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Fig. 1.

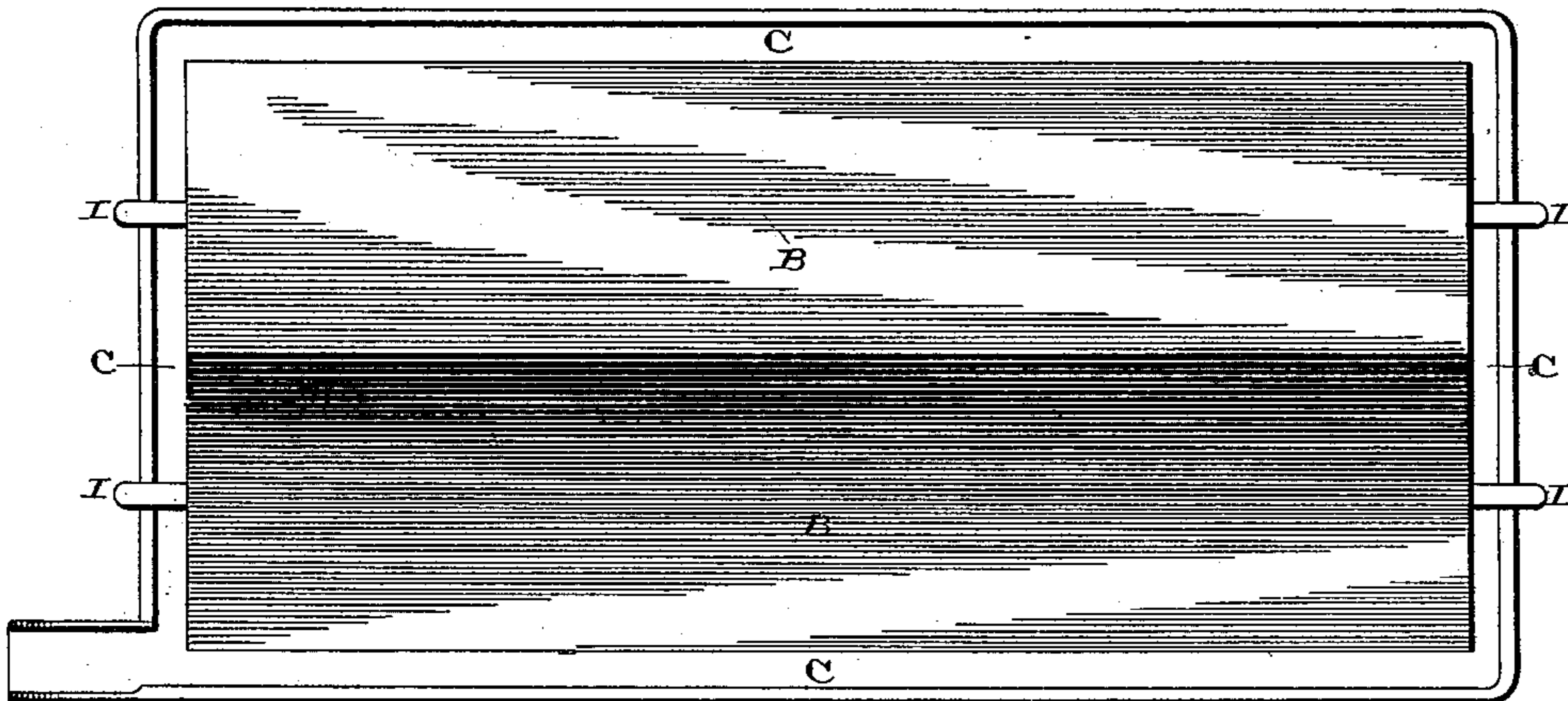
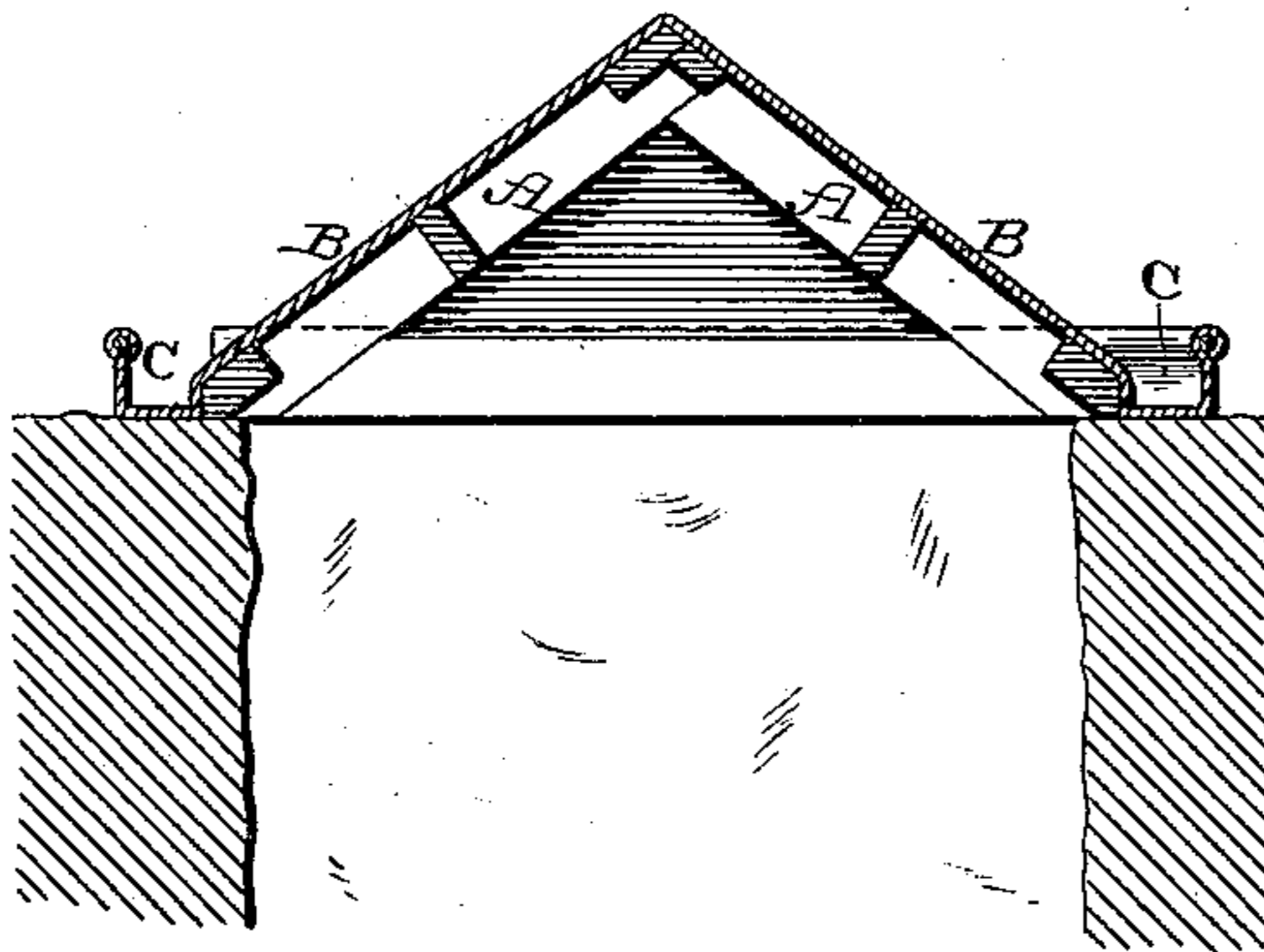


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ISAAC HAHN, of Birdsborough, in the county of Berks and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and
5 useful Improvements in Grave Protectors and Coverings; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled
8 in the art to which it pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in grave protectors and coverings; and it consists in a covering preferably made triangular
15 in cross-section and provided with a gutter or water-way around its lower edges, as will be more fully described hereinafter.

The object of my invention is to make a
20 grave protector and covering which will protect the grave, either before or after it is finished, from rain, and which is adapted to be placed over the grave after it is filled for the purpose of protecting the flowers or the fresh
25 sod placed thereon.

Figure 1 is a plan view of a device which embodies my invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the same.

A represents a suitable wooden frame-work
30 of any desired construction, and which is preferably made triangular in cross-section and covered over with galvanized sheet-iron or any other suitable water-proof material B. Around the lower edge of this protector is
35 formed a water way or spout C, so as to catch the rain and prevent it from falling into the grave, either before or after it has been dug. This spout conducts the rain away from the grave and keeps it perfectly dry.

40 At each end of the protector are formed one or more handles I, by means of which the protector can be readily handled and carried from one place to another.

After the grave has been partially dug this frame is intended to be placed over its top, 45 not only for the purpose of preventing the water from getting in in case of rain, but also to prevent people and animals from falling in.

In case of a heavy rain on the day of the 50 funeral or at the time of the funeral this grave-protector is placed over the grave, and the mourners can go into the church or chapel and wait until the rain is over. The covering is then removed and the grave will be 55 found perfectly dry.

After a funeral it is customary to sod the grave at once, and this protector can be used to protect the new sod from the hot rays of 60 the sun.

If it is raining while the grave is being dug, this covering can be mounted above the grave, and will then be made to protect both the grave and the grave-digger while at work.

Where flowers and plants are planted upon 65 the grave this protector shields them from the sun, and they start to grow at once.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. A grave-protector formed of sheet metal 70 or other water-proof material, and which is adapted to be placed over a grave for the purpose of protecting it, substantially as shown.

2. In a grave-protector, the combination of 75 a wooden frame-work and a water-proof covering placed thereon and having a water spout or gutter formed around its lower edge, so as to carry off the rain, substantially as described. 80

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

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