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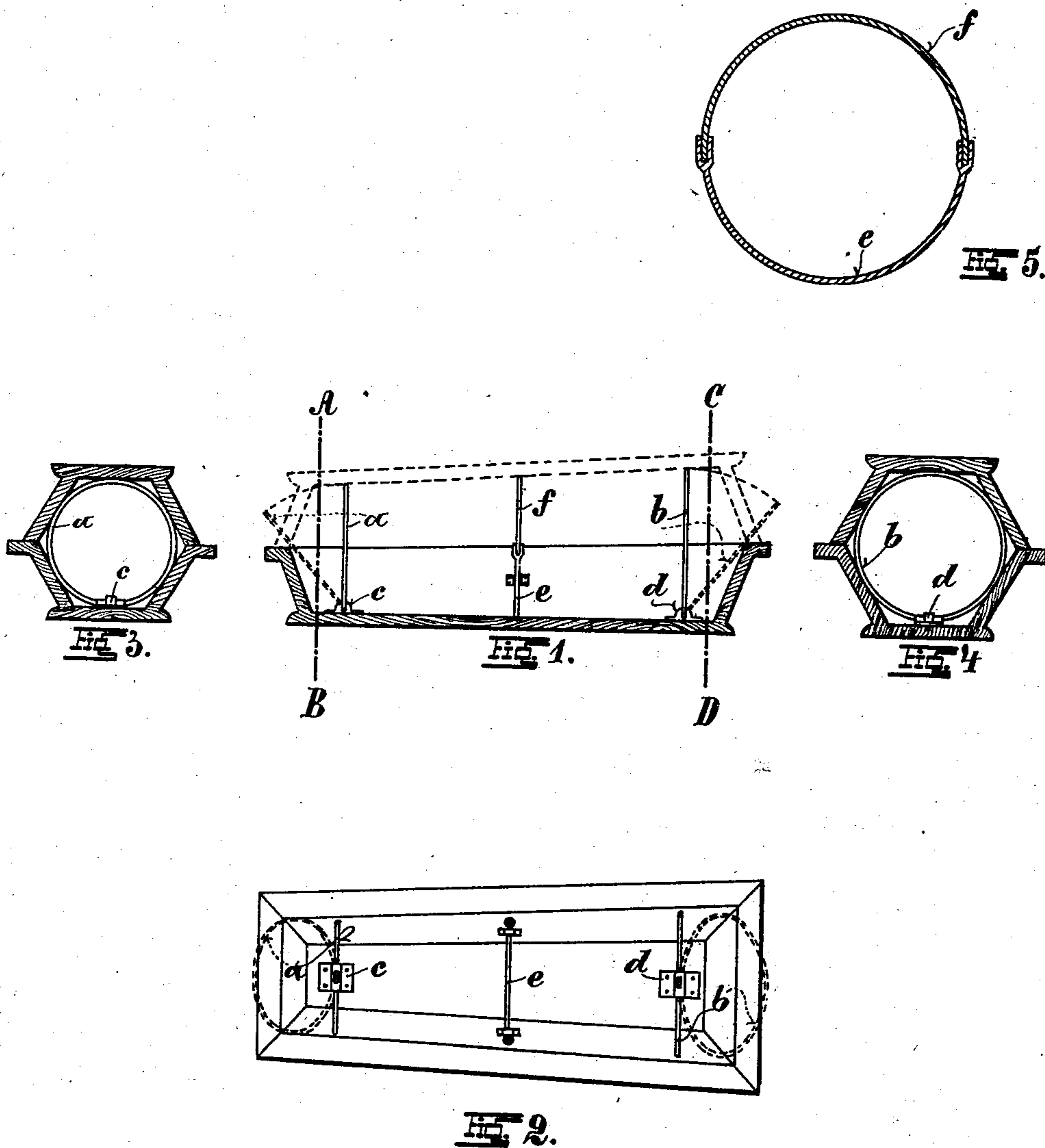
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OTTO RICHARD HAHN, merchant, of 18 Lössnigerstrasse, Leipzig, Kingdom of Saxony, Empire of Germany, have invented some new and useful Improvements in a Device for the Preservation of Coffins.

The present invention relates to a device for the preservation of coffins, preventing the coffins from being crushed by the soil resting upon the same.

A coffin provided with the invented contrivance is illustrated by the inclosed drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a longitudinal section of the coffin. Fig. 2 represents a plan of the coffin after the removal of the cover. Fig. 3 represents a cross-section from A to B of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 represents a cross-section from C to D of Fig. 1. Fig. 5 represents the middle supporting-ring *e f*.

To prevent the crushing of the coffin or the cover of the coffin, a hoop *a* is arranged at the foot end and a hoop *b* at the head end of the coffin, these two hoops *a b* being adjusted by hinges *c d* to the bottom of the coffin. The same are capable of being turned up and downward. In the middle of the coffin or near the same a semicircle *e* is fixed to the

under part of the coffin. On the inside of the cover of the coffin another semicircle *f* is arranged just opposite to the semicircle *e*. In closing the cover the part *f* catches into the part *e*, and these two semicircles *e f* thus form a firm support for the middle part of the coffin. There is no necessity of having the semicircle *f* secured to the cover; but the same may be simply set into the part *e* and then the cover may be closed. When the hoops *a b* are standing upright, the same closely join to the inside of the coffin, thus preventing a crushing of the cover as well as of the under part of the coffin.

I claim—

1. In combination with a coffin, an interior middle support comprising the semicircular parts *e* and *f* detachably engaging each other.

2. In combination with a coffin, a pair of hoops *a, b*, within the same pivotally connected to the bottom of the coffin and when raised closely fitting against the inner wall of the coffin, substantially as described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two witnesses.

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