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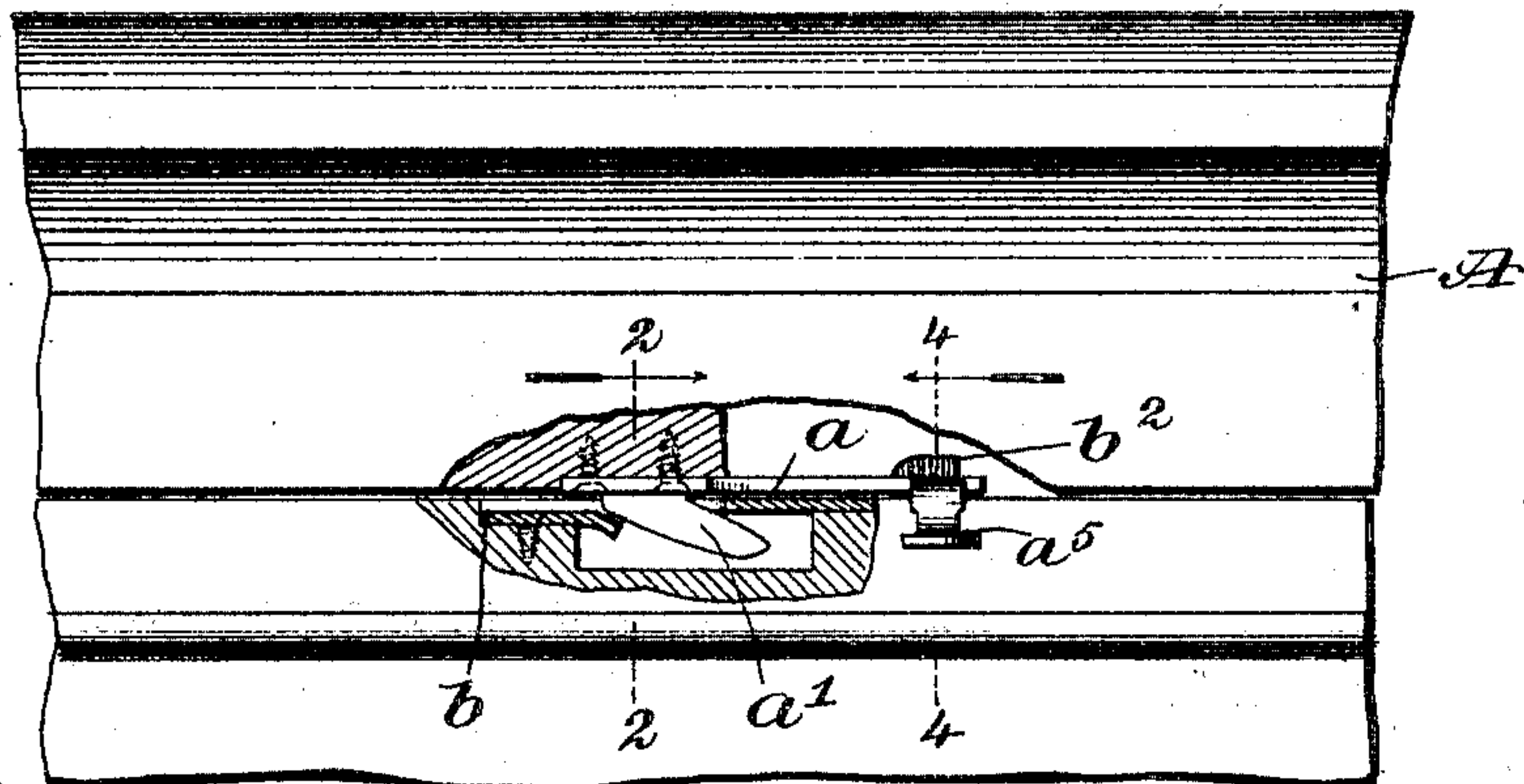


Fig. 1

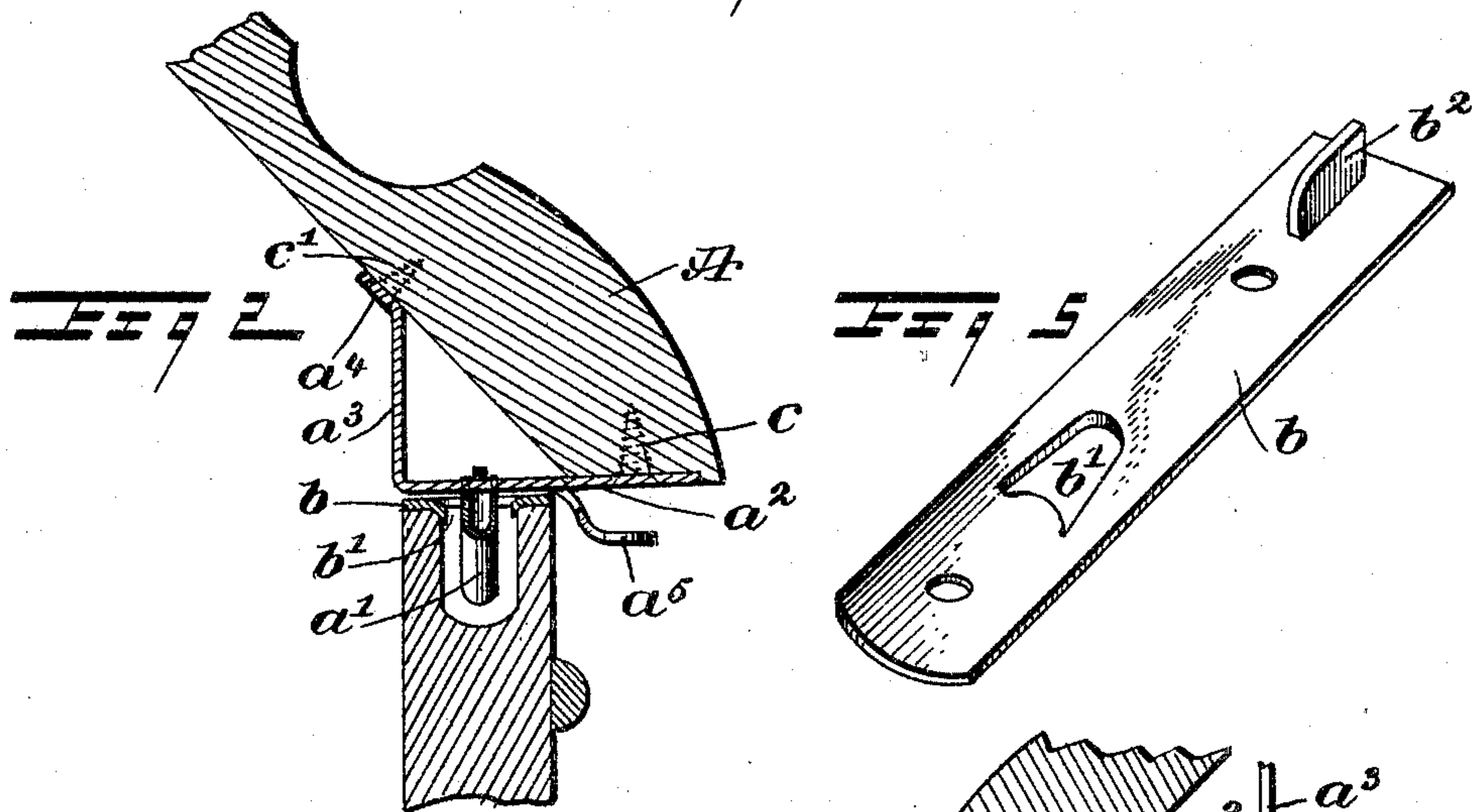


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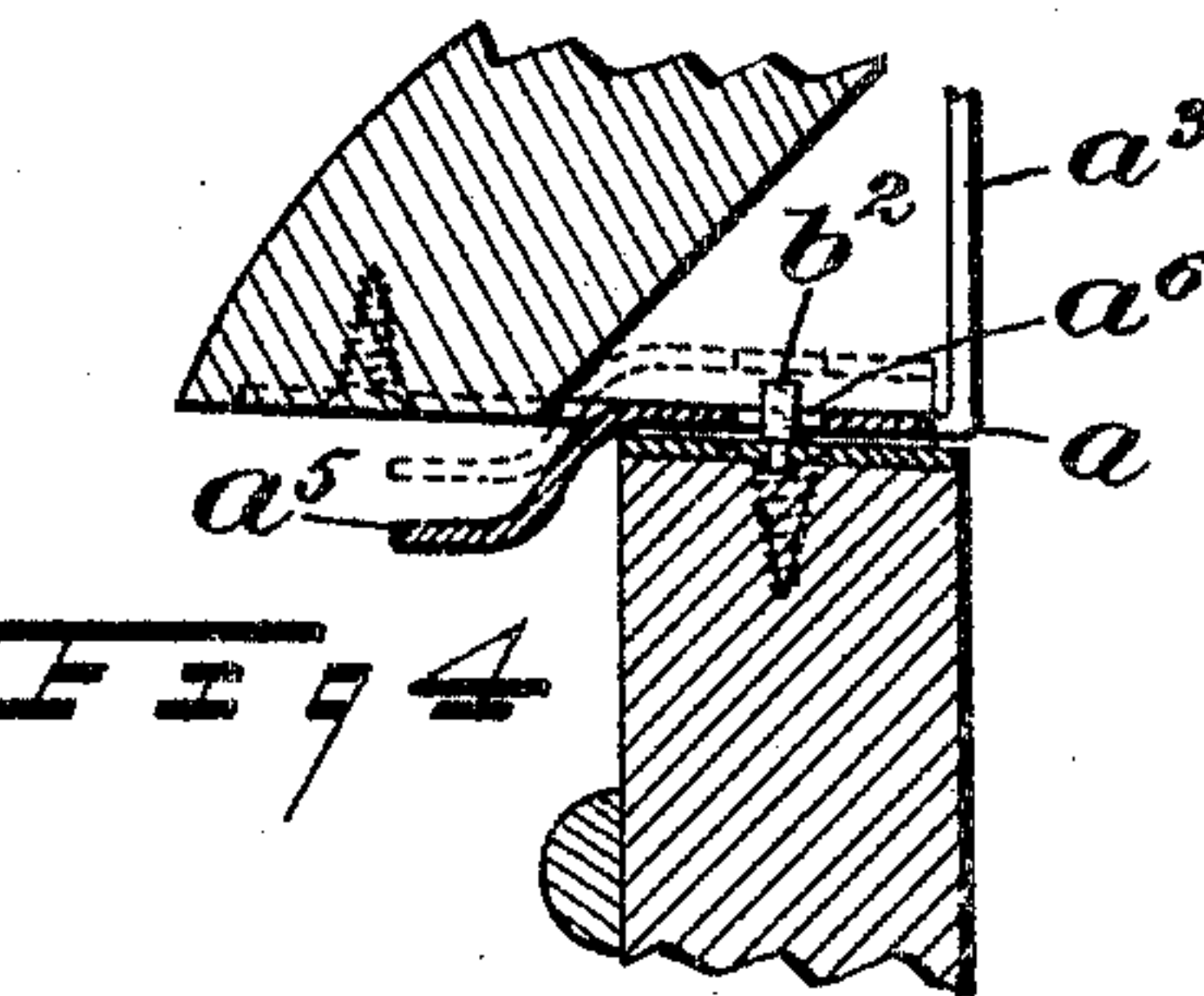
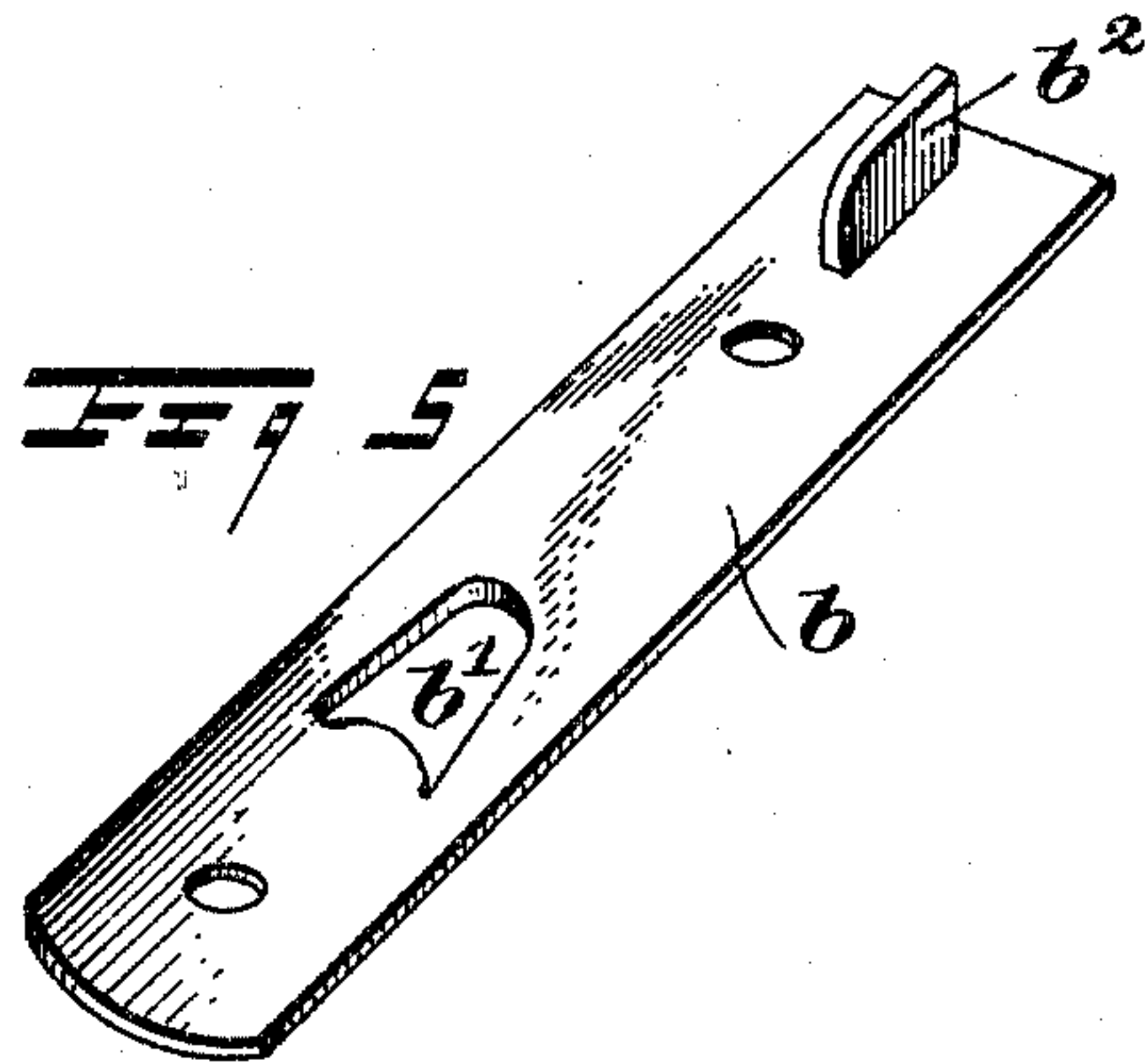


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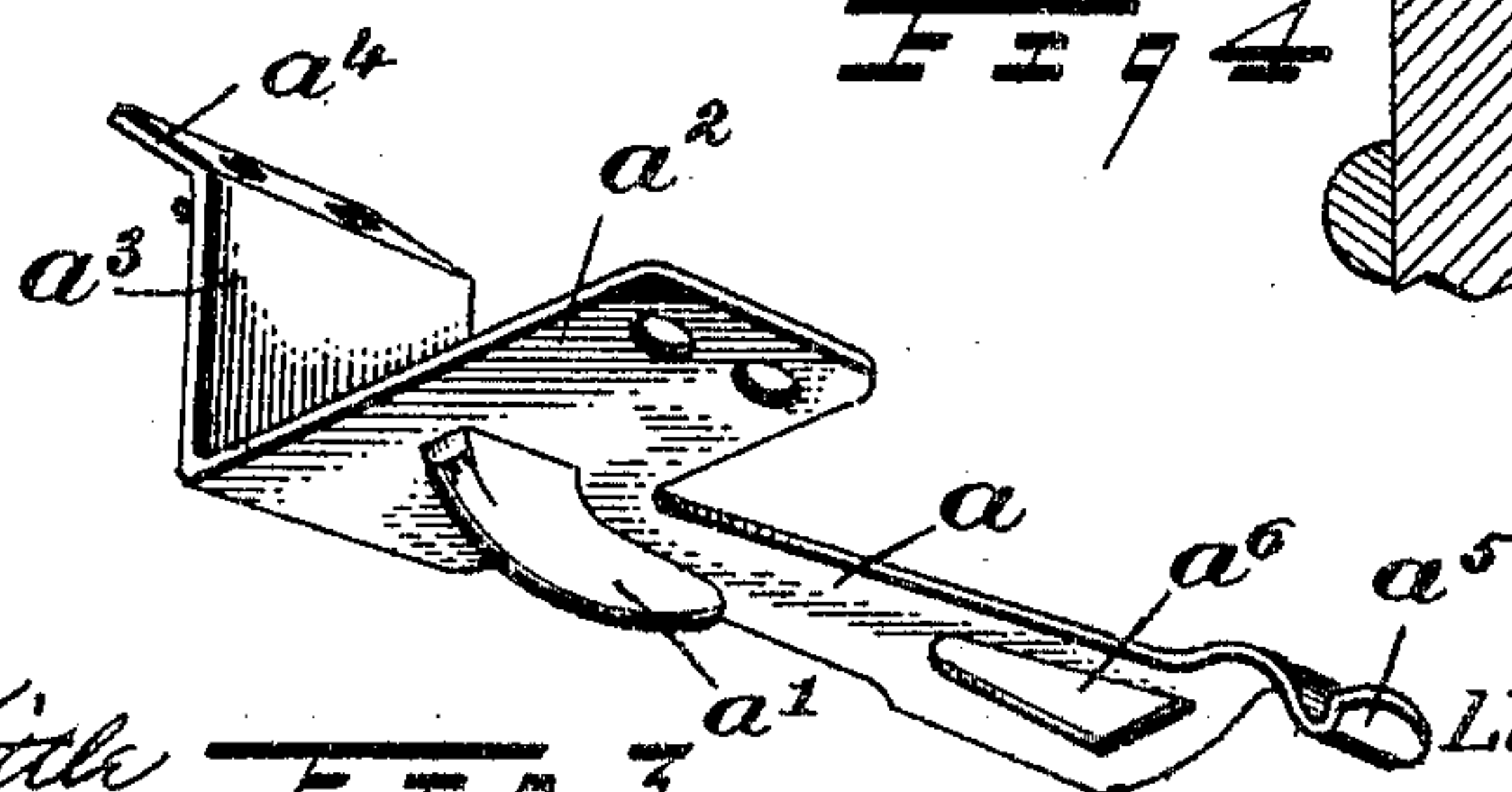


Fig. 5

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CASKET-CATCH.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LLEWELLYN GREENSIDES, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Constantine, in the county of St. Joseph and State of Michigan, have invented a new and Improved Casket-Catch, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to a catch for caskets; and the object is to reduce the cost and improve the construction of such devices.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a portion of a casket, showing the catch in section. Fig. 2 is a sectional view on the line 2 2 of Fig. 1 on an enlarged scale. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the catch. Fig. 4 is a sectional view on the line 4 4 of Fig. 1 on an enlarged scale, and Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a portion of the catch.

a represents the catch, which comprises a tongue a' , a flat surface a^2 , a portion a^3 , extending at right angles to the flat surface, a foot a^4 , placed at any desired angle to the portion a^3 , and a resilient extension having a finger projection a^5 and an opening a^6 . This catch is intended to be attached to the cover or upper portion of a casket and is intended to cooperate with a bar b , attached to the main part of the casket. This bar is provided with an opening b' for the reception of the tongue a' and with a projection b^2 intended to enter the opening a^6 .

It will be obvious that when the cover is placed upon the main body of the frame and the tongue a' and the projection b^2 thrust through the openings b' and a^6 , respectively, as shown in Fig. 1, the parts of the casket will be locked together, as the projection b^2 prevents motion in one direction, while the tongue a' prevents upward motion and forward motion. It will be observed that by pressing a finger against the projection a^5 the resilient portion of the catch may be disengaged from the projection b^2 , and then the cover may be readily removed.

Heretofore in the manufacture of caskets a board about twice as thick as the cover A had

to be employed, or else a projection of a separate piece of wood had to be attached to it. Both of these courses were expensive, and it is the main object of my invention to do away with them. It will be apparent that no wood has to be employed between the parts a^2 and a^3 of my improved catch, as the latter can be secured to the casket-top by means of screws c passed through the flat portion a^2 and screws c' passed through the angular portion a^4 .

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

1. A casket-catch comprising a plate having a tongue rigidly mounted thereon, a portion extending from said plate at right angles thereto, means for securing said plate and said portion to two surfaces of a body, said surfaces being at an angle to each other, and a resilient tongue having an opening and a finger projection.

2. A casket-catch comprising a plate having a tongue rigidly mounted thereon, a portion extending from said plate at right angles thereto, a foot projecting from said portion at an angle, for securing said plate and said portion to two surfaces of a body at an angle to each other, and a tongue having an opening and a finger projection.

3. The combination with the main body and top of a casket, of a catch comprising a flat portion provided with means for securing it to the lower surface of the top of the casket, and having a portion extending at right angles to the main portion of the catch and provided with a projection having means for securing it to an inner surface of the top, said catch also being provided with a rigid projection, a resilient extension having an opening, and a finger projection thereon, a bar attached to the main part or body of the casket and provided with an opening for the reception of said tongue, and a projection for engagement with the walls of said first-mentioned opening.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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