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Fig. 1.

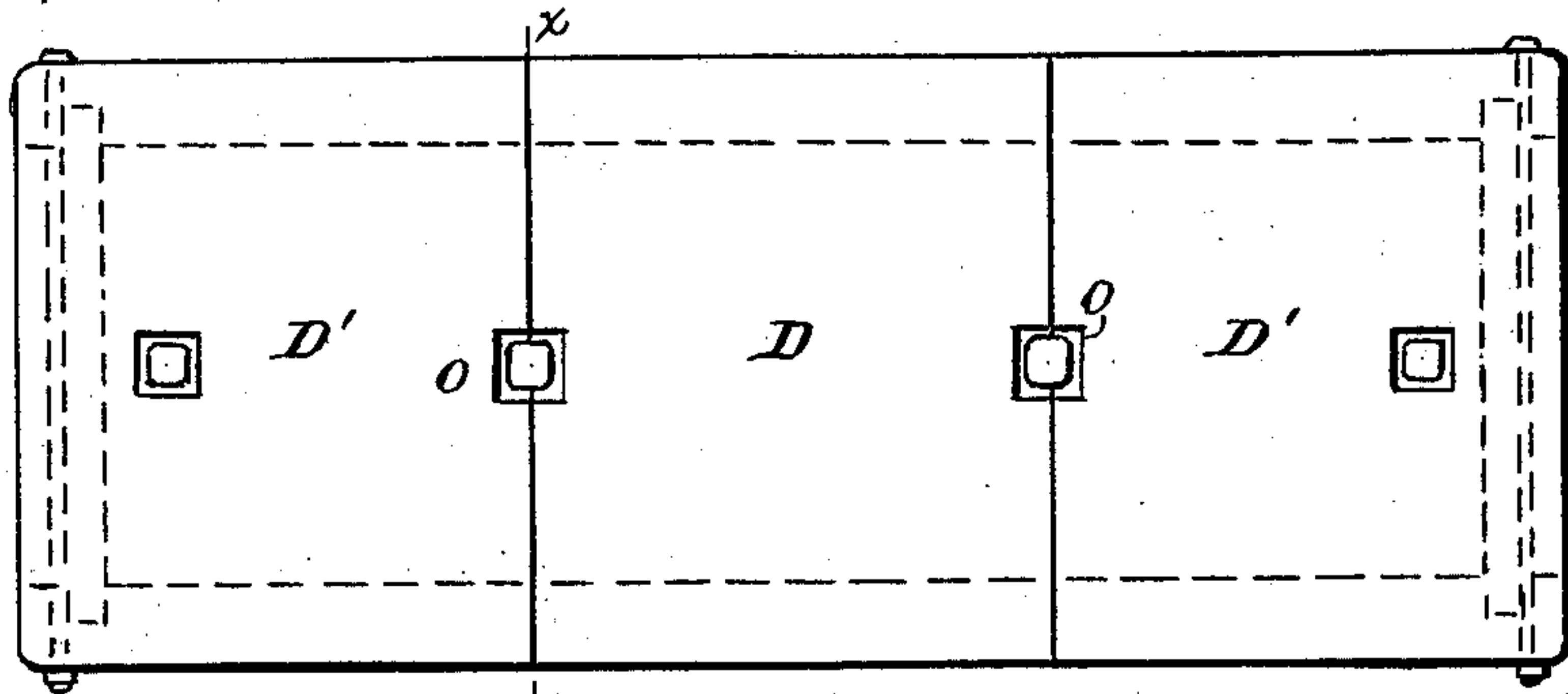


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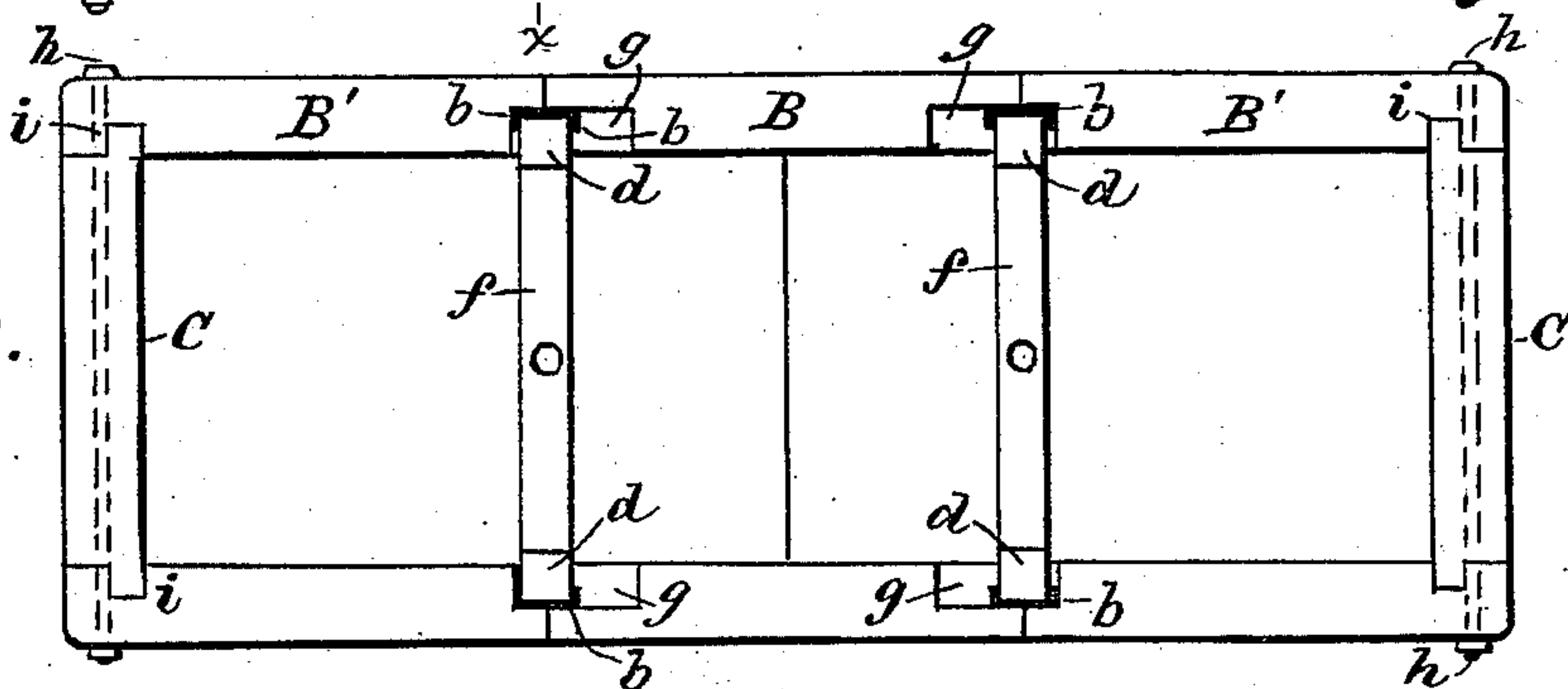


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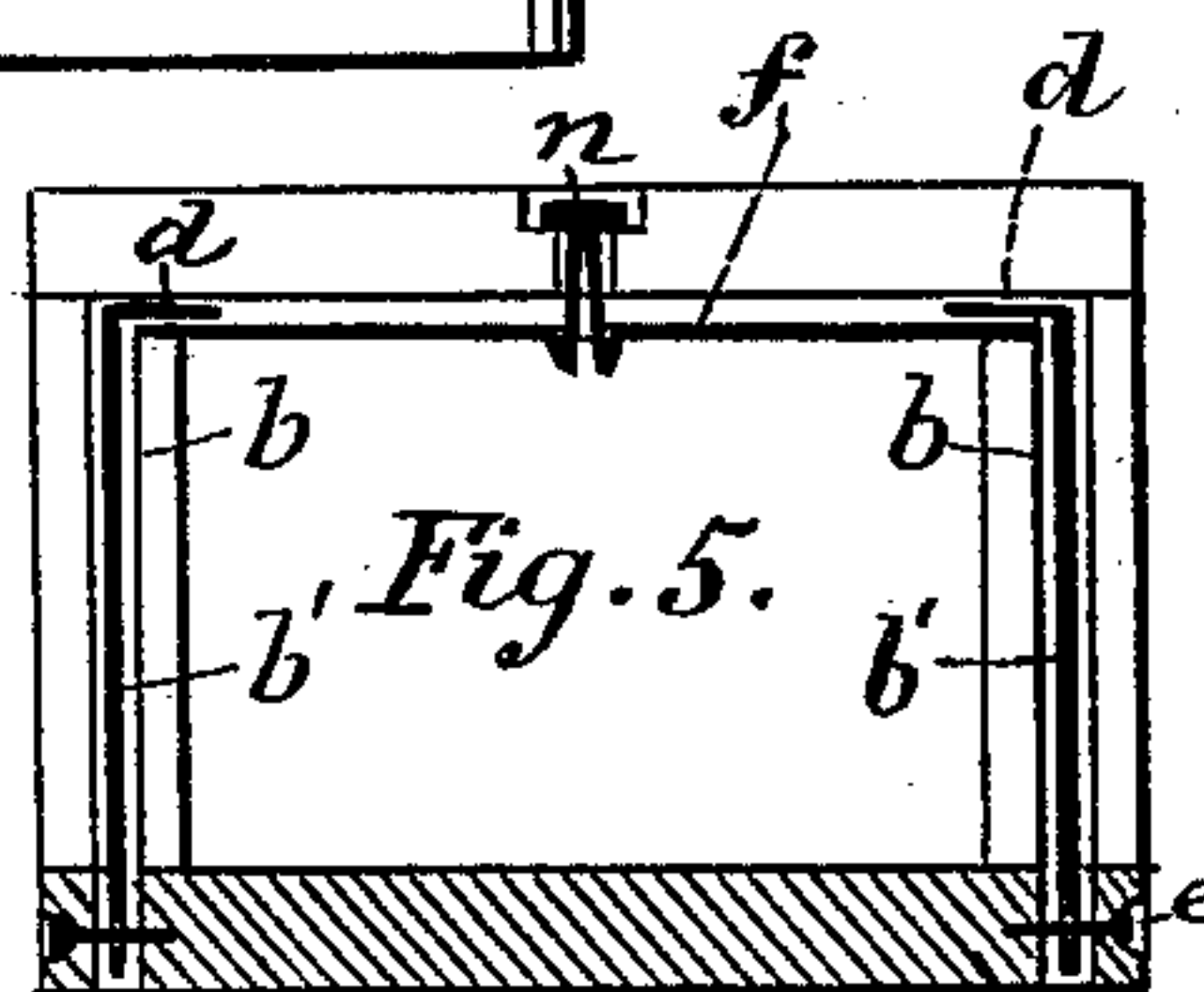
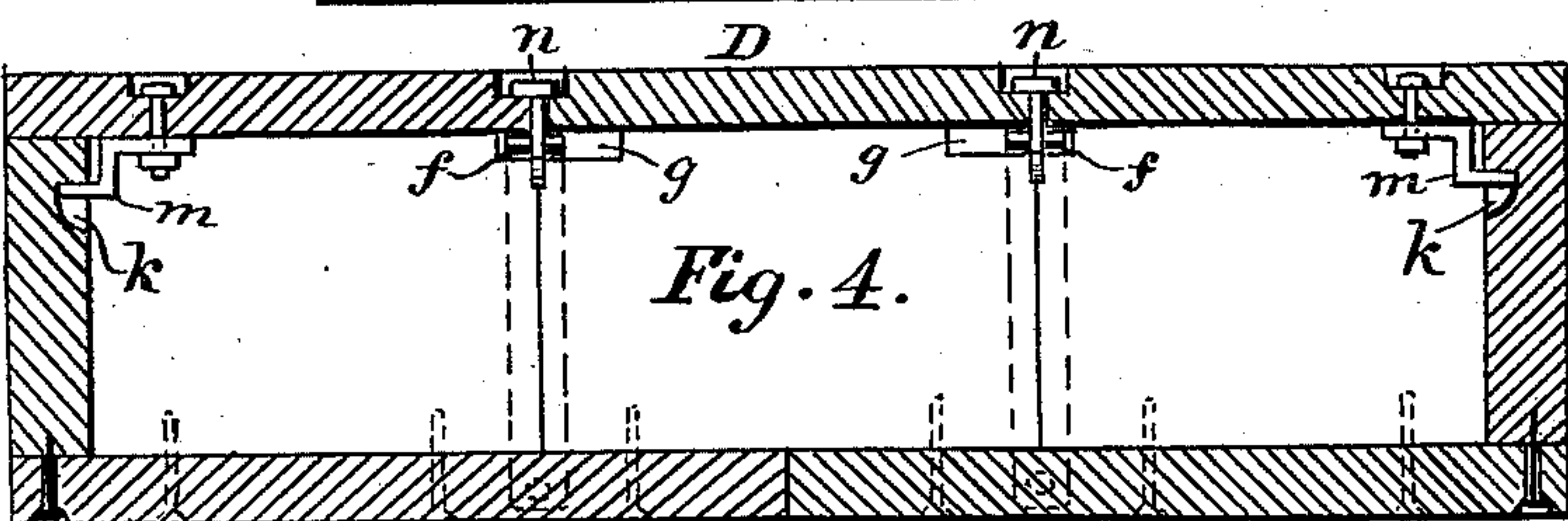
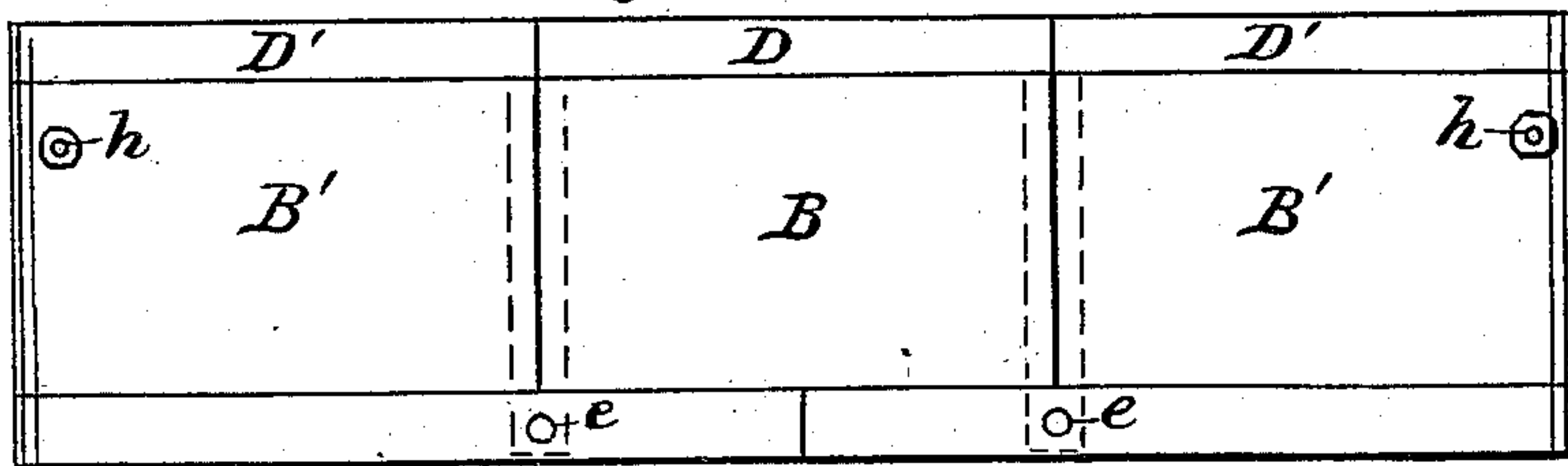
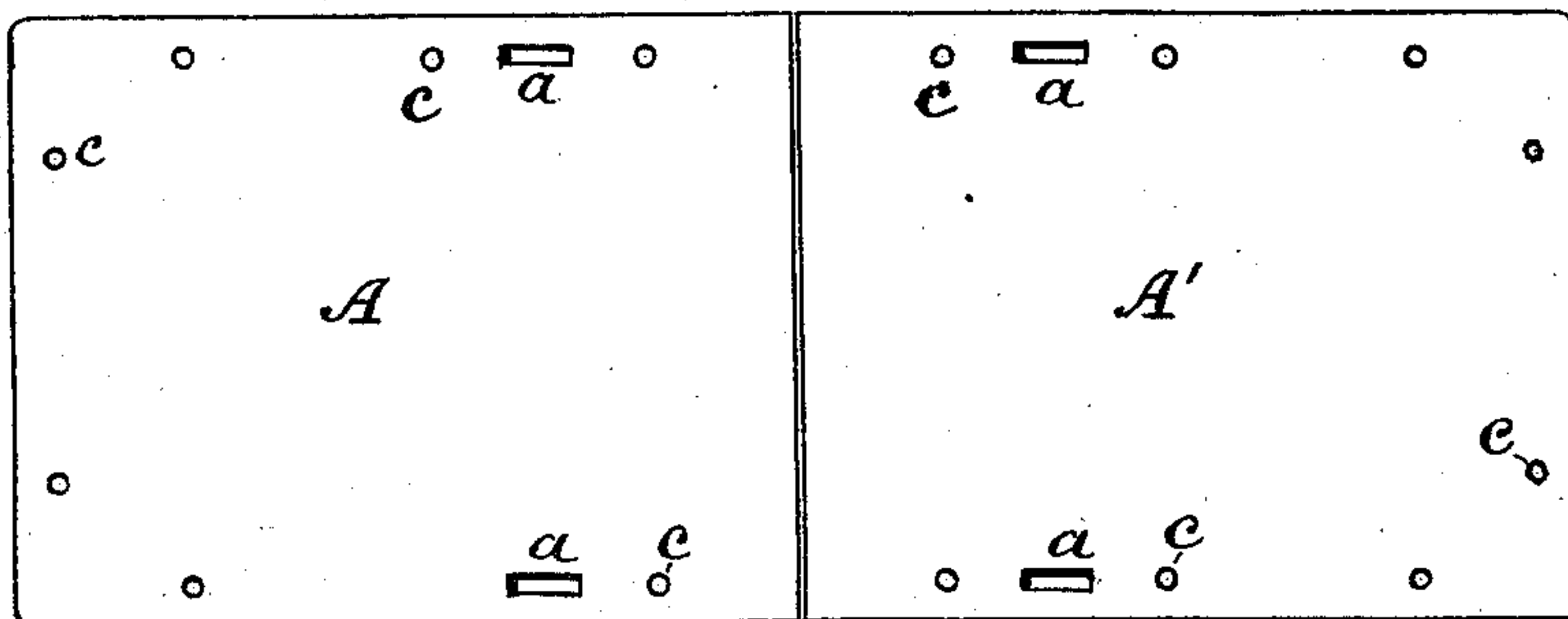


Fig. 6.



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## BURIAL-CASE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, RICHARD W. GRIFFITH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Burial-Cases; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being made to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan or top view of my improved burial-case. Fig. 2 is a like view, the cover being removed. Fig. 3 is a side view. Fig. 4 is a central vertical longitudinal section. Fig. 5 is a cross-section taken on line *xx* of Fig. 1. Fig. 6 is a plan of the bottom sections of the case.

The case is usually constructed of artificial stone and cement or other similar material which can be molded, and the main parts are made in sections. The bottom part, on which are placed the side and end pieces of the case, is preferably made in two sections, (designated A and A',) each of which is formed with slots or lengthened apertures *a*, to receive the lower ends of metallic straps or binders, as herein-after stated. Bolt-holes *c* are provided along the edges of the bottom sections for securing them to the side and end pieces.

Each of the sides of the case is preferably constructed in three sections, being a central section, B, and two sections, B', each adjoining section B. The vertical edges of the section B and the edges of the sections B', adjoining it have grooves *b* formed in them, and when the sections are in place the grooves of the central section, B, are in line with the grooves of the adjoining sections B', as shown, thus forming passages or openings in which are inserted the binders or straps *b'*. These binders extend downward into the apertures *a* in the bottom sections, and are secured therein by bolts or pins *e*. The upper ends of the binders are bent inward at right angles to form the hooks *d* to retain the bars *f*, which are placed across the case at the top before the top sections are applied, the ends of said bars resting on the upper edges of the sides and extending under

the hooks or bent ends *d* of the binders. The upper edges of the side pieces are recessed or sunken at *g*, to allow the placing of bars *f* with their ends under hooks *d*, which are also allowed to sink slightly, so that the cover may set closely on the casing.

The end pieces, C, are secured to side pieces, B', by bolts *h*, one passing through each end piece lengthwise and through the side pieces, the parts having bolt-holes for such purpose. The said end pieces also have tongue-and-groove joints with side pieces, as shown at *i*. On the inner sides of the end pieces are formed recesses *k*, to receive the points of the goose-necks *m*, fastened to the cover of the case, as shown.

The top or cover of the case is preferably made in three sections, being a middle section, D, and two end sections, D', the divisions, when the sections are in place, being over the cross-bars *f*. The goose-necks *m* are fastened to the under sides of sections D' in position to extend into the recesses *k* when said sections are in place, and thus secure the ends of the cover to the casing. The end sections being placed, the middle section, D, is placed between them and the cover is secured by means of key-bolts *n*. At each joint of sections D and D' and on the center line of the cover is formed a bolt-hole, *o*, and a countersink, and a key-bolt is driven through each bolt-hole and through a central hole in a cross-bar, *f*, below, the head of the bolt resting in the countersink. The key-bolts, expanding after being driven home, effectually secure the cover-sections to the cross-bars *f*.

After the parts of the case are secured together, as described, the heads of bolts are covered with cement, and any openings that may be found are filled with the same, and a close tight case is thus formed.

I claim—

1. In a burial-case the sides of which are made in sections, the said sections provided with grooves in their adjoining edges, straps or binders extending downward in said grooves and having their lower ends secured to the bottom of the case, their upper ends being bent inward, and cross-bars secured to the

cover of the case and having their ends extending under the bent ends of the binders, substantially as and for the purposes described.

2. In combination with the casing of a burial-  
5 case, the cover formed in several sections, which are secured by key-bolts passed through holes at the joints of sections and through cross-bars secured to the casing, and the goose-necks fastened to the end sections and adapted

to enter recesses in the end pieces of the case, 10 substantially as set forth and described.

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

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