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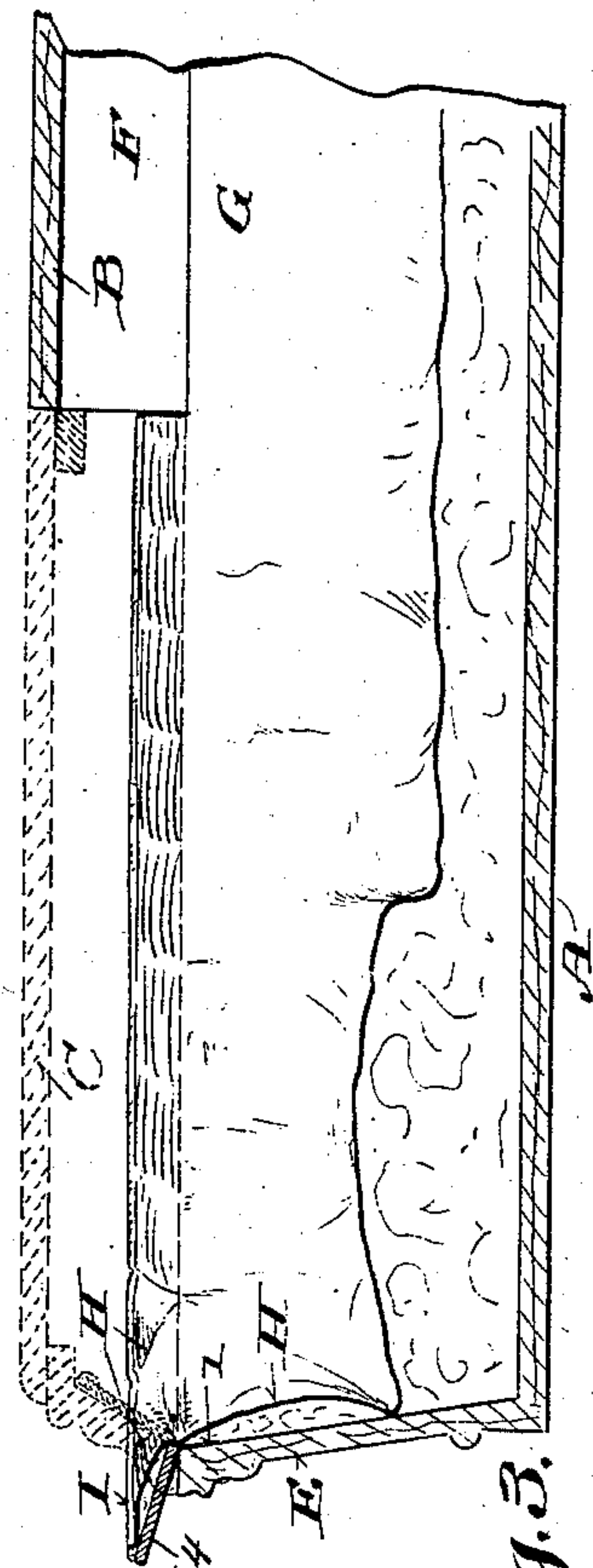


Fig. 1.

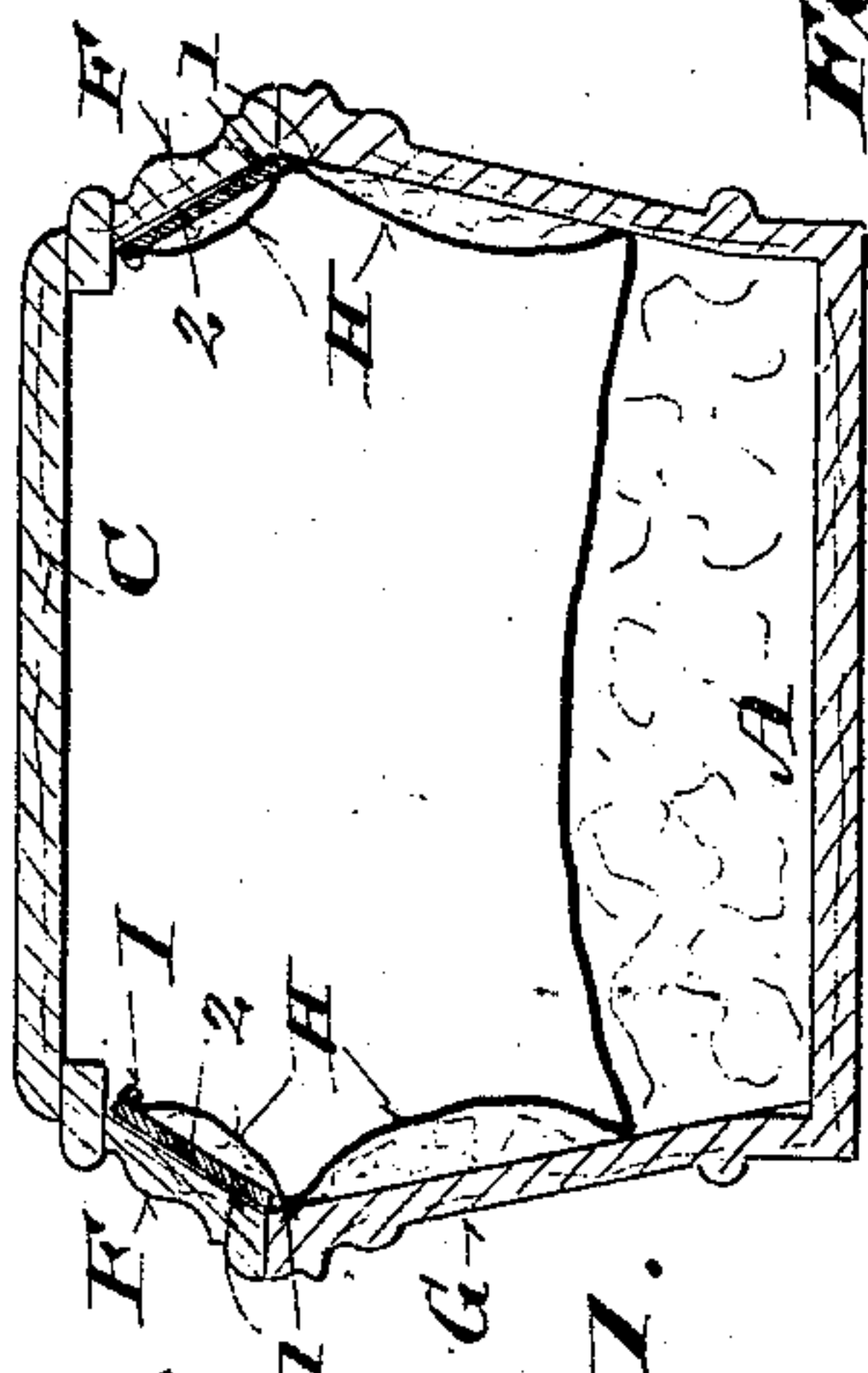


Fig. 2.

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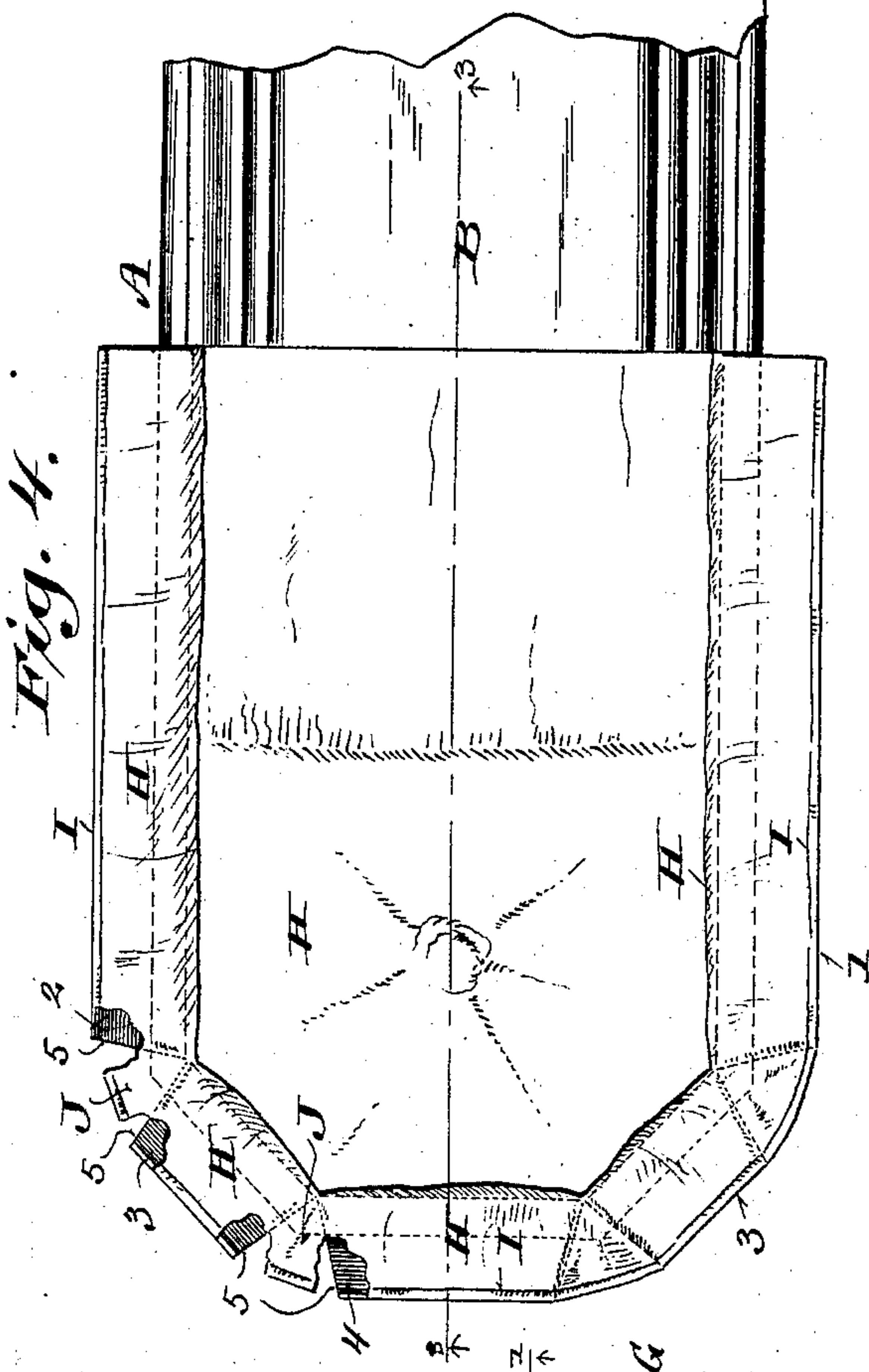


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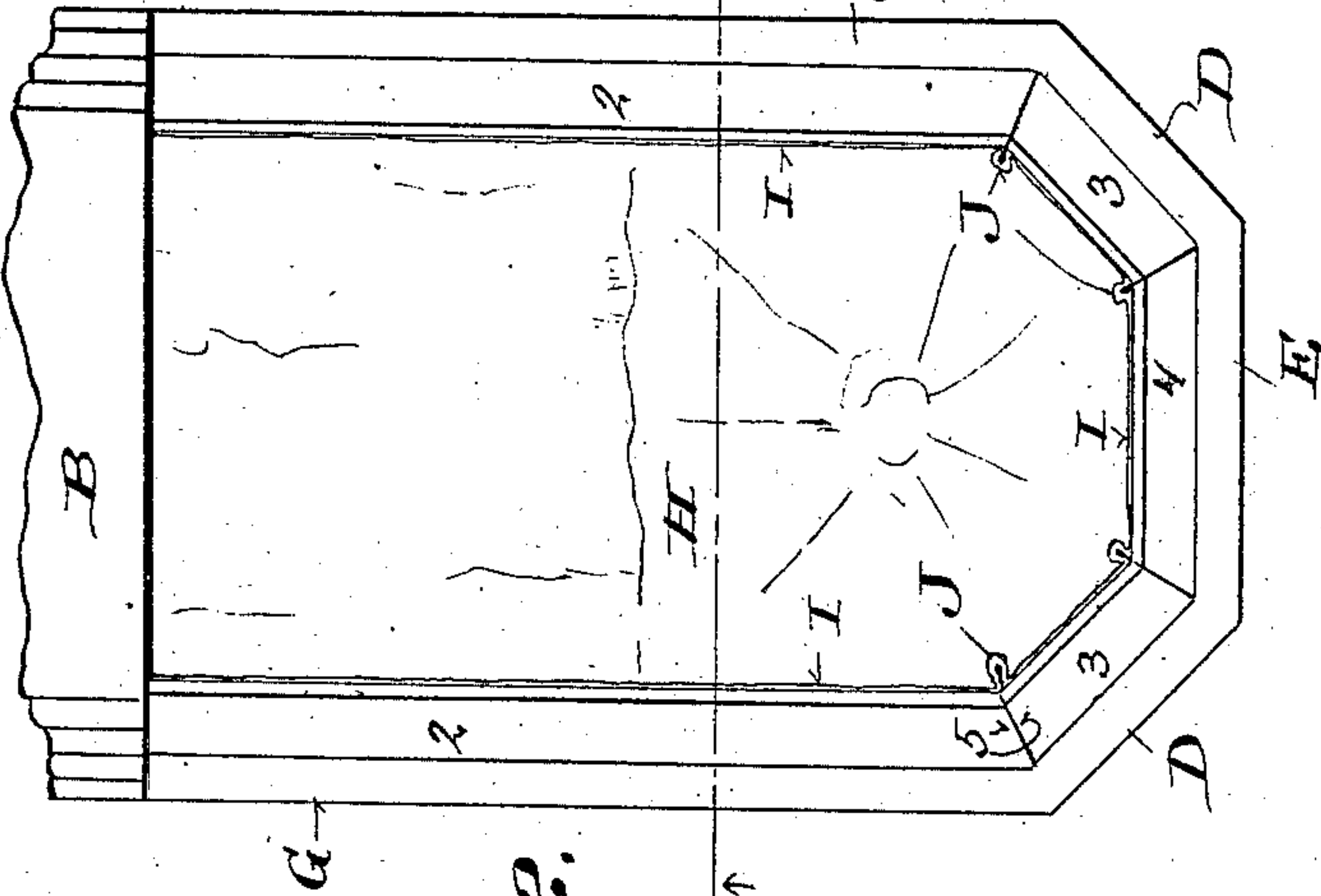


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WARREN E. SWARTZ, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Burial-Caskets; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention pertains to burial-caskets, its object being to provide a simple, economical, and ornamental device whereby an ordinary casket when open produces the couch effect obtained in the more expensive article, said device being particularly applicable to caskets wherein polygonal ends are employed.

The invention consists in certain peculiarities of construction and combination of parts, as fully set forth hereinafter with reference to the accompanying drawings and subsequently claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents a cross-section of a mitered-end casket embodying the features of my invention, the section being indicated by line 1 1 of Fig. 2; Fig. 2, a plan view of the same, partly broken away, with the lid-section removed preparatory to unfolding the ornamental leaves; Fig. 3, a transverse central section of the said casket with the leaves unfolded, the closed position of the removable lid-section being indicated by dotted lines; and Fig. 4, a plan view of the same, showing the ornamental effect of the leaves when unfolded to conceal the narrow straight outlines of the casket.

Referring by characters to the drawings, A indicates a casket-body, B the lid, and C the removable head-piece section of the same. The ends of the casket-body (the head end only of which is shown) are formed with beveled or mitered corners D D and a straight portion E, the lid-sections B C being similar shaped and arranged to be fast there- to in the usual manner, having inclined side walls F, which walls meet and rest upon those of the casket-body G.

Hinged to the edges of side walls G of said casket by suitable flexible strips 1 are leaves 2, the mitered corners D D and straight por-

tion E being similarly provided with hinged leaf-sections 3 and 4, respectively, all of which leaf-sections, as shown, are independent of the casket-lid and have their adjacent edges 5 slightly angled to permit said leaves when folded in to assume an incline corresponding to the inclination of the lid side walls F, with their edges abutting each other, as best shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings.

The casket-upholstery material H is made fast to the upper edge of the casket in any desired manner and is thereafter extended up and over all the leaf-sections, to which it is secured at their upper edges by a suitable finishing-binding I, there being sufficient slack J of said material between each two of the leaf-sections to permit the latter when swung out to assume an approximately horizontal position.

By the foregoing description it is obvious that the leaves are folded in when the casket-lid is to be put in place, and when said lid is removed said leaves may be simultaneously unfolded to produce a highly ornamental couch effect, it being understood that the free edges thereof could be fluted, scalloped, or of any other desired conformation, and also that in place of using strips of flexible material for hinges metal may be substituted therefor, the essential feature of the device being in the application of folding leaves or wings in connection with each edge of the casket-body and joining these leaves by the slack material J, whether said casket-body is formed with round, polygonal, or square ends, said material serving to close the gap between each two of said leaves when the latter are swung out. The invention, however, is particularly adapted to the polygonal-shape head herein shown and described, in which case it would be impossible to produce the desired effect without the corner-sections being separate from those of the side and ends.

I claim—

A burial-casket body provided with attachments in the form of leaves in folding connection with upper portions of its walls independent of the casket-lid or depending walls of same, and upholstery material in connection with said body and the leaves to

stop-gap the latter and limit outward swing of same; said attachments being folded within the confines of the closed casket and designed to overhang the upper edges of the
5 body of said casket when open.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand, at Milwaukee, in

the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, in the presence of two witnesses.

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