

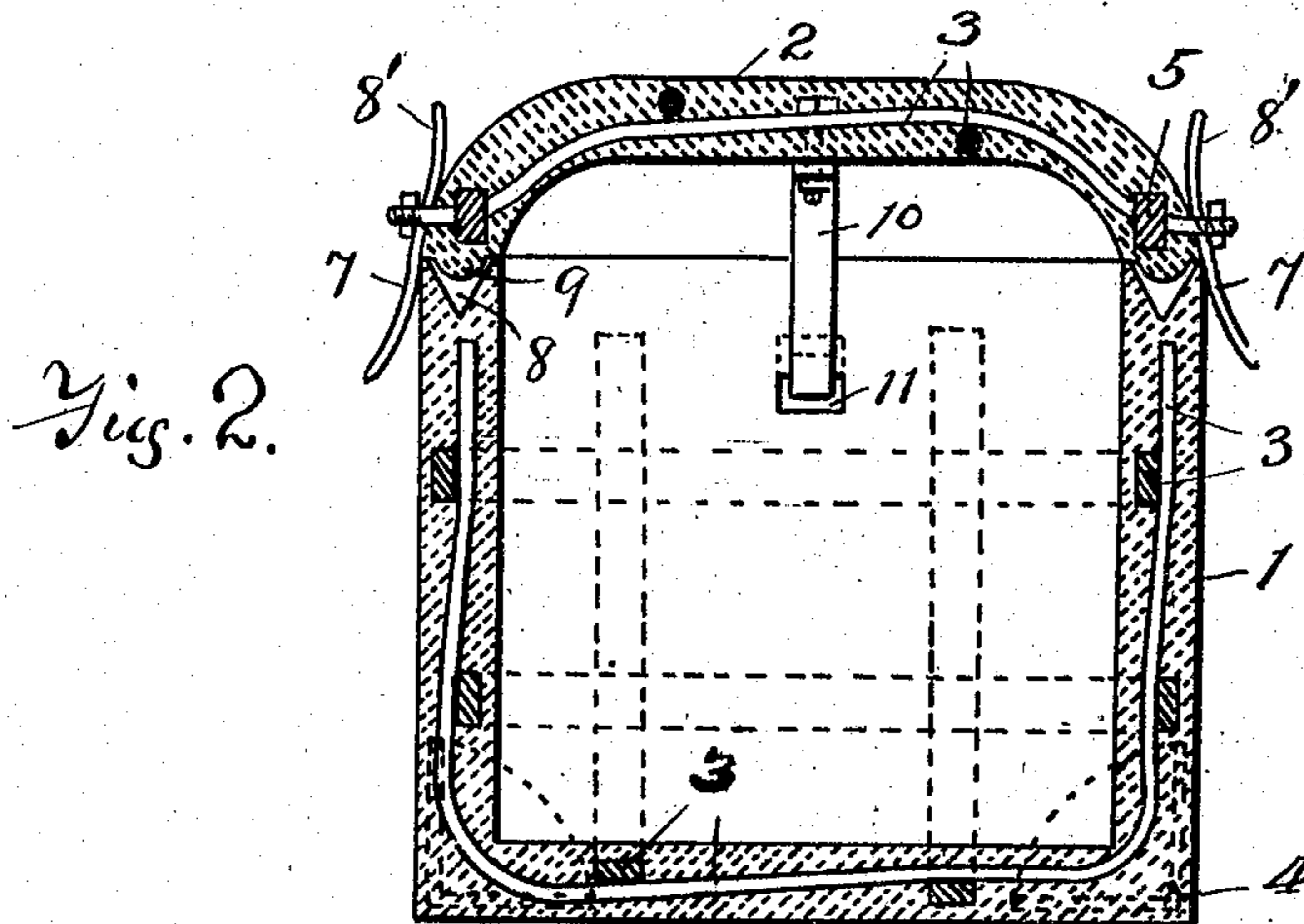
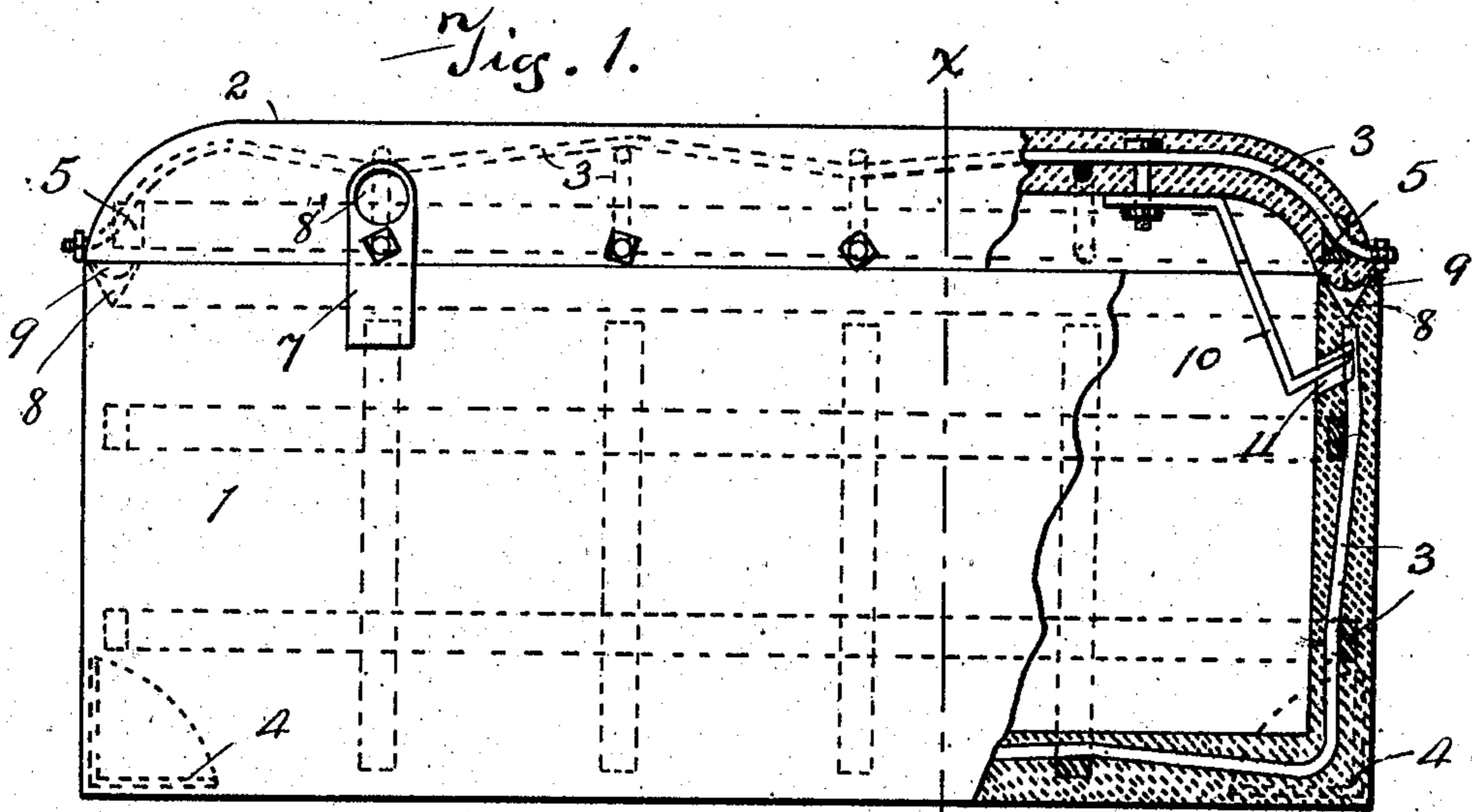
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, EUGENE J. CALLAHAN and DANIEL G. FISHER, citizens of the United States, residing at Reading, in the county of Berks and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Casket-Protectors, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in burial casket protectors and the object is to provide a device that will act in the double capacity of what is ordinarily termed an "over box" and a "walled out" grave.

Our device consists of a rectangular box-like body, made of a suitable plastic composition over a series of reinforcing rods or bars, provided with means for automatically locking and sealing the cover thereon.

The device is air tight; water and moisture proof; burglar proof and a thoroughly sanitary burial casket protector and container.

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, partly in section, of our device and Fig. 2 is a cross-section through X—X of Fig. 1.

The numeral 1 designates the body and 2 the cover of our casket protector. Both the body and cover are composed of a composition of materials, mixed in a plastic state and molded over a frame composed of a series of rods or bars 3. This frame is made up of a series of rods which cross each other to make a suitable web and act as a strengthening or reinforcing element and are bent to approximate the general contour of the body and cover. In each corner of the body portion we place a metal reinforce 4.

The web for the cover comprises, in connection with the cross-bars, a metal band, of substantially the outline of the cover, and the ends of the bars pass through this band and their extremities are provided with nuts so as to prevent warping and to take up any shrinkage.

The cover carries a series of positioning guides 7, the lower ends of which depend below the cover and the upper ends of which are formed into rings or handles 8' for handling the cover conveniently.

The upper edge of the body portion is formed with a groove 8 and the cover is formed with a registering rib 9 therefor.

When the device is to be closed, the cover is lowered into position, the guides 7 acting as positioning means and insuring the proper placing of the cover on the body. The groove 8 has previously been filled with a suitable cement and when the lid is placed in position, the rib thereon will enter the groove in the body and the cement will securely seal the two parts.

In the cover, we provide near each end, on the inside, a spring catch 10 adapted to enter recesses in the inner wall of the body portion, indicated by numeral 11. It will thus be seen that when the cover is lowered onto the body, the weight thereof will cause the catches to snap into the recesses in the body, thus securely locking the cover in position. With this locking and sealing of the cover to the body, the result is an air tight and water tight retainer and protector for the casket; one whose sanitary advantages are without question and one in which the fear of burglars is entirely overcome as its weight is too great for convenient handling and the construction such that it is almost impossible to remove its contents without entirely destroying the device.

Having thus fully described our invention, what we claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

A burial casket protector comprising a body of plastic composition, a reinforcing web embedded therein composed of a series of cross bars, metal corner pieces embedded in said body, said body having a cement receiving groove around its upper edge and a recess in each end in the inner wall thereof, and a cover comprising a body of plastic composition, a reinforcing web embedded therein composed of a series of cross-bars and a frame to which the ends of said bars are secured, a rib adapted to register with the cement groove in the body, spring catches secured to the inside of the cover adapted to engage the recesses in the body and positioning guides whose upper ends are formed into handles.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures, in presence of two witnesses.

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