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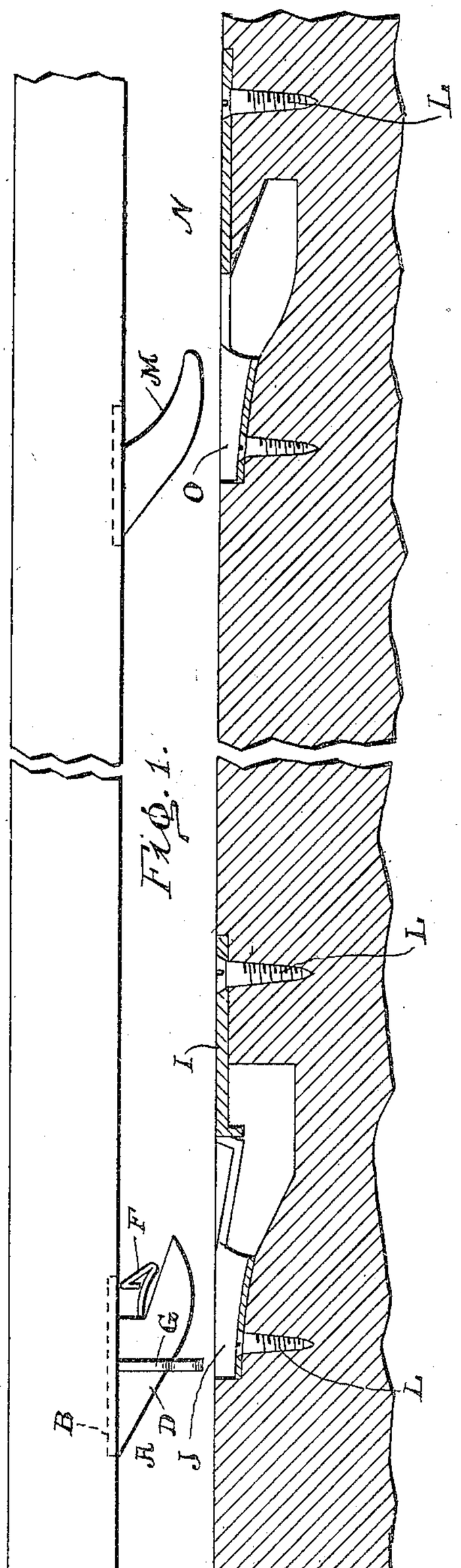

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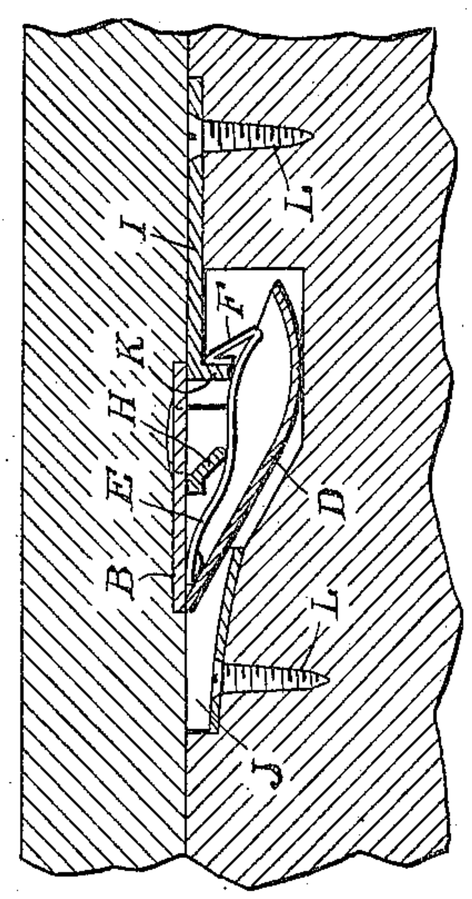

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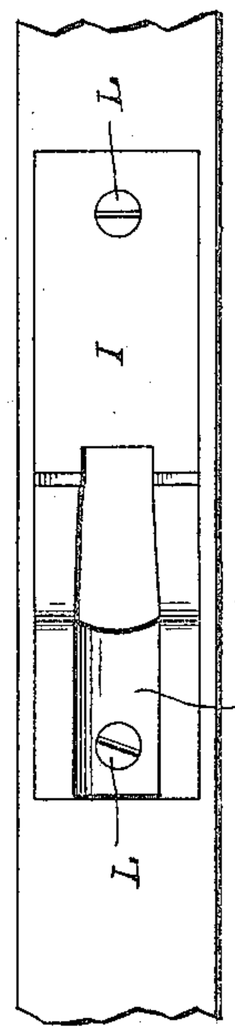

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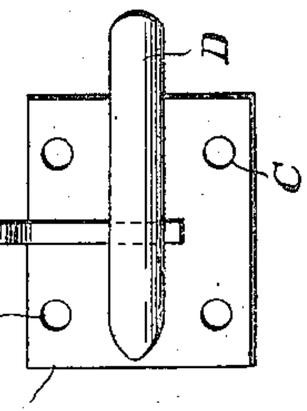

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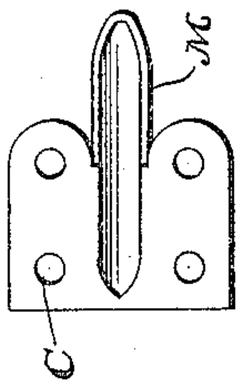

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK P. BRINING, a citizen of the United States, residing at Westgrove, county of Chester, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Casket-Fasteners, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a new and useful improvement in casket-fasteners, and has for its object to provide an exceedingly simple, cheap, and effective device of this description by which the lids of caskets may be readily placed in position and securely held, but which may be easily removed.

With these ends in view my invention consists in the details of construction and combination of elements hereinafter set forth and then specifically designated by the claims.

In order that those skilled in the art to which this invention appertains may understand how to make and use the same, I will describe its construction in detail, referring by letter to accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a longitudinal section of one of the sides of a casket, showing the sockets set therein, a portion of the lid being in elevation, showing the fasteners depending therefrom; Fig. 2, an enlarged section showing the locking-fastener in engagement with its socket; Fig. 3, a plan view of the socket for the slip-fastener; Fig. 4, a plan view of the slip-fastener; Fig. 5, a bottom plan view of the locking-fastener.

Referring to the drawings, A represents the locking-fastener, which is composed of a base-plate B, formed of sheet metal having holes C countersunk therein and a housing D secured upon the base-plate. Within this housing is secured a latch E, preferably of spring metal, having formed therewith the nose F, and a key-lever G is journaled in the housing and has a lug H projecting therefrom, so located as to press the latch downward when the key-lever is manipulated.

I is a socket made of a single piece of sheet metal stamped into shape so as to produce the guideway J and the lip K, and this socket is adapted to be secured upon the edge of one of the sides of the casket by means of suitable screws L, and when thus secured the housing D of the fastener A may be set in the guideway J and thereafter slid downward and forward until the nose of the housing which is cut away for that purpose will pass into the socket and the latch engage with the lip K, thus securely holding the lid in place, as the latch will prevent its backward movement, while the housing will prevent the lid from being raised vertically.

M is a slip-fastener which is made of a single piece of sheet metal so stamped as to form a base-plate and nose, the latter being of hooked shape, so as to readily pass within the socket N. This socket N is also made of a single piece of sheet metal so stamped as to provide a guideway O for the reception of the nose of the fastener M, by means of which it will be guided into the socket.

In practice when the lid is to be placed in position it is first set upon the casket so that the fasteners A and M will rest in the guideways J and O, respectively, thus alining the lid, after which a limited forward movement of the lid will carry the fasteners forward and downward into their respective sockets, and the engagement of the latch E with the lip K will securely hold the lid in place, as will be readily understood. To remove the lid, it is only necessary to manipulate the lever G so as to disengage the latch E from the lip K, when a backward and forward movement of the lid will carry the fasteners out of engagement with their sockets and free the lid from the casket.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new and useful is—

1. In combination, a fastener consisting of a base-plate and a housing, the latter being of hooked shape, a spring-catch secured within the housing, a key-lever adapted to operate the lid, a socket adapted to receive the housing, a guideway formed in the socket for alining the fastener and a lip formed upon the socket with which the latch is adapted to engage, as and for the purpose set forth.

2. In combination with a socket and the lid therefor, a locking-fastener, a socket for receiving the same, a slip-fastener consisting of a base-plate and hooked nose formed from one piece of metal and a socket for the reception of the last-named fastener, said socket having a guideway formed therein for alining the fastener before engagement with the socket, as and for the purpose set forth.

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

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