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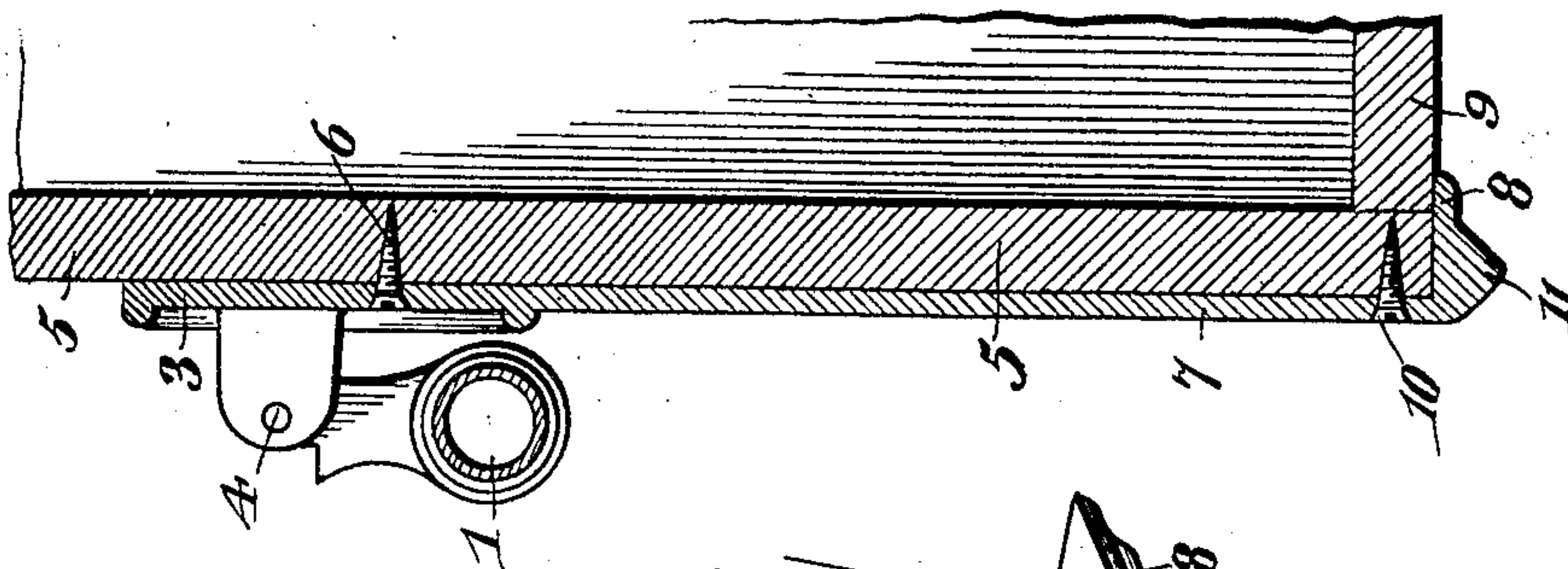


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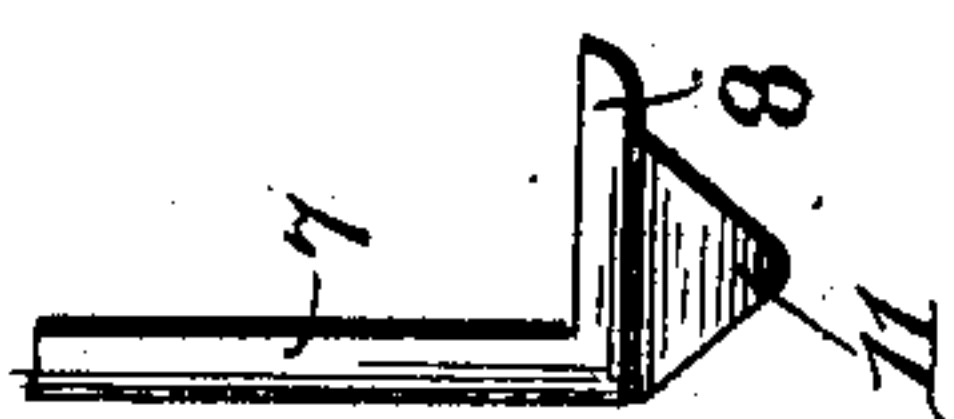


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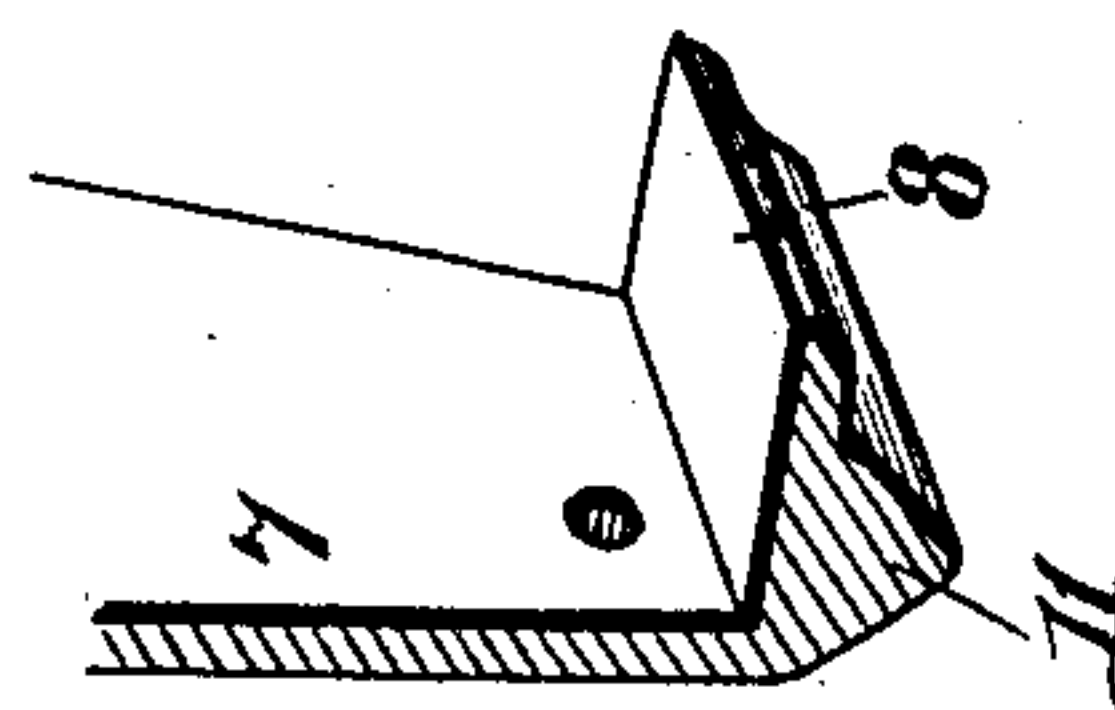
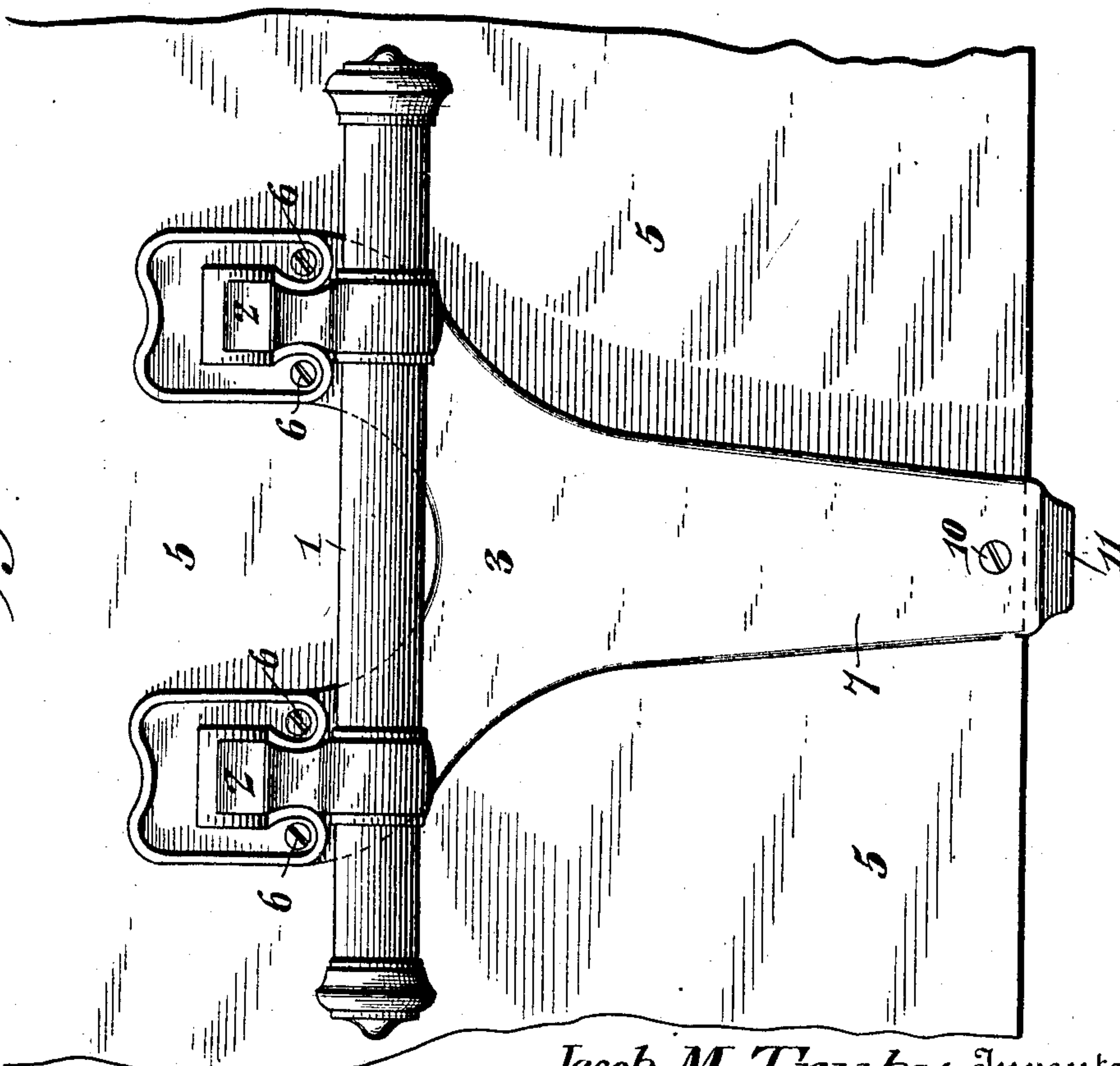


Fig. 1.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB M. TRUBY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Starke, in the county of Bradford and State of Florida, have invented a new and useful Handle for Coffins and Chests, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to improvements in handles for coffins and chests.

The object of the present invention is to improve the construction of handles for coffins, and to provide means for relieving the handle plate screws of strain and for supporting the bottom of a coffin to prevent the same from becoming disconnected from the sides.

A further object of the invention is to provide a handle of this character adapted to support the bottom of a coffin in spaced relation with the bottom of the rough box to enable the straps to be readily withdrawn, when the coffin is lowered into the grave, and capable of engaging the bottom of the rough box to prevent the coffin from slipping during transit.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the construction and novel combination of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawing, and pointed out in the claims hereto appended; it being understood that various changes in the form, proportion, size and minor details of construction, within the scope of the claims, may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

In the drawing:—Figure 1 is a side elevation of a handle, constructed in accordance with this invention and shown applied to a portion of a coffin. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of the same. Figs. 3 and 4 are detail views of the lower supporting portion of the handle plate.

Like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawing.

1 designates a coffin handle, provided with arms 2 and hinged to a handle plate 3 by means of suitable pivots 4 in the usual manner. The handle plate, which is secured at its upper portion to a coffin 5 in the usual manner by screws 6, is provided with a lower coffin supporting portion 7, extending to the lower edge of the side 5 and provided with an inwardly extending supporting ledge or flange 8, projecting inwardly to a point be-

yond the side 5 and receiving and fitting against the lower face of the adjacent portion of the bottom 9 of the coffin.

The flange or ledge presents a flat upper face to the lower edge of the side and to the upper face of the bottom of the coffin, and the lower coffin supporting portion is secured to the side 5 of the coffin by a screw 10, which pierces the portion 7 a short distance above the ledge or flange 8. The ledge or flange 8, which is integral with the handle plate 7, is adapted to sustain the weight of the coffin when the same is lifted by the handle, and it thereby relieves the fastening devices of the handle plate of strain, and at the same time prevents the bottom of the coffin from dropping out.

The inwardly extended ledge or flange is provided with an integral depending portion or lug 11, tapered transversely to provide a comparatively sharp lower edge to enable the lug to partially embed itself in the bottom of the rough box to prevent the coffin from slipping therein during transit. The lugs also operate to support the bottom of the coffin in spaced relation with the bottom of the rough box, so that when the coffin is lowered into the grave, the straps may be readily withdrawn. The lugs would always cut the studs or strips, which are placed in the bottom of the rough box to allow the straps to be removed.

In the accompanying drawing, the handle plate is shown substantially Y-shaped, but it may be of any other preferred form and may be ornamented in any desired manner.

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

1. A coffin handle provided with a handle plate having a lower coffin supporting portion provided with an inwardly extending ledge or flange arranged to project inwardly beyond the side of a coffin for supporting the bottom thereof and for taking the weight off the fastening devices of the handle to prevent the latter from pulling off, said ledge or flange being provided with a depending lug arranged to support a coffin in spaced relation with the bottom of the rough box so as to allow the straps to be removed after the coffin has been lowered into the grave.

2. A coffin handle provided with a handle plate having a lower coffin supporting portion provided with an inwardly extending ledge or flange, said ledge or flange having a flat upper

face and provided with a depending tapering
lug arranged to support a coffin in spaced re-
lation with the bottom of a rough box and
adapted to embed itself in the said bottom to
5 prevent the coffin from slipping during
transit.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as

my own, I have hereto affixed my signature
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