

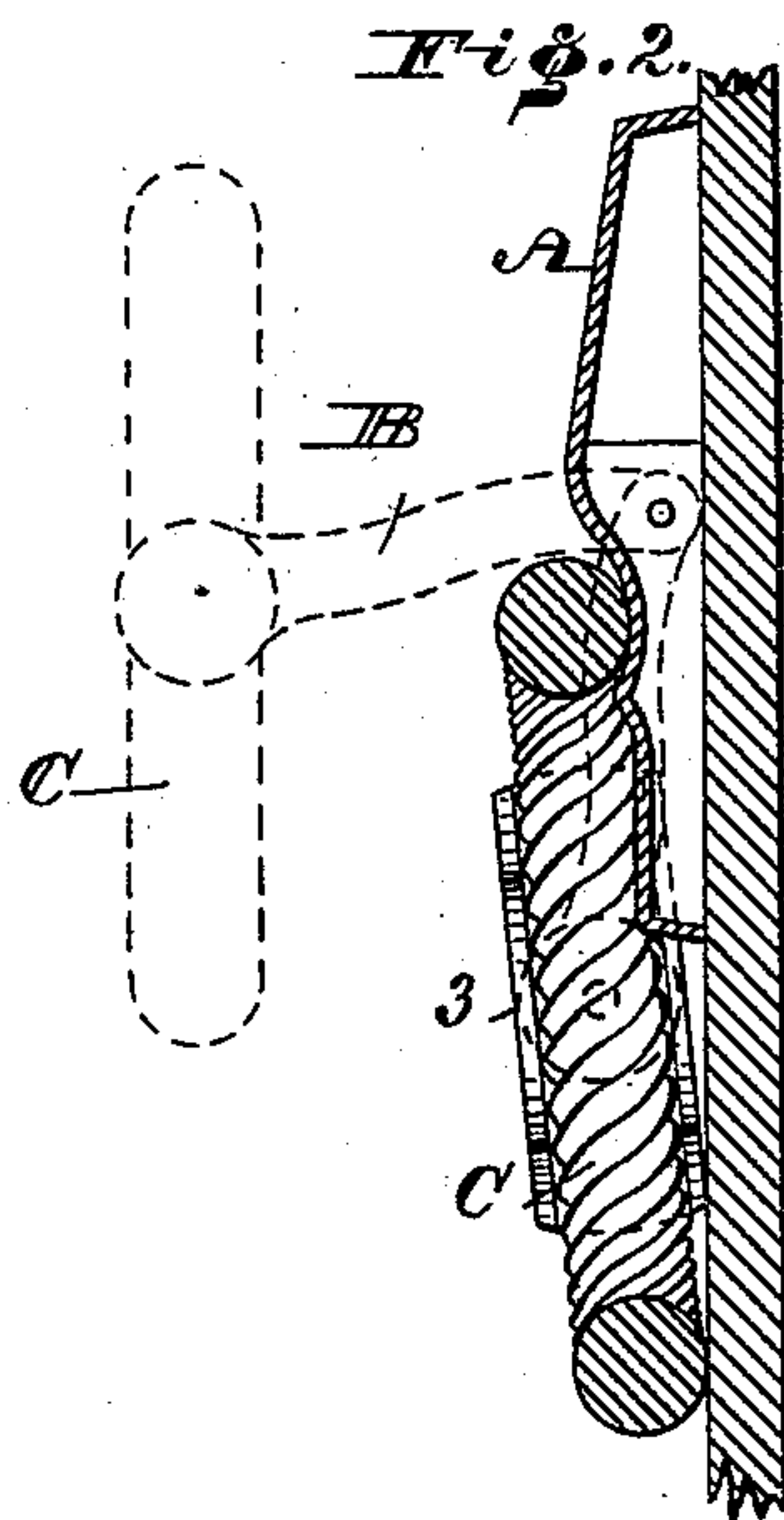
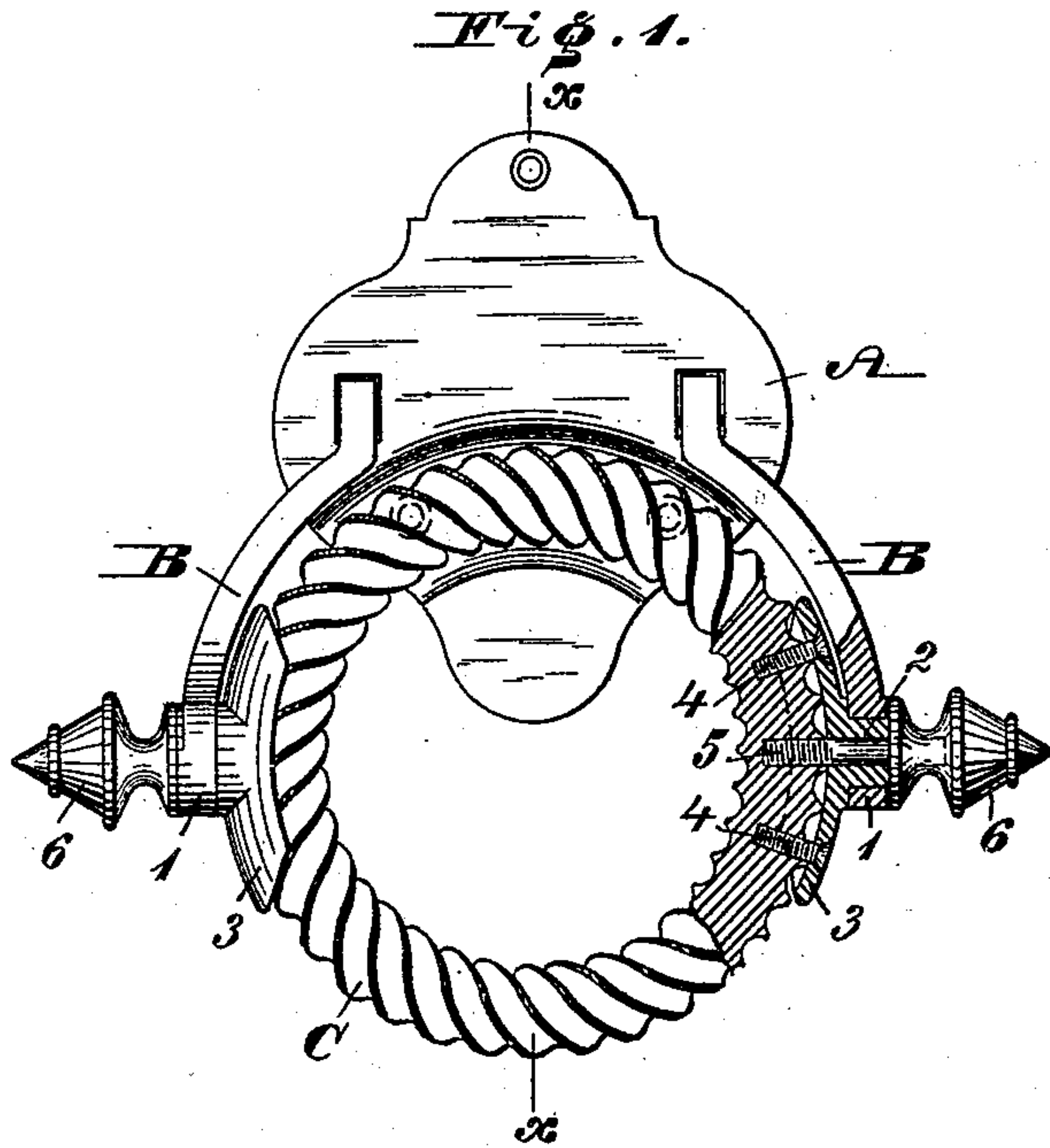
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, BENJAMIN C. KOEHLER and DAVID HEER, citizens of the United States, residing in the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Handles for Coffins and Burial-Caskets, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings.

Our invention consists of the handle of a coffin or burial-casket, having an annular or circular grip and means for journaling the same, whereby advantages are produced, as will be hereinafter fully set forth.

Figure 1 represents a partial front view and partial vertical section of the handle of a coffin or burial-casket embodying our invention. Fig. 2 represents a vertical section on line *x x*, Fig. 1.

Similar letters and numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in the two figures.

Referring to the drawings, A represents the attaching-plate of the handle of a coffin or burial-casket, and B the swinging arms pivoted thereto and supporting the grip or grip portion C, said parts being formed of metal or other suitable material. The lower ends of the arms B are formed with bosses 1, in which are fitted laterally-projecting journals 2, the latter being cast with or otherwise secured to segments 3, whose inner faces are grooved to receive the sides of the grip C, said segments being secured to said grip by means of screws 4 or other suitable means. Passing through the journals 2, segments 3, and grip C are screws 5, whose heads 6 are on the outside of the journals and serve to prevent disconnection of the grip from the arms B, it being evident that the grip is firmly sustained on said arms. The grip is of the form

of an annulus; but may be that of an oval or a quadrilateral or other angular figure, so as to present the appearance of an open frame, the upper wall or portion of which may be grasped by hand for carrying purposes. In the present case the grip is spirally grooved, whereby it may be readily covered with silk or other suitable thread. Furthermore, the grip is pivotally connected with the arms B, owing to the side journals, 2, whereby it is adapted to turn on said arms, thus conforming to the motion of the hand while grasping said grip and carrying the coffin or casket, thus relieving the hand and easing the operation of carrying.

When the handle is not in use, the grip may be lowered, and, owing to its pivotal or journaled nature, folded closely to the back or attaching plate A and side of the coffin or casket, as shown in Fig. 2.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The handle of a burial-casket or coffin, having a grip of annular form, and rising and falling arms on which said grip is journaled, substantially as described.

2. The handle of a burial-casket or coffin, having a grip, segments connected with opposite sides of said grip, journals projecting laterally from said segments, arms having bosses forming bearings for said journals, and a back or attaching plate to which said arms are pivoted, the parts being combined and operating substantially as described.

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