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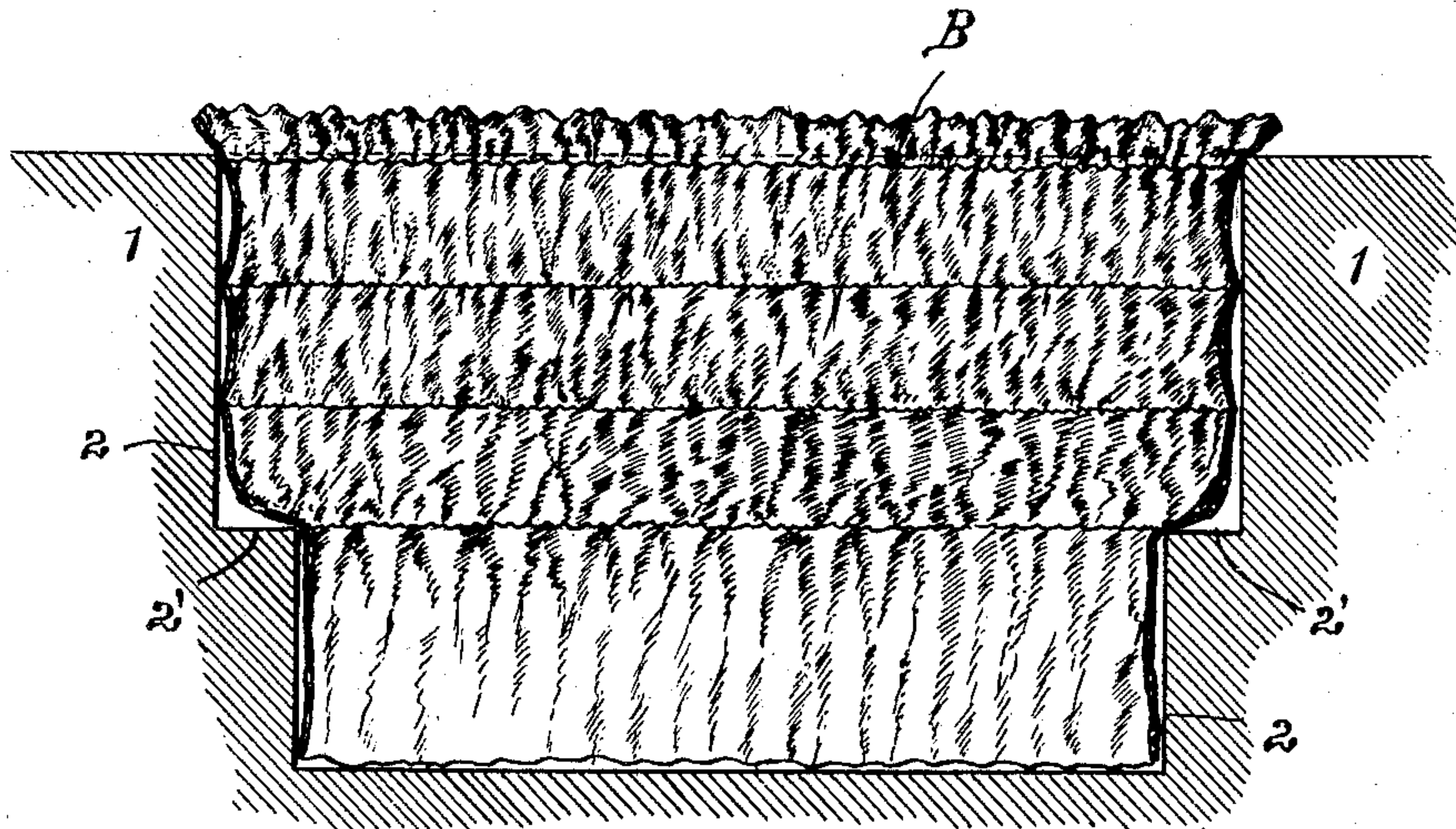


Fig. 1

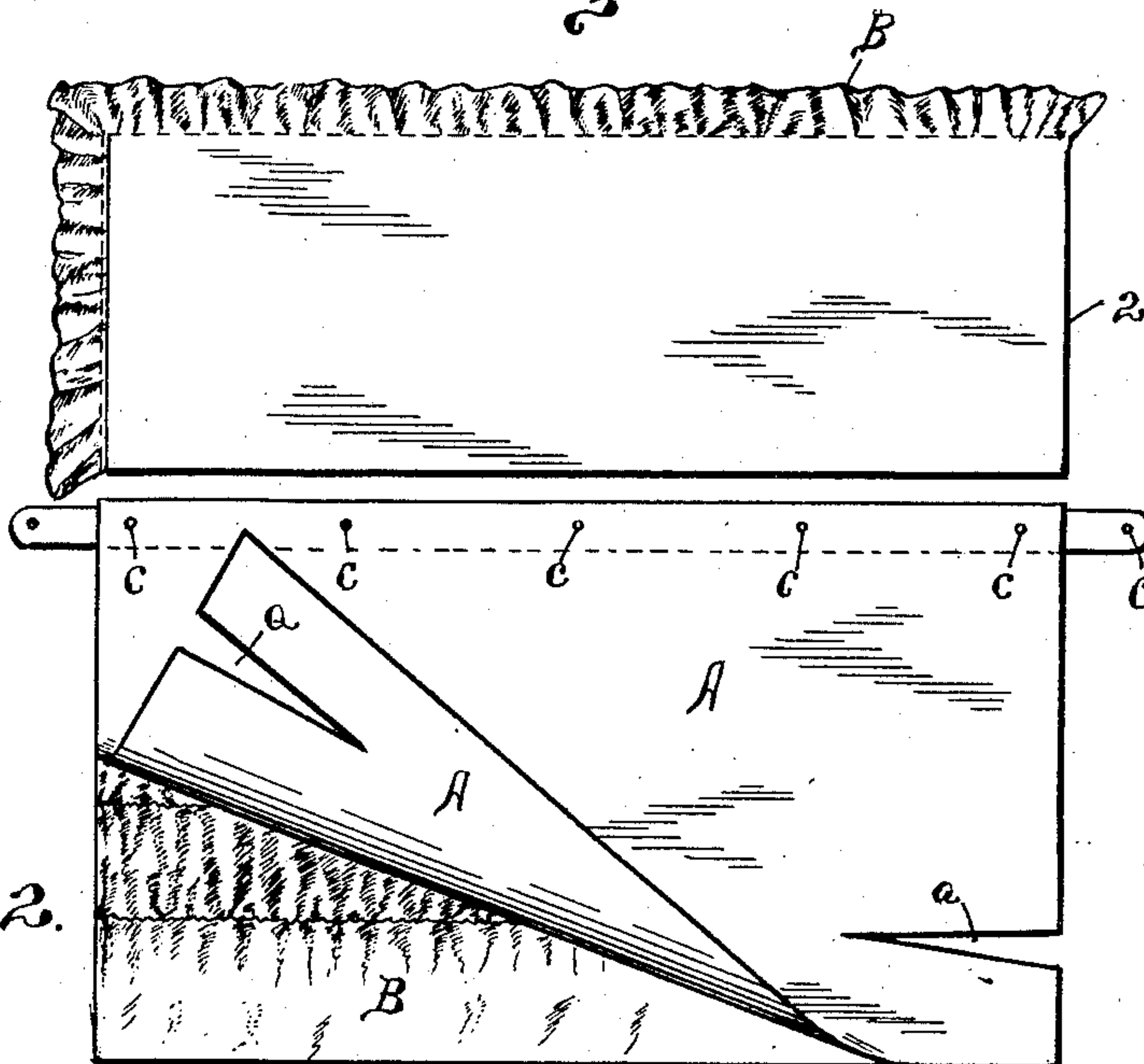


Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JAMES M. DODDRIDGE and WILBUR I. DODDRIDGE, both citizens of the United States, and residents of Milton, in the county of Wayne and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Grave-Linings, of which the following is a full and complete exposition, being such as will enable others to make and use the same with absolute exactitude.

This invention has reference to a double-thickness grave lining, and broadly stated, the object is to provide a grave lining which may be easily made and placed in position, and which will give a pleasing and an artistic finish to the grave.

The particular object is to provide a grave lining comprising a relative dense backing of a preferred hue to be covered with transparent fabric of a hue different from the backing.

Other objects and particular advantages of our invention will be brought out in the course of the following specification.

One manner for carrying out the principles of our invention is shown clearly in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a longitudinal section of a grave equipped with our invention. Fig. 2 is a top plan of a grave partly equipped with our invention, showing one of the members partly positioned. And Fig. 3 is a detail section showing the manner of uniting the two thicknesses of fabric at the top.

Similar reference characters denote like parts throughout the several views of the drawings.

We will now take up a detail description of our invention and the manner of its utilization, and will refer to the several parts as briefly and as fully as we may.

Referring now to the drawings, the numeral 1 denotes the ground in which the grave is formed in the usual manner, and the numeral 2 denotes the sides and ends of the inside of the grave. An offset or shelf 2' is formed around on the inside of the grave which should be on a line with the top of a casket or box which may be placed in the grave.

Our invention comprises the means we employ for covering and hiding the raw edge and the interior of the grave. The invention contemplates preferably four separate sections each formed of two thicknesses of

fabric, denominated the backing, or back fabric, and the facing, or face fabric. All of the sections are identical with each other except as to length, therefore a description of one will answer for a description of all, in fact the four sections may be formed integral with each other.

The backing is designated by the letter A and the facing is designated by the letter B.

The backing A is formed of a dense fabric of the color desired and it should be cut of a size such as to fit the side or the end of the grave for which it is intended, and to extend out over the upper edge of the grave, and to extend down to and cover the bottom of the grave, or a portion thereof, if desired.

The facing B is formed of a comparatively thin and transparent fabric which is plaited thereacross to give it a fullness and an artistic or decorative effect, and should be of a size such as to cover the backing.

The upper edges of the backing A and the facing B are folded in, as indicated in Fig. 3, and seamed together substantially as shown.

Extending inwardly laterally from each side of each section is a slit, as for instance the slits *a* in Fig. 2, whereby the sections may be neatly fitted around the offset 2' of the grave.

The edges of the sections are turned out, as shown in the lower portion of Fig. 2, and its inner edge secured to the ground by headed pins or spikes C, after which the section may be turned over and allowed to hang down vertically inside the grave, as shown in Fig. 1.

The appearance of the lining when thus constructed is very pleasing, by reason of the blending of the two kinds, and colors of the fabric, and the plaiting of the facing, the whole causing all the exposed portions of the ground to be covered.

Having now fully shown and described our invention, what we claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

A grave lining comprising a plurality of side and end sections formed wholly of fabric, each section comprising a backing piece of dense material and a facing piece of thin transparent material, the latter being of a color different from the former and formed with a series of plaitings throughout its extent, the upper edges of the two parts of each section being doubled in and secured

together, and means for securing the upper portion of each section to the surface of the ground which means comprises headed pins adapted to be passed through the upper edge of the backing piece of the lining and into the ground.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto

signed our names to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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