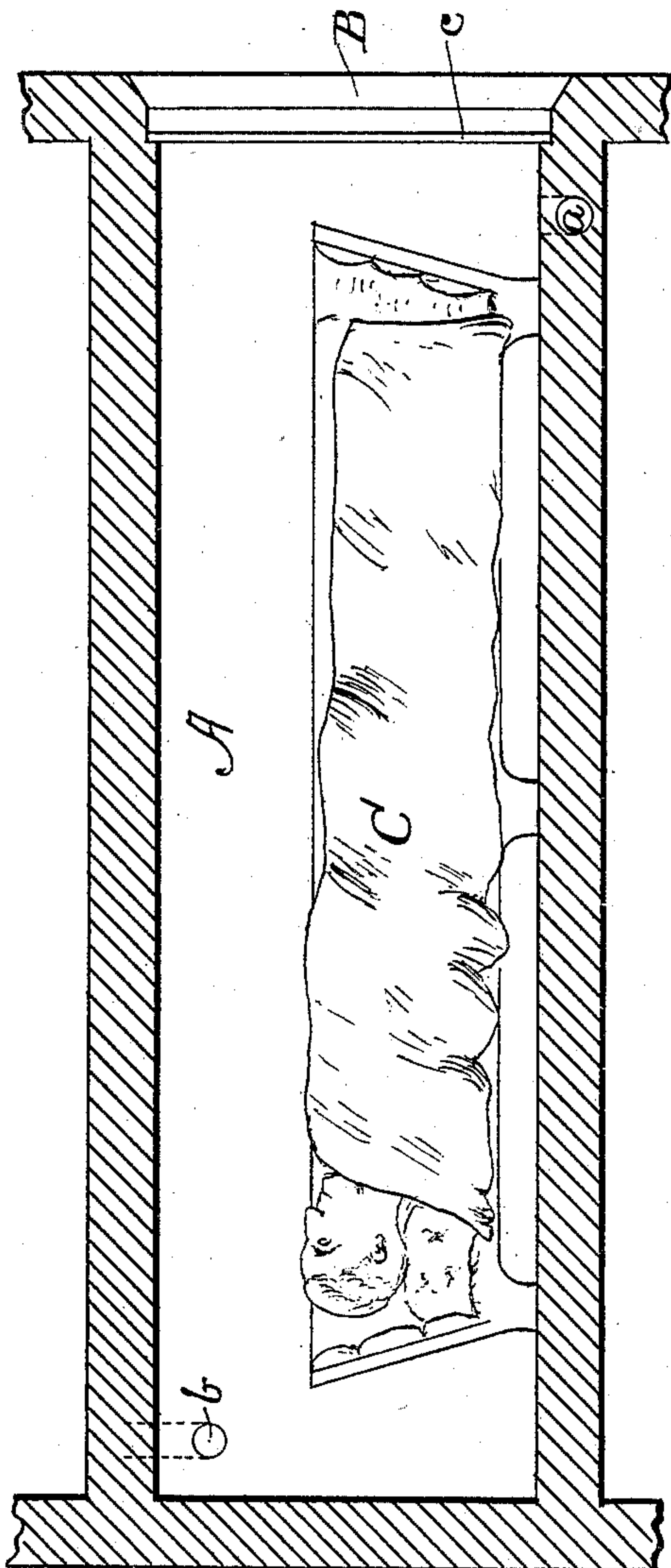


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN G. MEYERS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented
5 certain new and useful Improvements in the Process of Desiccating Corpses; and I do 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 apper-
10 tains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

15 My invention has relation to a new and useful process of preserving or desiccating dead bodies; and the object of the invention is to preserve or desiccate the body, whereby it may be preserved for an indefinite time;
20 and to this end the novelty consists in placing a dead body in a vault or cell of a mausoleum, hermetically sealing the same, except as to inlet and outlet passages for air, and then passing a current of dried or atmospheric air through the cell, as will be herein-
25 after more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

The figure in the drawing is a longitudinal section of a corpse-cell containing a dead
30 body to illustrate my process.

In carrying out my improved process I preferably construct a mausoleum containing suitable cells or receptacles, A, which are provided with a door, B, for the reception of the

body, and with an air induction, *a*, and education orifice *b*. The body C is then placed in the cell A and the door sealed, which completely and hermetically seals the cell, except as to the air inlet and outlet orifice. After
35 the body is thus sealed in the cell a current of dry or atmospheric air is continuously passed or forced through the cell, and thereby removes all moisture or other emanations from the chamber, and in the course of a short time
40 the body will become dry and thoroughly desiccated, and in this condition will keep or be preserved for an indefinite period of time.

Of course it will be understood that by means of the glass plate *c* the body can be examined at any time from the beginning of
50 the process to the end.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new and useful, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—
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The process of desiccating a corpse, which consists in placing the same in a vault or cell of a mausoleum, hermetically sealing the same, except as to inlet and outlet passages for air, then passing through the cell a current of dried or atmospheric air, substantially
60 as and for the purpose set forth.

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

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