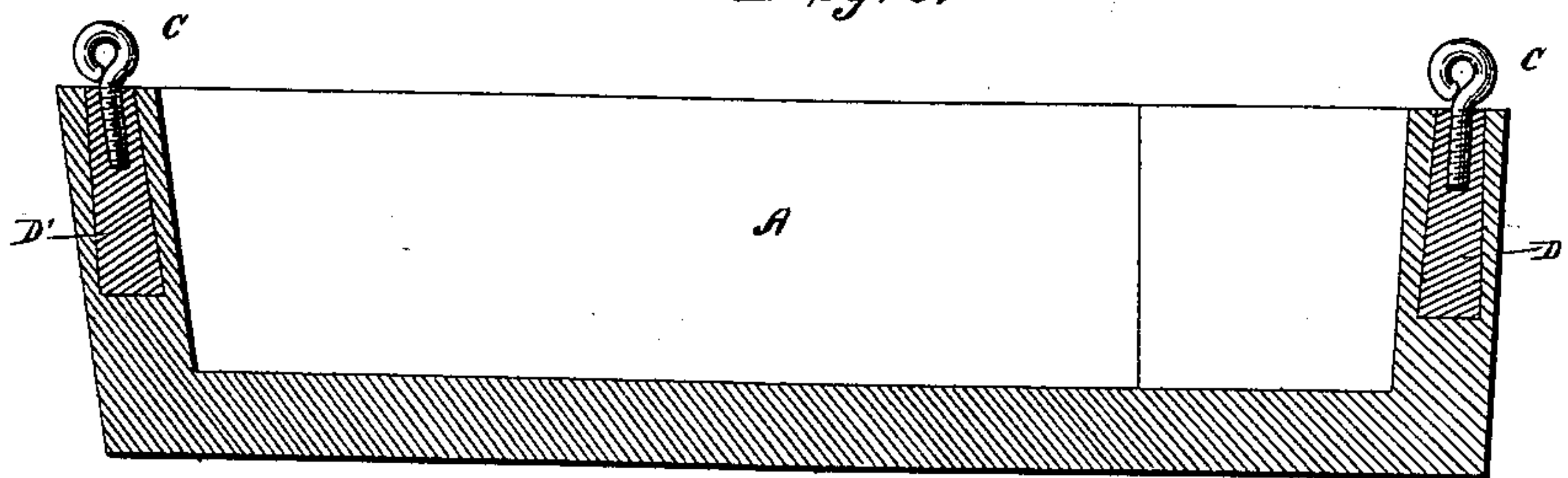
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## COFFIN.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WM. R. HASSARD, a citizen of the United States, residing at town of Union, in the county of Hudson and State  
5 of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Coffin-Cases, of which the following is a specification, reference being had there to the accompanying drawings.

My improvement relates to burial-cases;  
10 and the object I have in view is to construct a case of any suitable artificial stone material, but preferably of sand and cement united in any of the well-known proportions to set and harden quickly, the cover and body of said  
15 case being provided with metallic burrs, which are embedded in the material while in a plastic state. Suitable threaded eyebolts are made to screw into these burrs, by means of which the case, as well as its cover, may, by means  
20 of suitable cords, be easily lowered into position in the grave.

In the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, Figure 1 represents a perspective of the case with cover connected.  
25 Fig. 2 represents a longitudinal section of the cover, and Fig. 3 a longitudinal section of the body.

In the figures, A represents the body of the case, and B the top or cover. The body and  
30 the cover are both molded, preferably, of a composition of sand and cement.

D and D' represent threaded burrs, which are embedded in the material while in plastic form, but which are open at top for receiving  
35 the eyebolts C C, which are also threaded to correspond with the burrs. These burrs may be tapering in shape on their outside, or may be headed or provided with suitable prongs, to prevent their drawing from the parts after  
40 they have become hardened.

The burrs of the body of the case are inserted in the center of its ends, and are flush with its upper edge. The burrs of the cover may be placed a short distance from its ends.

Molds for making this case will be the subject 45 of another application.

In using this case, when it is to be lowered into a grave, the eyebolts C are inserted in the burrs D' of the body, and then by suitable derricks or otherwise it is placed. The casket  
50 is then lowered into the case. The eyebolts are removed from the body and inserted in the burrs of the cover, and it is lowered upon the body, and there cemented, so that the case is made air-tight. The eyebolts are removed  
55 from the cover to be used on future occasions.

This case, it will be perceived, is not only air-tight, but indestructible, and may be made very useful in the transportation of infected  
60 bodies.

I am aware that coffin-case lids have been made with screw or bolt holes extending entirely through said lids and to meet holes or openings in the body of the coffin-case, whereby the two may be secured together by  
65 suitable bolts or screws inserted from the upper side of the lid; hence I disclaim the same as my invention.

The openings in my case and cover are blind, being closed at bottom. 70

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A burial-case constructed of plastic material, substantially as described, both the  
75 body and the cover of said case having metallic burrs molded therein, said burrs being provided with blind openings, whereby I am enabled to use removable eyebolts in the placing of the case and guard against the en-  
80 trance of air, as herein specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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