

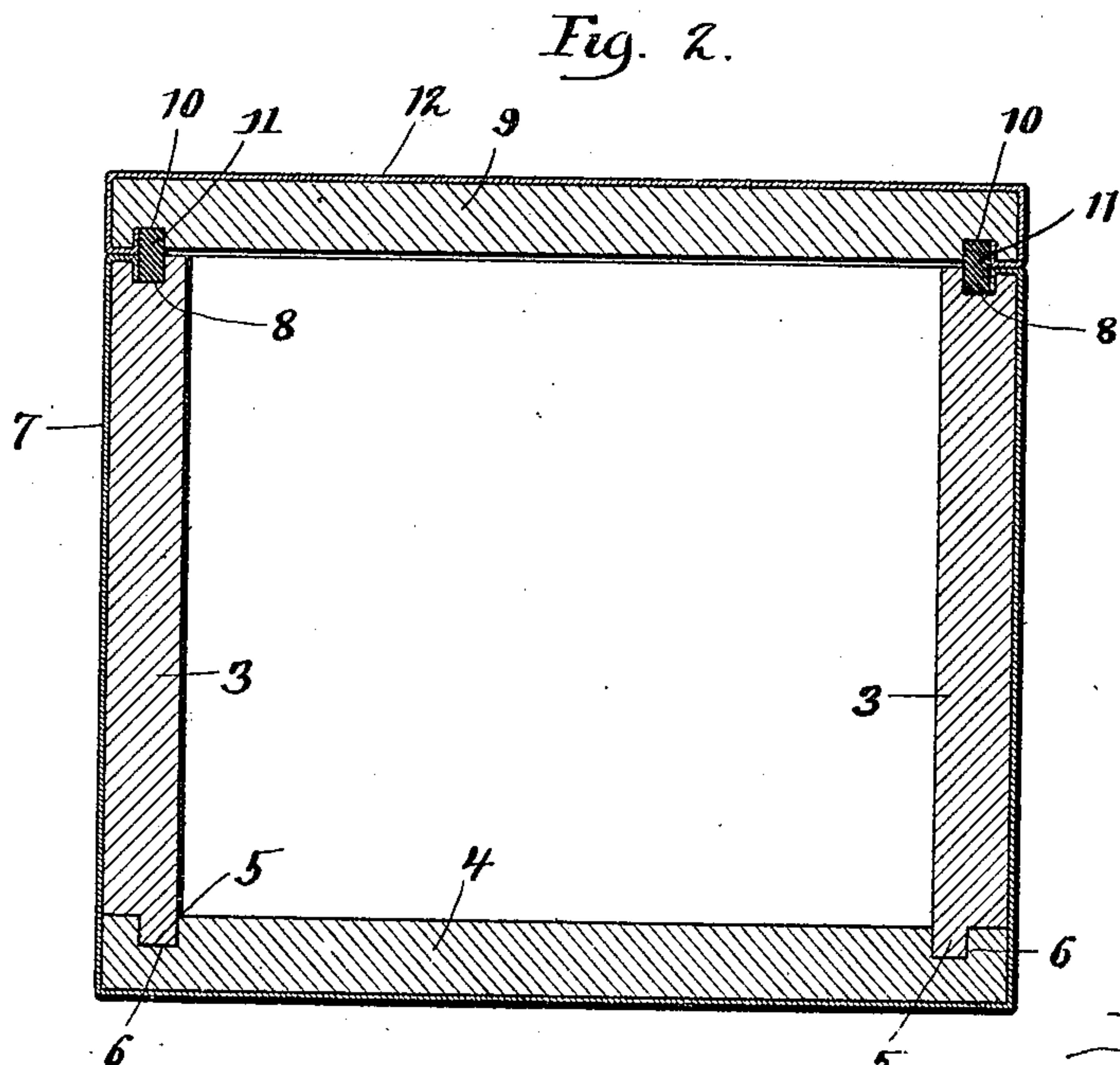
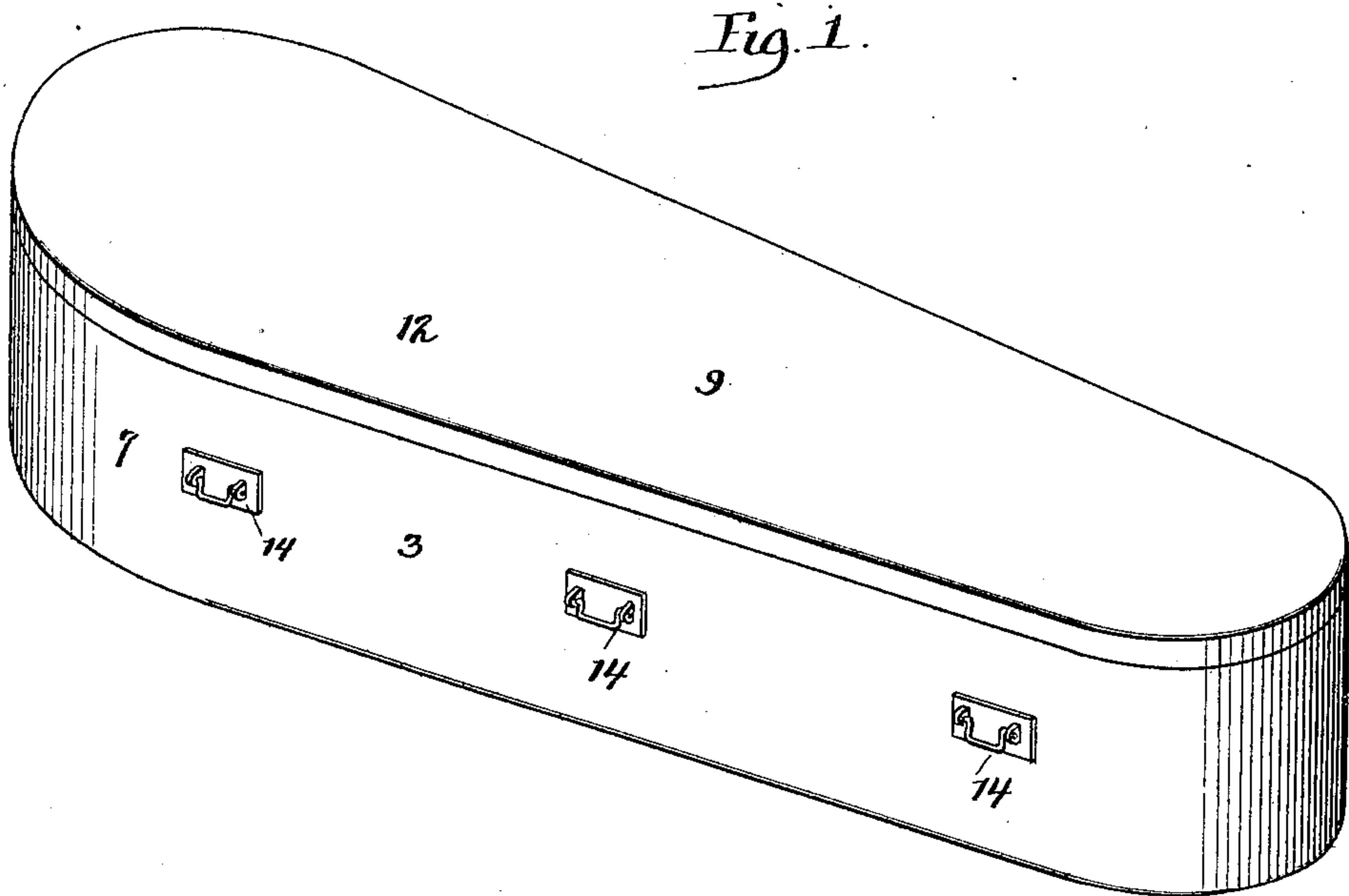
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## BURIAL-CASE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE S. HILL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Waukegan, in the county of Lake and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Burial-Cases, of which I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part thereof.

The object of the invention is to provide a burial-case of simple and inexpensive construction which will exclude both moisture and air therefrom.

The invention consists in the various features of construction hereinafter described, and more particularly defined by the claim at the conclusion hereof.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a burial-case embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical cross-section of the same upon a larger scale.

In the drawings, 3 denotes the side of the case, and 4 denotes the bottom thereof, these parts being made, preferably, of wood or like material. Side 3 is provided at its lower edge with a tongue 5, and the bottom 4 is provided with a corresponding groove 6 to receive said tongue 5. The tongue 5 and groove 6 are used to secure the side 3 and bottom 4 together. Covering 7, of non-corrosive flexible metal, such as lead, is extended along the bottom 4, upwardly along the sides 3, over the top face of side 3, and into a groove 8, formed in the upper edge of side 3. The top 9, preferably of wood, is provided upon its under side with a groove 10. This groove is arranged opposite groove 8, formed in the up-

per edge of side 3. The top 9 is provided with a non-corrosive flexible covering 12, preferably of lead or the like, which extends over the upper face of the top and along the edges thereof and is flanged to fit into groove 10. A packing strip or gasket 11 fits into groove 8 of side 3 and groove 10 of the top 9.

If desired, the handles 14 may be secured to the sides 3 in any convenient manner.

From the foregoing description it is obvious that when the gasket 11 is placed in the grooves 8 and 10 and the top 9 is forced by screws or the like against the upper edge of side 3 the packing-strip 11 will be tightly compressed and confined between side 3 and top 9 and the coverings 7 and 12, thus making an effective air and water tight joint between the body of the case and the removable top. Coverings 7 and 12 prevent the passage of air and moisture through the wooden sides and top.

If desired, the case may be used as a coffin or as a protective case for a coffin.

Manifestly the details of construction may be varied without departing from the spirit of the invention.

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

In a burial-case, the combination of the side 3, bottom 4, groove 8, and covering 7 extended over the upper edge of side 3 and into groove 8, with top 9, groove 10, covering 12, extending into groove 10 and packing-strip 11.

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