

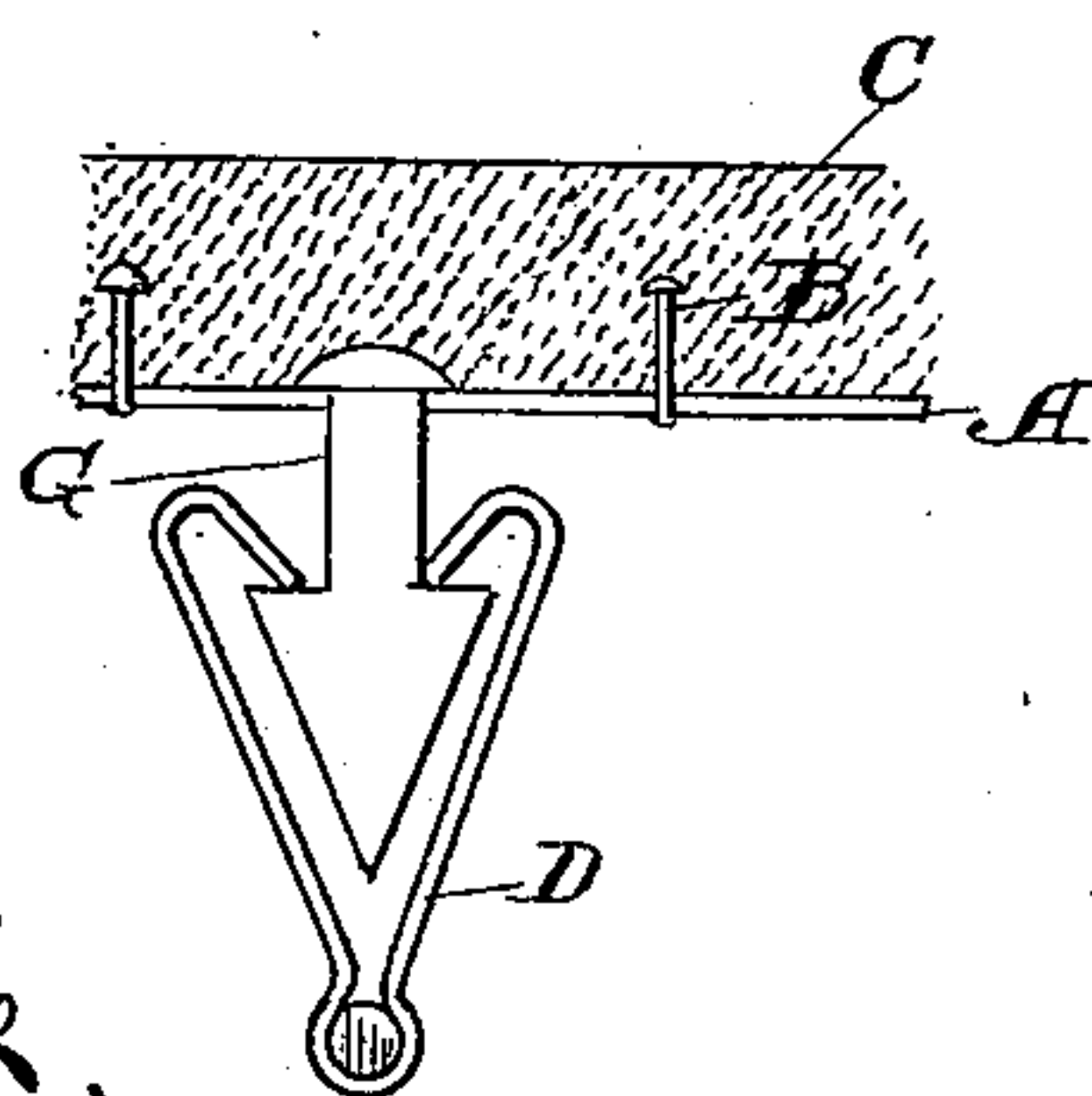
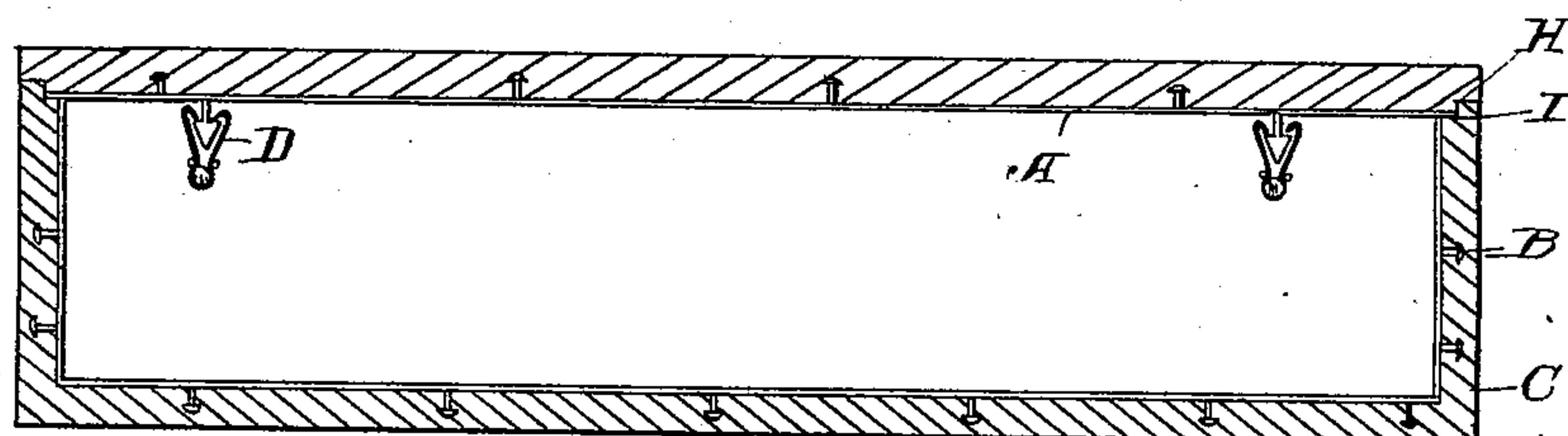
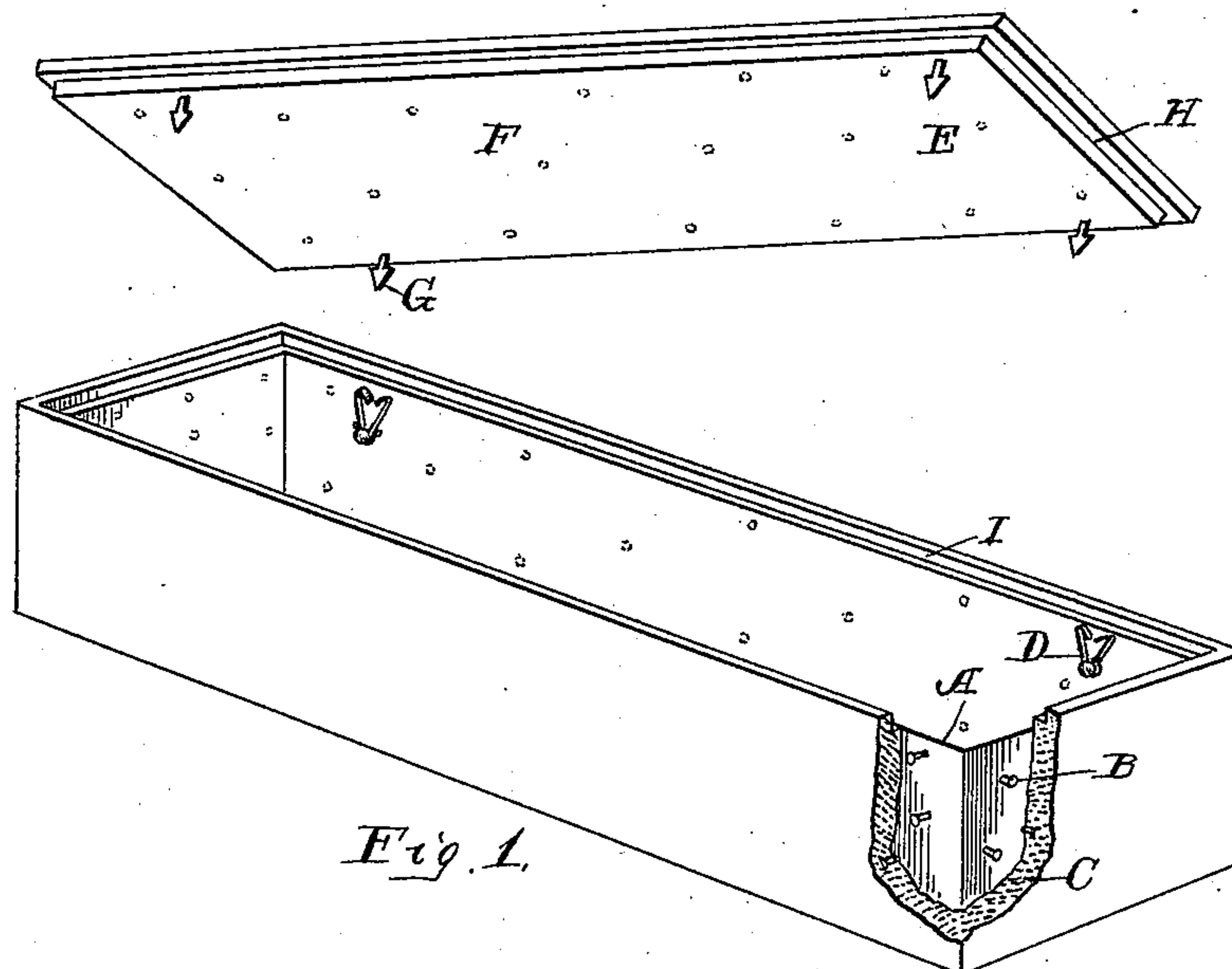
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS H. MOONEY, of Covington, in the county of Kenton and State of Kentucky, have invented a new and useful
5 Improvement in Burial-Cases, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view, with the corner partly cut away, of my improved burial-
10 case with the lid removed therefrom; Fig. 2, a sectional view of the side of the case, and Fig. 3 a view of the spring-fastening detached.

My device relates to an improvement in burglar and water proof burial-cases to be dis-
15 posed within the vault so as to receive the coffin therein, consisting of a metallic inward case provided outwardly with an artificial-stone incasement at the sides and bottom as well as on the upper face of the lid. The outer
20 side of this metal case is provided with studs so disposed that the artificial stone will adhere firmly to the said metal case. Inwardly the case is provided with suitable springs, while the lower side of the lid is provided with
25 metal arrow-heads to engage with the said springs when the lid is placed in position on the case, all of which will now be fully set forth in detail.

In the accompanying drawings, A represents a metallic case, of suitable size to receive the usual coffin, provided on the outer side with a series of lugs or studs, B. These studs pass through the sides and ends of the metal case, and are headed on each end. Surround-
35 ing this case I provide an artificial-stone incasement, C, of a suitable thickness, which is molded around the case A and retained in position by means of the studs B. In lieu of the studs B, I sometimes find it convenient to use
40 simply a dovetailed bead on the outer side of the metal case A, to which the artificial stone C adheres, as I find it necessary to provide a means of securing the artificial stone on the case, as it will not ordinarily adhere thereto.
45 On the inner upper side of the case I provide springs D, formed with two oppositely-disposed openings at the top.

The lid E of the device, as shown in the draw-

ings, is formed on the inner side with a metal sheet, F, to correspond with the sides of the
50 case A, and above and outwardly therefrom is provided with the artificial-stone incasement C. The lower part of this lid F is provided with a series of solid-metal arrow-heads, G, so disposed thereon as to engage with the spring
55 forming the fastening D on the inner side of the case A when the coffin is disposed therein and it is desired to close the vault. The lid E is provided with a rabbet, H, which corresponds with the rabbet I on the upper edge
60 of the case.

I desire to use a thin coating of cement upon the upper edge of the case A, so that when the lid E is placed in position it will be entirely
65 air and water tight. When the said lid is placed in position, the arrow G engages with the springs forming the catch D, and said lid is thereby held in position. As will readily
70 be noticed, the lid E is designed to be placed in position after the coffin has been placed within the case, and said fastenings are so dis-
posed as to be unapproachable from the outside, which makes it burglar-proof.

I am aware that it is not broadly new to combine artificial stone with metal in making
75 caskets, coffins, or burial-cases, and also that it is not new to provide projections attached to the metal part, whereby the union between the stone and the metal is effected; also, that spring-catches have been used to hold the lid
80 upon the body.

What I claim is—

In a burial-case, the lid E, rabbeted on its edges at H, and provided on its lower side with the solid arrow-heads G, combined with
85 the iron and metal case A B, the latter rabbeted around the edge at I, and with the springs D on the inside of the metallic case, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I
90 have hereunto set my hand, this 23d day of October, 1886, in the presence of witnesses.

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