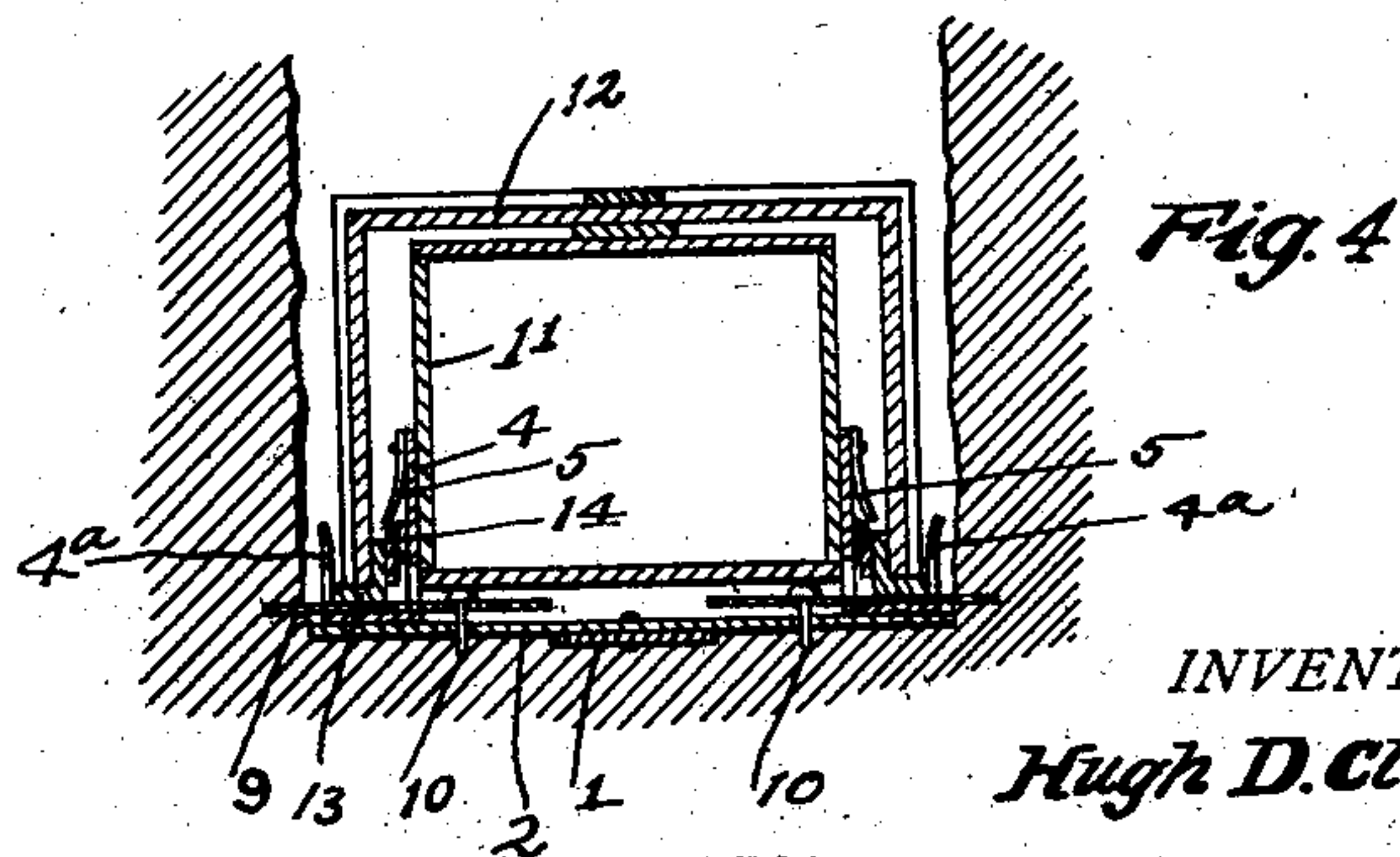
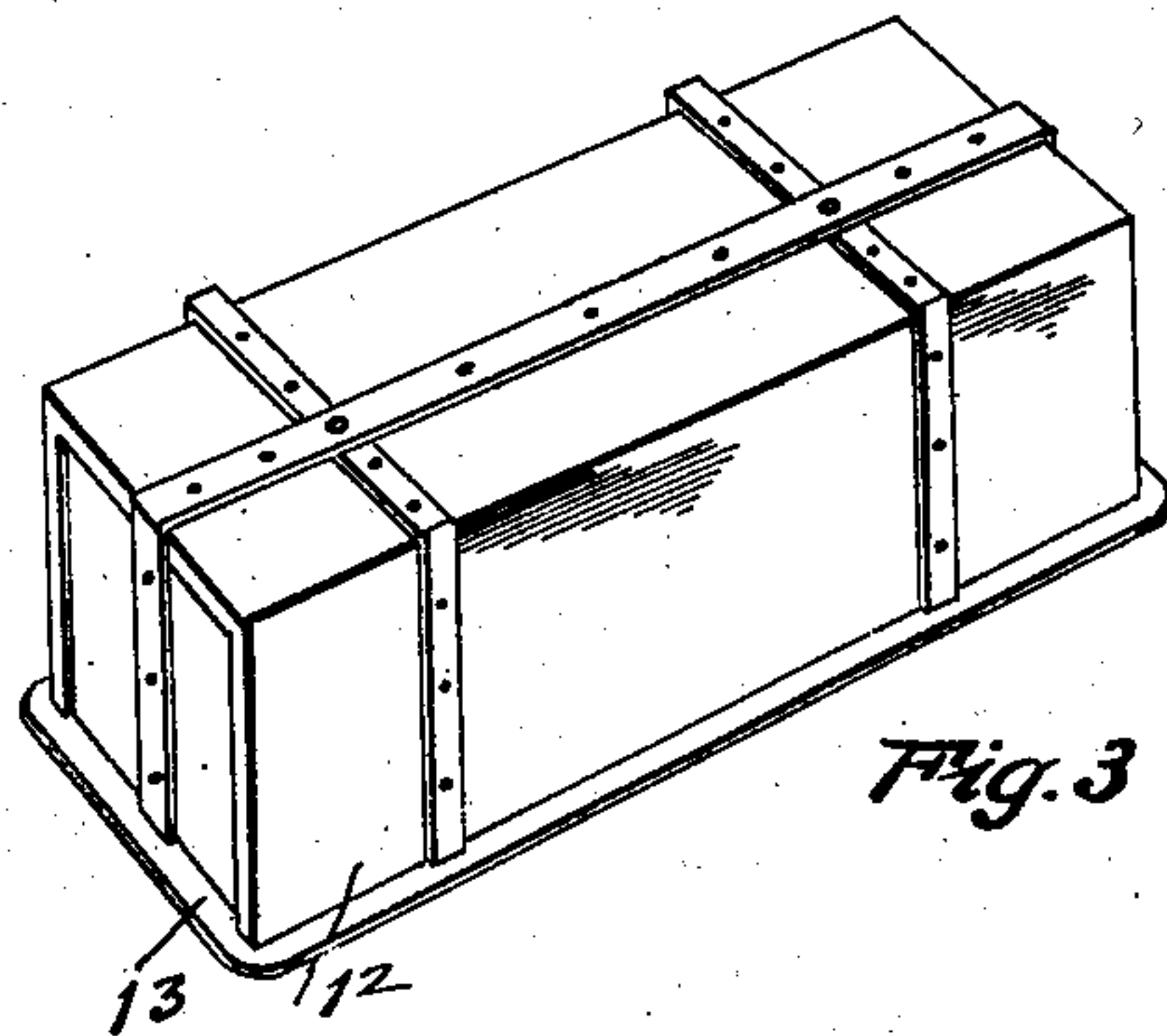
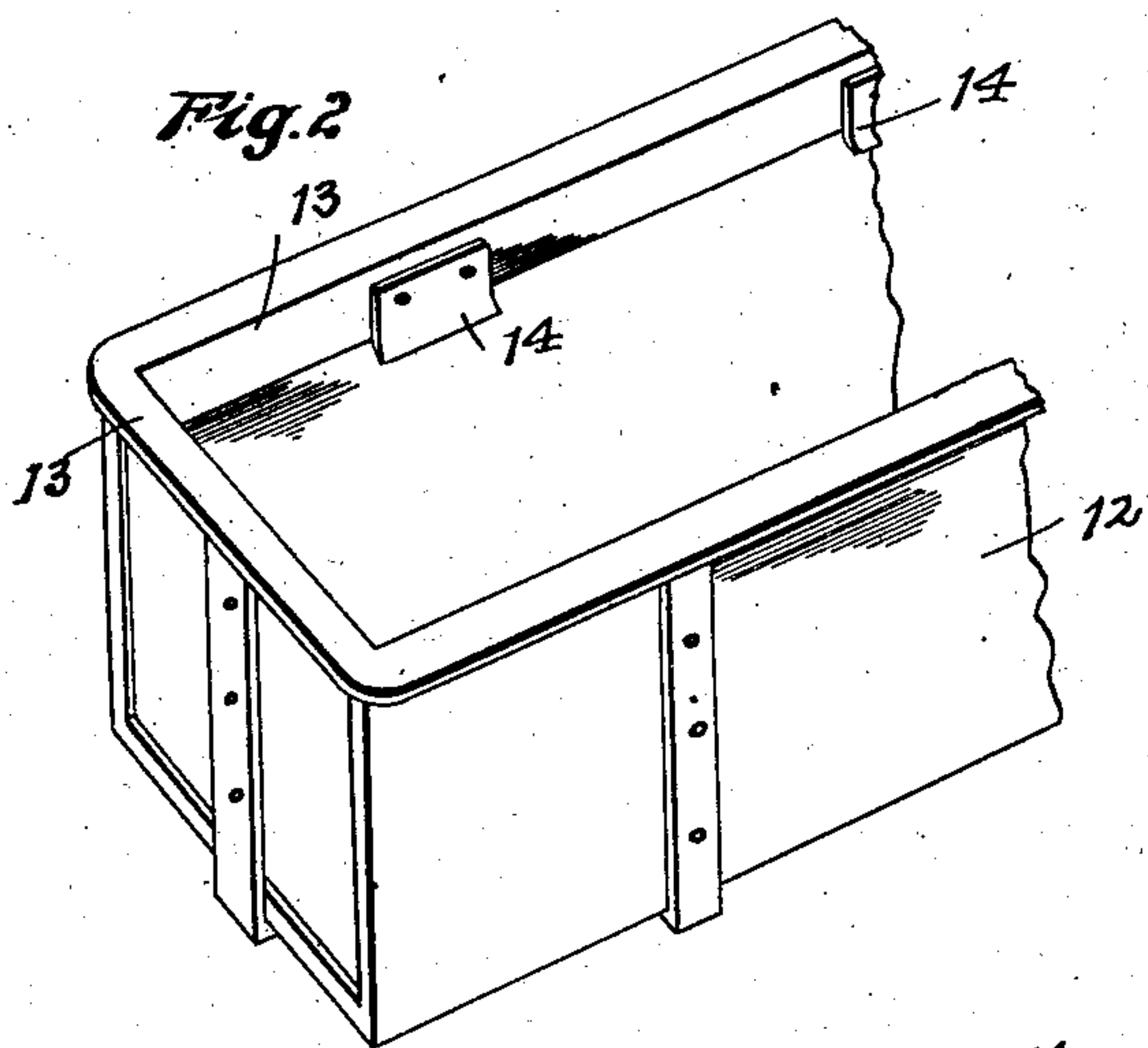
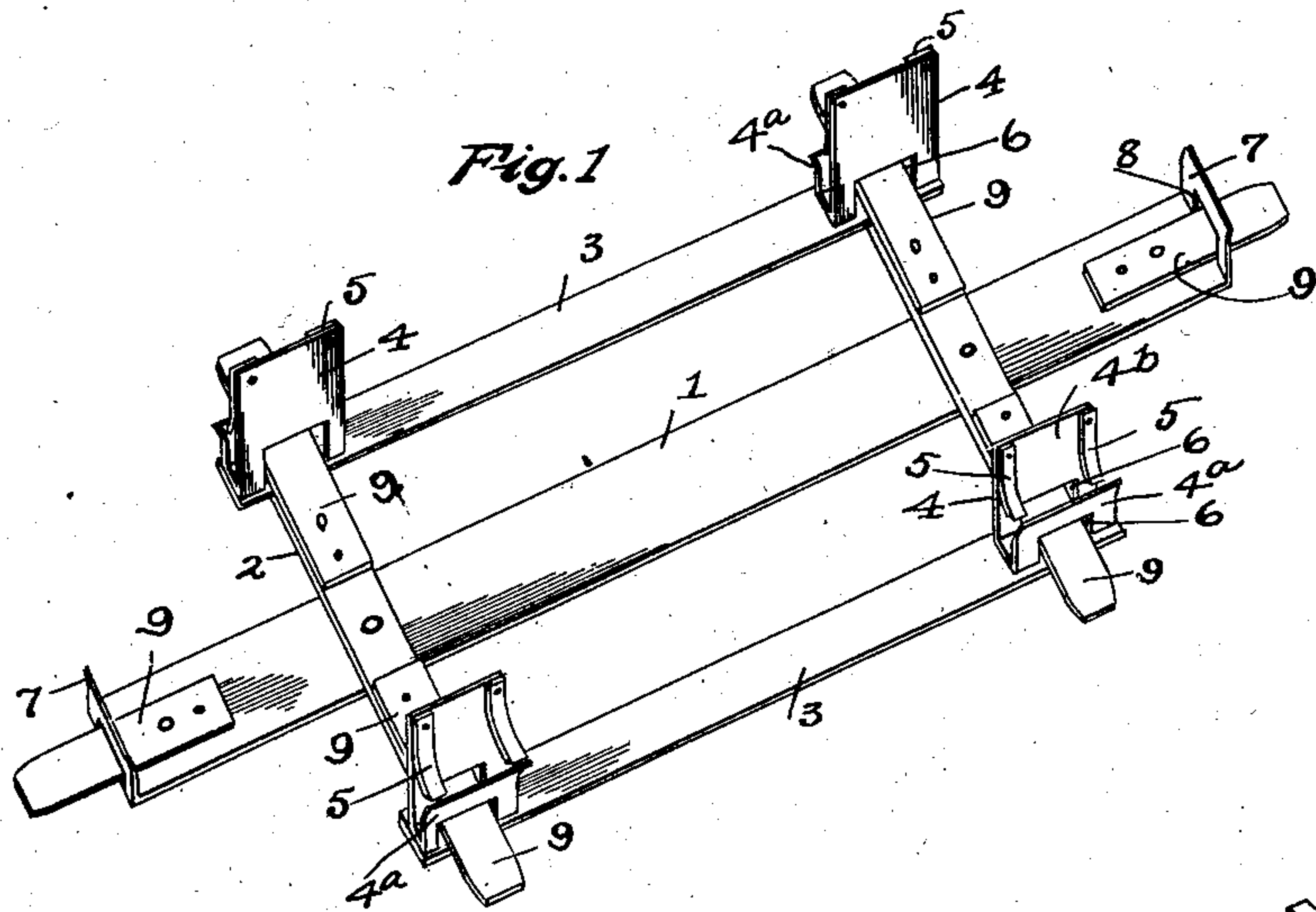


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HUGH D. CLARK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Columbus, in the county of Franklin and State of Ohio, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Burial-Case Protectors, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to the improvement of burial-case protectors; and the objects of my invention are to provide a simple and effective means and mechanism for securely locking or anchoring a casket-containing case within a grave, to provide improved means for locking the casket-case hood or cover in connection with the anchor-frame upon which the casket-containing case rests, and to produce other improvements the details of construction of which will be more fully pointed out hereinafter. These objects I accomplish in the manner illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of my improved anchor-frame. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of a portion of the burial-case cover or hood, showing the under side of the same. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the burial-case cover or hood, showing the same inverted from the position shown in Fig. 2; and Fig. 4 is a transverse section through a portion of a grave, showing a burial-case secured therein by my improved mechanism.

Similar numerals refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

In carrying out my invention I employ an oblong anchor-frame which is designed to rest on the bottom of the grave and be anchored, in connection with the side walls thereof, in the manner hereinafter described. This anchor-frame, which is more clearly illustrated in Fig. 1 of the drawings, consists of a central horizontal bar or plate 1, which extends longitudinally with reference to the grave and which is provided on opposite sides of the center of its length with fixed cross-bars 2, which at their outer ends are connected by horizontal and parallel side frame-bars 3. From each end of each of these side frame-bars rise the outer and inner walls or flanges 4^a and 4^b of a channel-shaped keeper 4, the inner vertical wall 4^b being higher than the outward wall 4^a and having secured to its outer face the upper ends of downwardly-ex-

tending and outwardly-bent spring-strips 5. Each set of keeper-bodies 4 has formed through its inner and outer wall portions 4^a and 4^b, at their lower ends, oppositely-located openings 6. Each end of the central bar 1 is provided with an upturned flange 7, through the lower portion of which is formed an opening 8. The frame thus described is adapted when seated on the bottom or floor of a grave to be anchored in its position by driving separately-formed anchor-bars 9 horizontally through the opposite openings 6 of the channel-keepers 4 and through the openings 8 of the bar end flanges 7 into the side walls of the grave. The inner end portions of these anchor-bars 9 may then be further connected with the earth by the driving of pins vertically through holes formed in said anchor-bars and in the bar 1, these pins being indicated at 10 in Fig. 4.

Upon the anchor-frame and between the inner wall portions 4^b of the keepers and between the end flanges 7 of the bar 1 is designed to be seated the rough box or casket-containing case 11. In order to secure this casket-containing case against removal and at the same time provide a casing therefor, I provide an oblong metallic hood or box-like casing 12, the open under side of which is provided at its edge portions with an angle-bar 13, the inner flange of said angle-bar being provided on opposite sides of the box or hood with latch-plates 14, the upwardly-extending portions of which form tongues which, when the hood is so placed over the casket-containing case 11 as to cause its lower edge portions to enter the channels of the keepers 4, engage with the under sides of the spring latch-strips 5 of said keepers, thereby preventing any upward or lifting movement of said hood when its lower edge portions have been thus pressed into said keepers.

From the construction and operation described it will be seen that simple and effective means are provided for anchoring the casket-case-supporting frame in connection with the side and end walls of the grave and that the means for locking the hood or casing 12 in connection with the anchor-frame are simple and positive.

Having now fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a burial-case protector, the combination with an anchor-frame adapted to be contained within a grave, said anchor-frame having projections adjacent to its outer edges
5 provided with bar-receiving openings, of anchor-bars adapted to be driven through said projection-openings into the walls of the grave, a metallic hood 12 and means for locking the lower portions of the latter in connection with said anchor-frame, substantially as
10 specified.

2. In a burial-case protector, the combination with an anchor-frame adapted to be arranged horizontally within a grave, upwardly-

projecting channel-like keepers on the sides 15 of said frame, said keepers having catch-strips 5 secured thereto and projecting within the channels thereof and means for locking said anchor-frame in connection with the grave-walls, of a metallic hood 12, the lower 20 edge portion of which is adapted to be received by said keepers and to engage said catch-strips, substantially as specified.

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