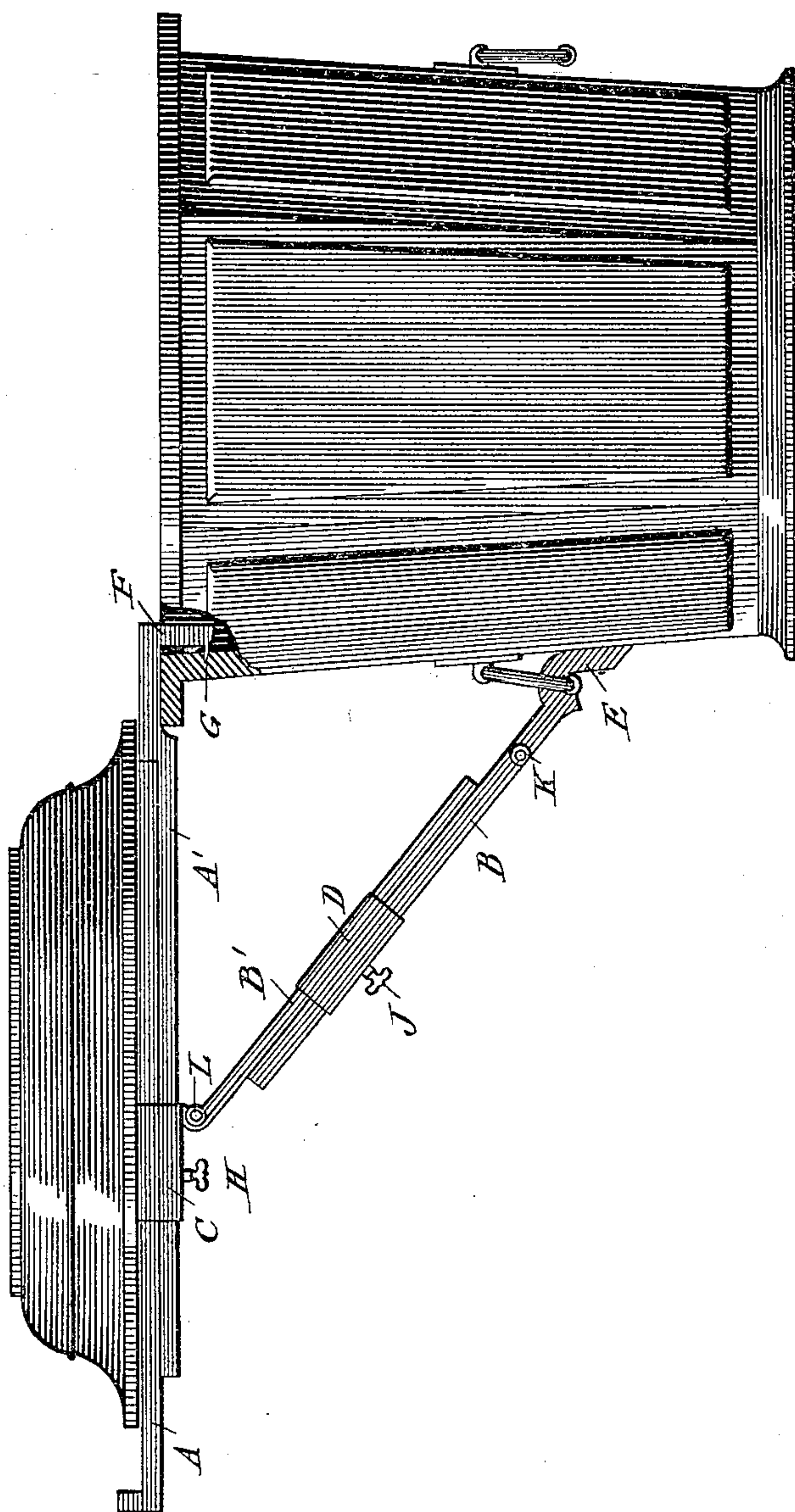


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES E. McLAUGHLIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Loudonville, in the county of Ashland and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Adjustable Bracket for Temporarily Supporting the Lids of Coffins and Caskets; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others to make and use the same.

My invention consists in a bracket which may be quickly and easily attached to any coffin or casket for temporarily supporting the lids of the same for inspecting the corpse or for other purposes, and which when not in use may be folded for convenience in carrying.

In the drawing the figure is an end elevation, partly in section.

A and A' are arms upon which the lid of the coffin or casket rests, and which are capable of being extended.

B and B' are braces for supporting the arms A and A'.

C is a slide or case in which the arms A and A' slide.

D is a slide or case in which the braces B and B' slide.

E is a hook which fits over the handle of the coffin or casket and is one of the supports of the bracket.

F is a hook which fits over the top of the coffin or casket and forms one of the supports of the bracket.

G is a sharp point which is forced into the inner side of the coffin or casket to give firmness to the bracket.

H is a thumb-screw which when tightened keeps the slide C and also the arms A and A' in position.

J is a thumb-screw which when adjusted keeps the braces B and B' in position.

K is a hinge by which the hook E is attached to the brace B and which permits folding.

L is a hinge by which the braces B and B'

and are attached to the slide C and which permits folding.

When the bracket is arranged as shown in the figure, it is operated as follows: The hook F is placed over the top of the coffin or casket and is secured in place by the point G, and the hook E is placed over the handle of same. The braces B B' and the arms A A' are then moved out to the required length. The thumb-screws are then adjusted, and the lids of the coffins or caskets may rest directly on the arm A A'.

When not in use, the thumb-screws may be loosened, the arms and braces moved up, and the parts folded by means of the slides and joints K and L, so that the bracket may be conveniently carried.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. The combination, with adjustable arms for supporting the coffin-lid, of extension-braces supporting said arm and having hinged connection therewith, substantially as described.

2. The combination, with the extensible arms A A', and slide C, embracing the same, of the adjustable braces B B', one of which is hinged to said slide and the other provided with a hook to engage the handle of the coffin, substantially as described.

3. The combination, with the adjustable arms A A', the latter provided with hook F and sharp point G, of the slide C, embracing said arms, the braces B B', the latter, B', hinged to said slide, and the hook E, pivoted to the brace B and adapted to engage the handle of a coffin, substantially as described.

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

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