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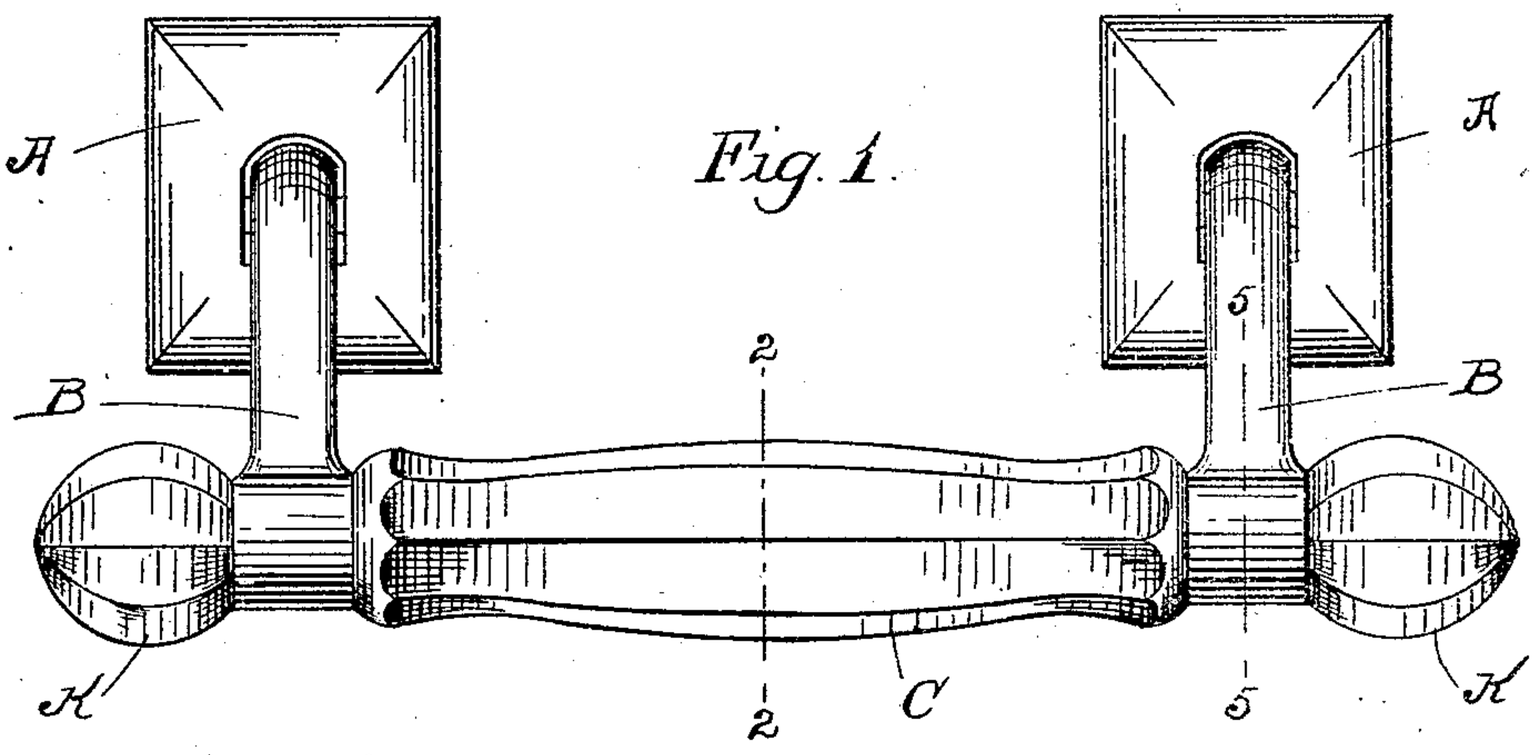

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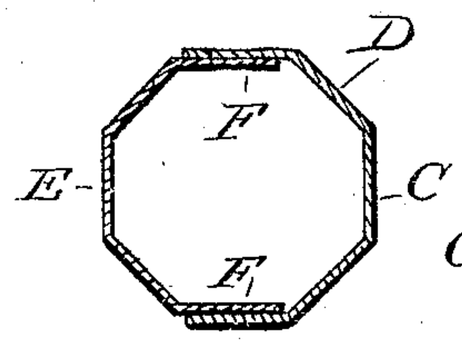

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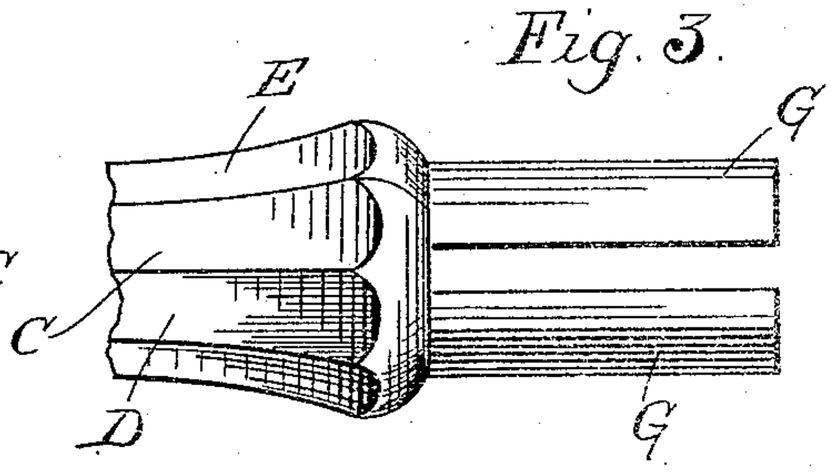

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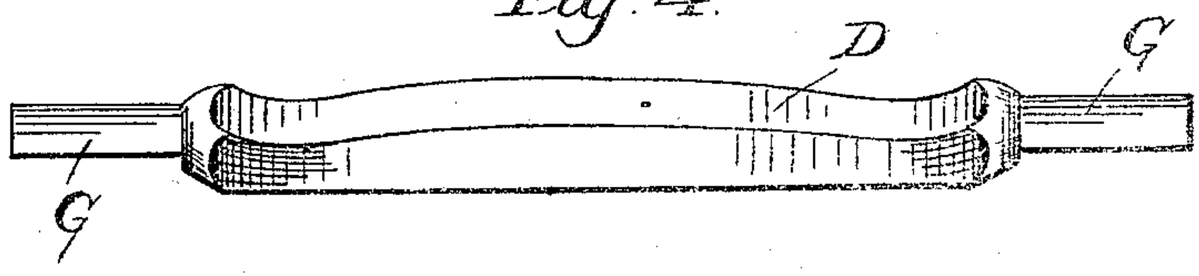

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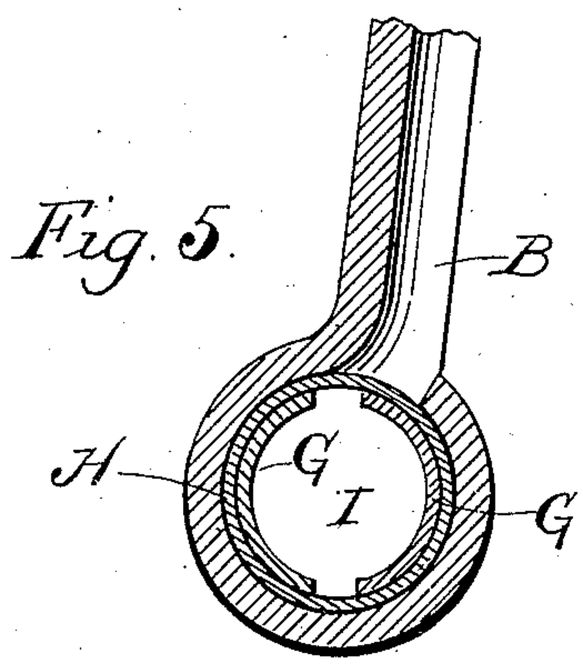

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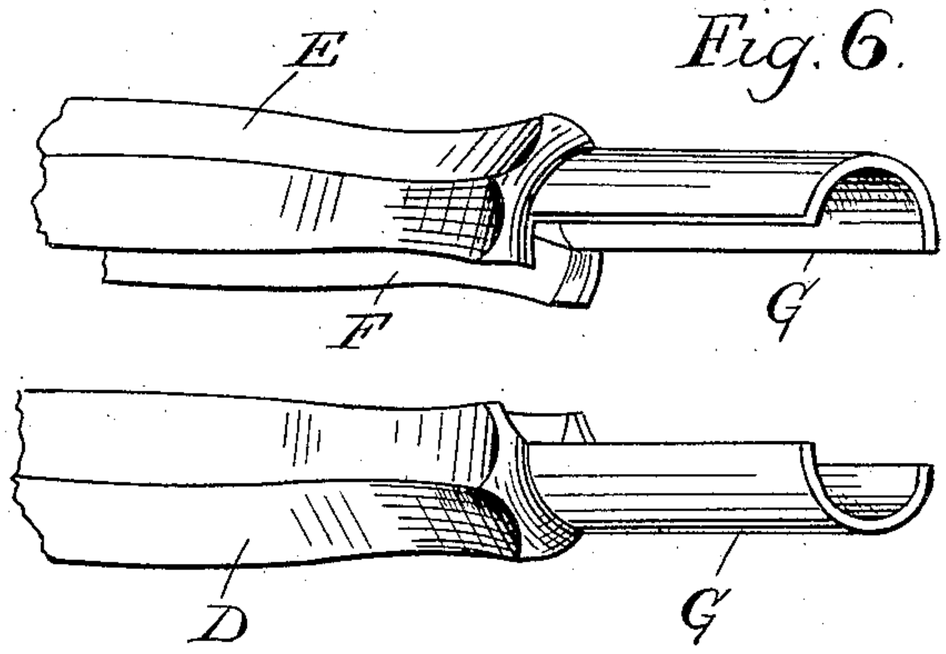

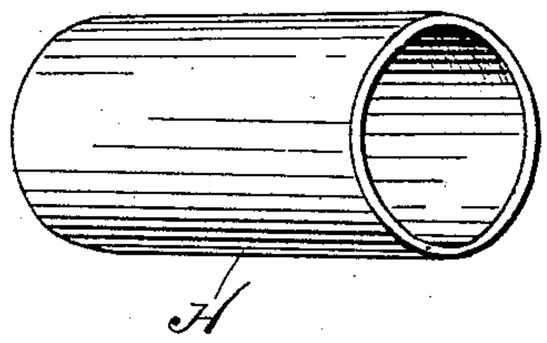

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD R. SARGENT, of the city and county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented new and useful Improvements in Casket-Handles, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, when taken with the accompanying drawings, which form a part thereof.

This invention relates to casket handles, and more particularly to the construction of the bar or gripping portion of the handle. Bars for this purpose have been formed of metal tubes, but considerable difficulty is involved when it is desired to form these tubes in any ornamental or unusual form.

In a prior application, Serial No. 498,143, filed May 25, 1909, I have described a method of forming the bar in a number of parts adapted to be assembled and united along longitudinal lines.

The present invention relates to an improvement on this type of handle bar, and consists in providing certain additional parts to the separate pieces of the handle bar by which the parts of the bar may be readily assembled and held together in an efficient manner.

To this end, the invention consists in the several improvements and combinations of parts set forth and claimed hereinafter.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 represents a front elevation of a casket handle embodying my invention, Fig. 2, a transverse vertical section on line 2—2 of Fig. 1, Fig. 3, a detail view of the end of the bar showing the assembling plates, Fig. 4, a side elevation in detail of one of the parts of the handle bar, Fig. 5, a transverse section through the arm and bar of the handle on line 5—5 of Fig. 1, and Fig. 6, a perspective view of one end of each of the parts of the bar and the locking sleeve.

In all figures similar letters of reference represent like parts.

In the drawings, the parts designated by the letter A represent the socket plates which are adapted to be secured to the casket or other article, and support the handle.

B designates the arms of the handles which may be pivoted within the socket plates in any well known manner.

C designates the handle bar which is formed, as more particularly shown in Figs. 2, 4 and 6, of a plurality of sheet metal plates stamped out substantially in U shape in cross section and adapted when joined together to overlap along a longitudinal line or lines, that is, the lateral edges of one of the parts, such as D, overlap the lateral edges F of the other part E. While the invention is not limited to the particular form of the parts D and E, I prefer to make them, as shown more particularly in Fig. 2, each with five sides so that when they overlap the bar itself will be octagonal in cross section.

On the ends of each of the parts D and E are provided curved assembling plates G, which as shown more particularly in Fig. 5, do not overlap when the parts D and E are assembled but form arcs of a concentric circle. A sleeve H is adapted to fit over the curved plates G and hold them from parting. The sleeve H may, a shown in Fig. 5, fit within the lateral perforation I of the arm B of the handle so that when the knob K or other device is placed on the end of the bar the sleeve H and the curved plates G will be entirely concealed. By this means, the parts of the handle bar are assembled and held in place without the necessity of any core or plug projecting out from the ends of the bar, as the arm of the handle grips the plates G through the sleeve H. The parts of the bar are prevented from being crushed because of the stiffening produced by the overlapping parts.

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

1. In a handle for caskets or similar articles, the combination with the arm of the handle; of a handle bar formed of a plurality of parts adapted to overlap each other on longitudinal lines, said parts having assembling plates projecting from the ends thereof and adapted to be engaged by said arm, substantially as described.

2. In a handle for caskets or similar ar-

ticles, the combination with the arm; of a handle bar formed of a plurality of parts adapted to overlap each other on longitudinal lines and having extensions at the ends thereof; and a sleeve engaging said extensions and adapted to be held by the arm of the handle, substantially as described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand on the 9th day of November, 1909.

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