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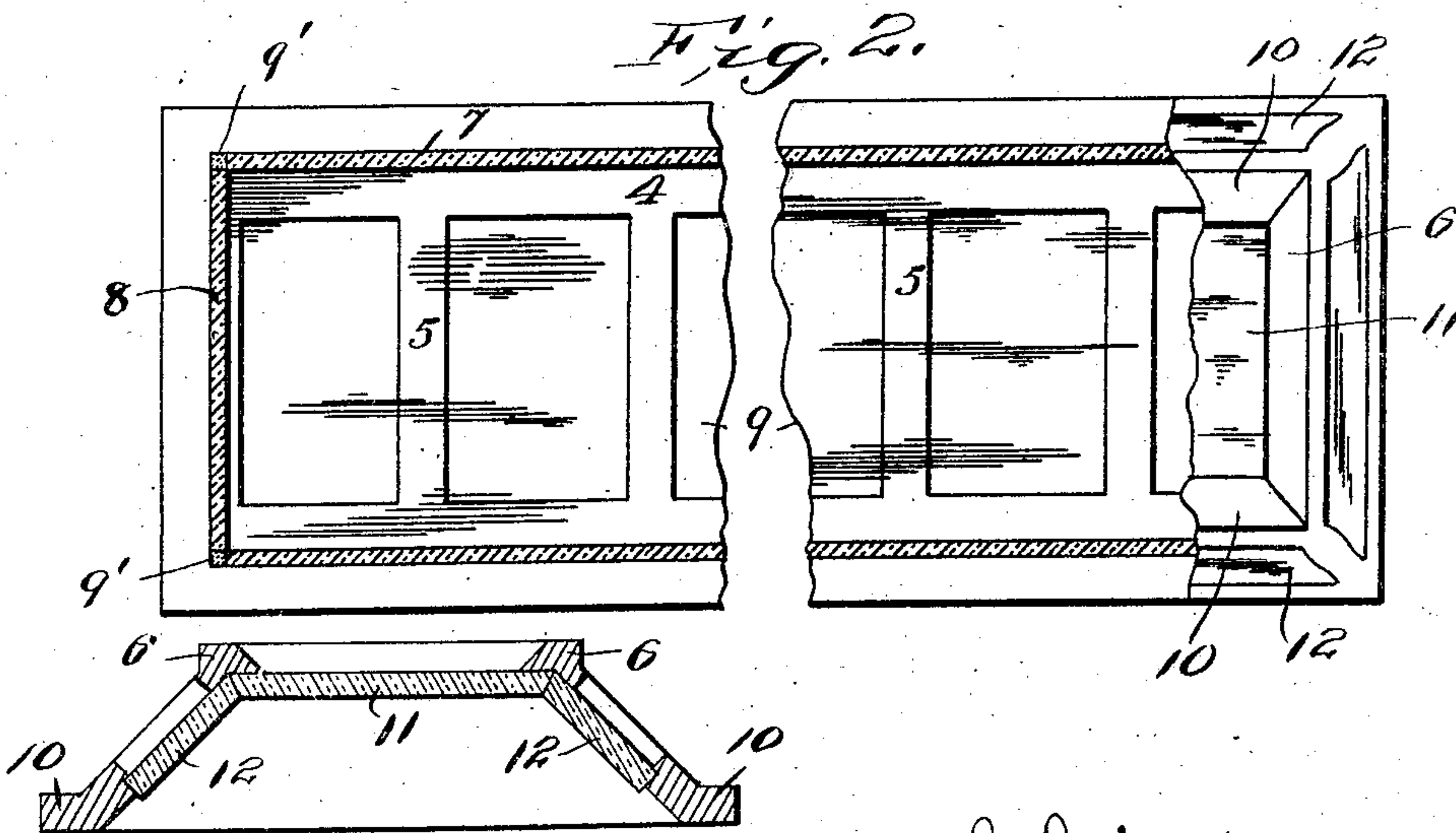
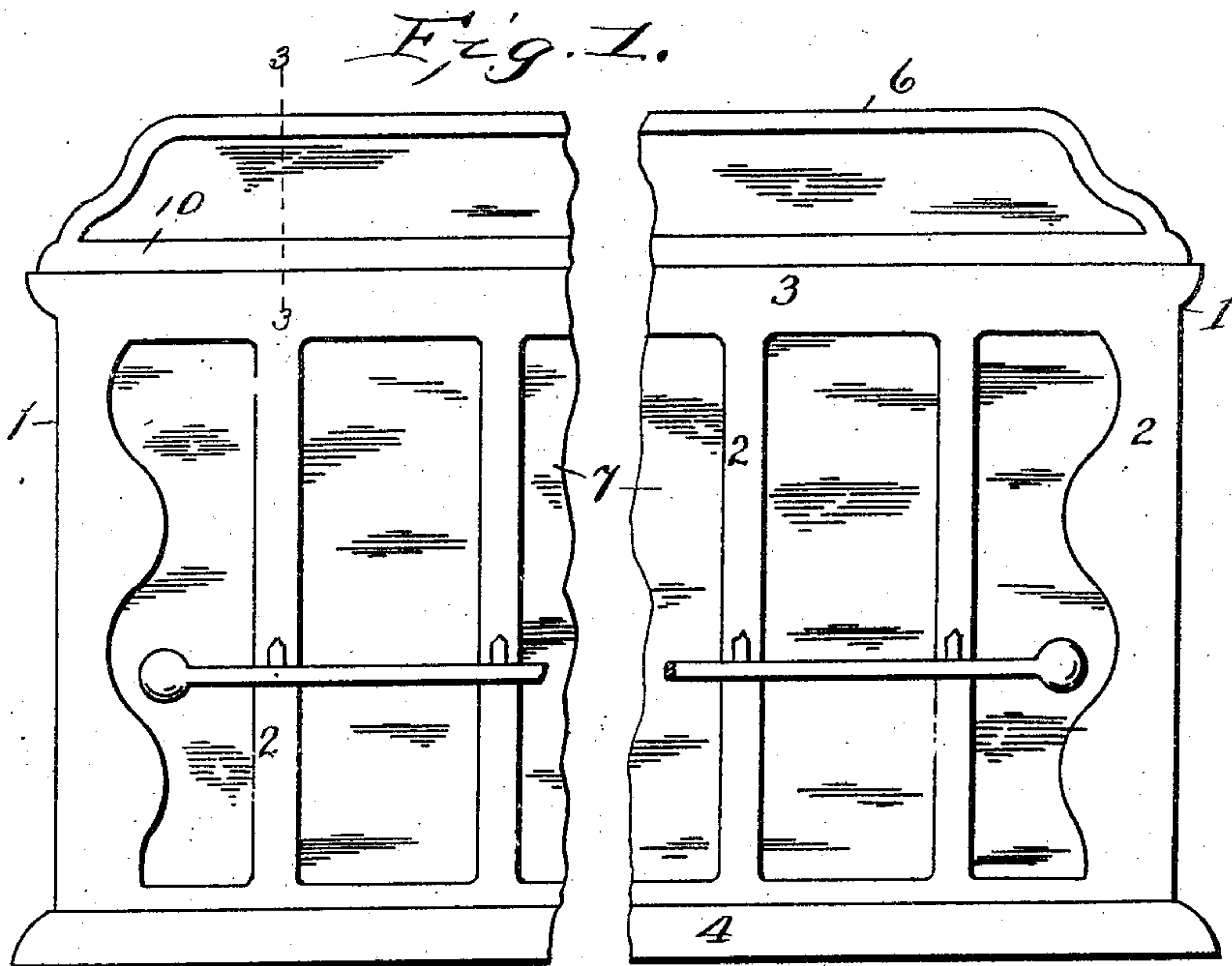


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED S. SEIDEL, citizen of the United States, residing at Reading, in the county of Berks and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Burial-Caskets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in burial caskets and the object of the invention is to provide a casket of glass, reinforced by a metallic frame, or in other words, a metallic casket having a glass lining.

The invention consists of a skeleton frame, inclosing a rectangular body or box made up of a plurality of plates of glass, suitably secured together and forming a lining for said frame.

The invention is intended as an improvement on the patent issued to Charles F. Eagelman, No. 842,830, under date of January 29th, 1907.

The invention is more fully described in the following specification and clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my casket. Fig. 2 is a plan view thereof, with the cover removed. Fig. 3 is a vertical cross-section of the cover on line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

The numeral 1 designates the metallic frame. This frame is made with a number of supports or bars 2 for joining together the upper and lower sections 3 and 4 of the frame.

The bottom frame 4 has a series of cross-arms 5 which serve as strengthening supports to keep the frame rigid and also to protect the bottom glass plate. The cover is also a metallic glass-lined frame having upper member 6 and lower member 10, which are connected at the four corners, and support the glass plates 11 and 12.

The numeral 7 designates the side plates, 8

the end plates and 9 the bottom plate, all of which are of glass and form a lining for the frame. These plates may be joined together at their meeting edges and to the frame by means of cement *q'* or in any other suitable manner, as may also the glass lining plates of the cover. The side and end plates may be left transparent if desired, or they may be frosted or otherwise treated if a transparent casket is not wanted. The plate in the cover may if desired be only partially so treated if desired, leaving only a portion thereof transparent near the head.

The handles are secured to the uprights in the usual manner and the entire frame may be made either plain or ornamental, as desired.

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

1. A burial casket comprising a metallic skeleton frame of rectangular form and a glass lining made up of a plurality of plates.

2. A burial casket comprising a metallic skeleton frame comprising upper and lower longitudinal members, uprights or supports having their opposite ends connected respectively to said upper and lower members, transverse cross-arms connecting the opposite longitudinal lower frame members, and a glass lining for said frame comprising a plurality of glass plates suitably joined together and to the said frame, and a cover comprising in its construction a metallic glass-lined frame.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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