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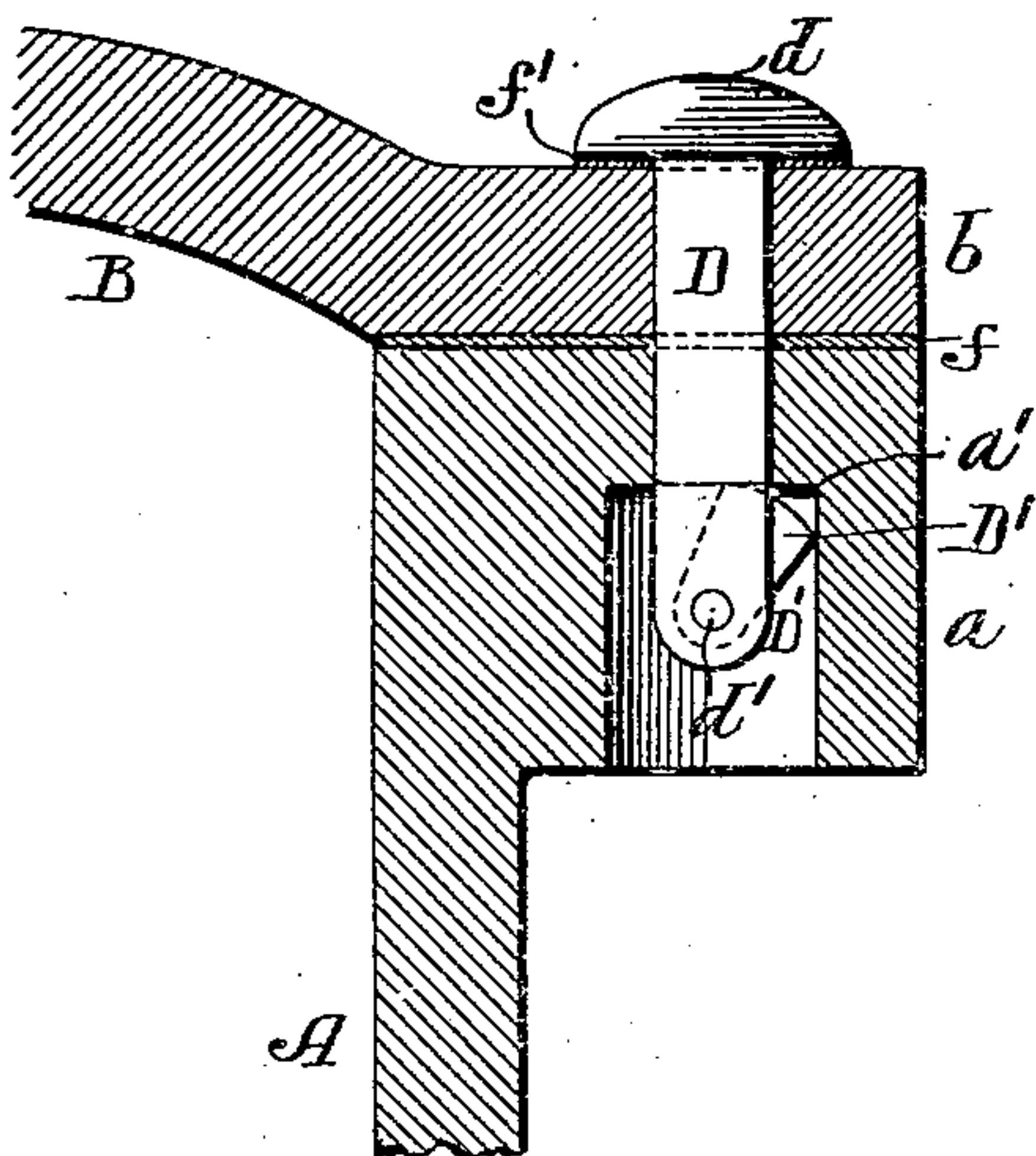


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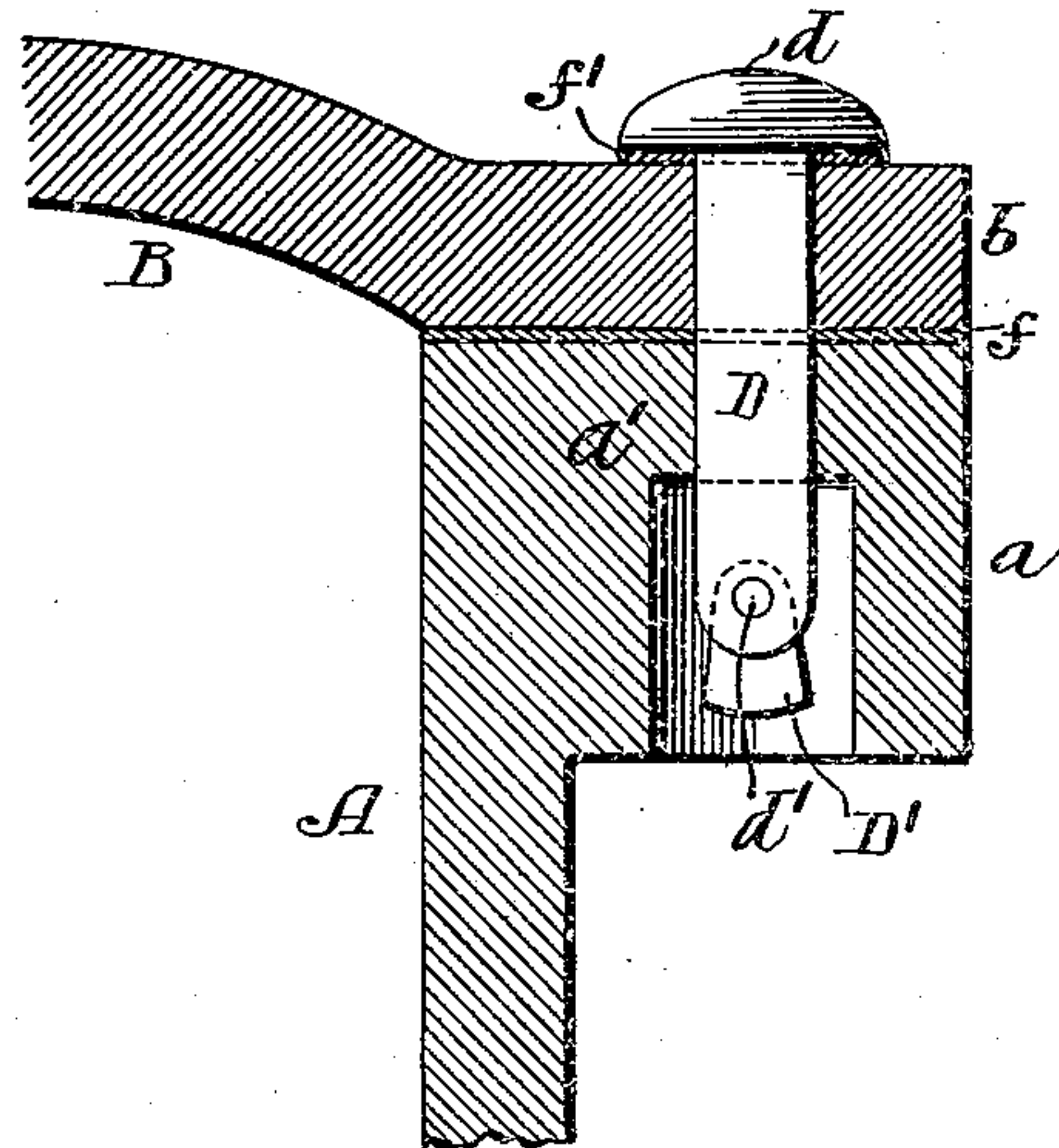


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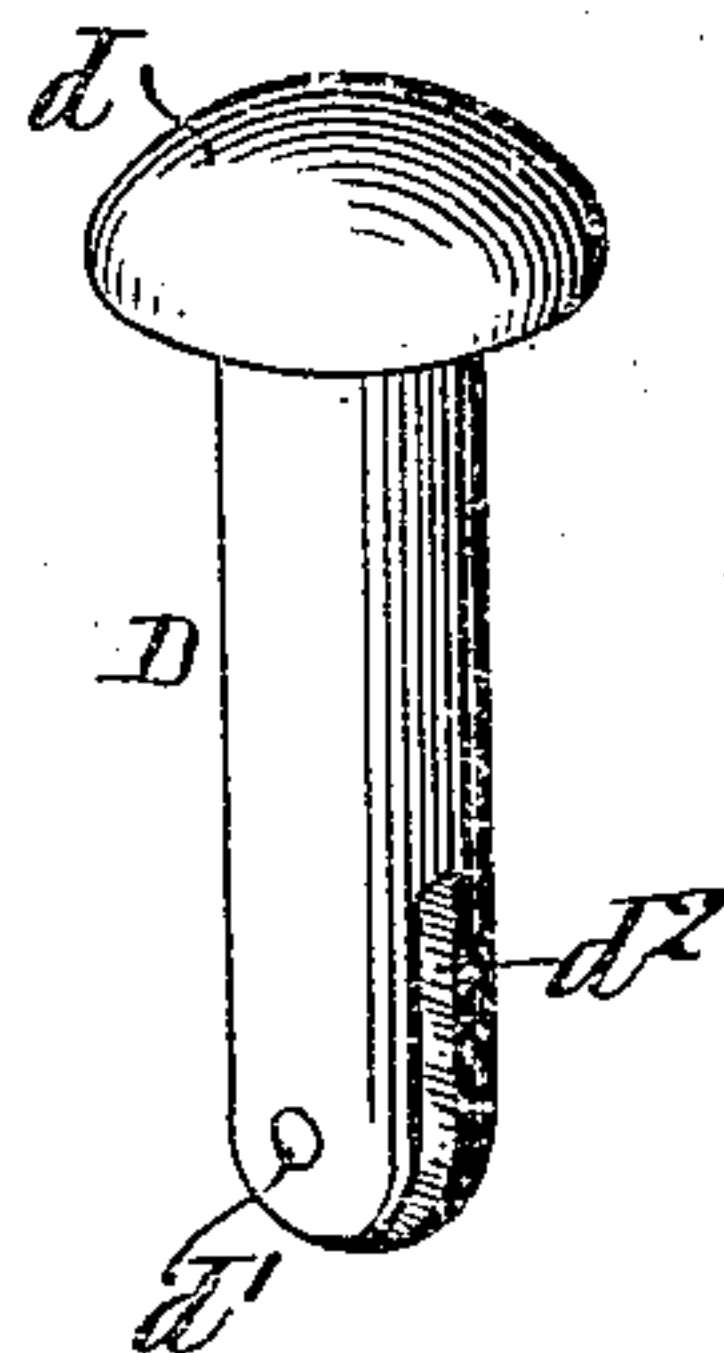
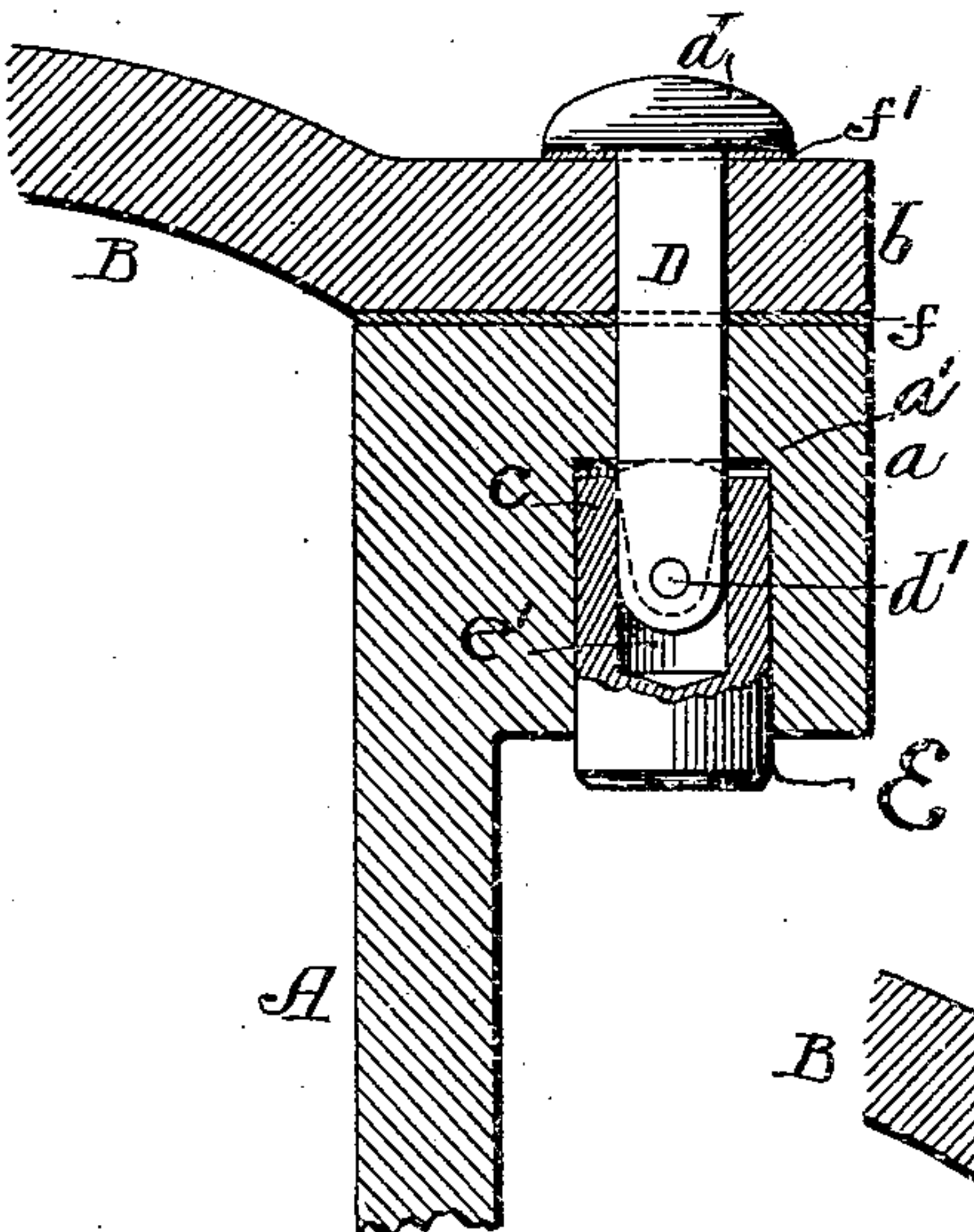


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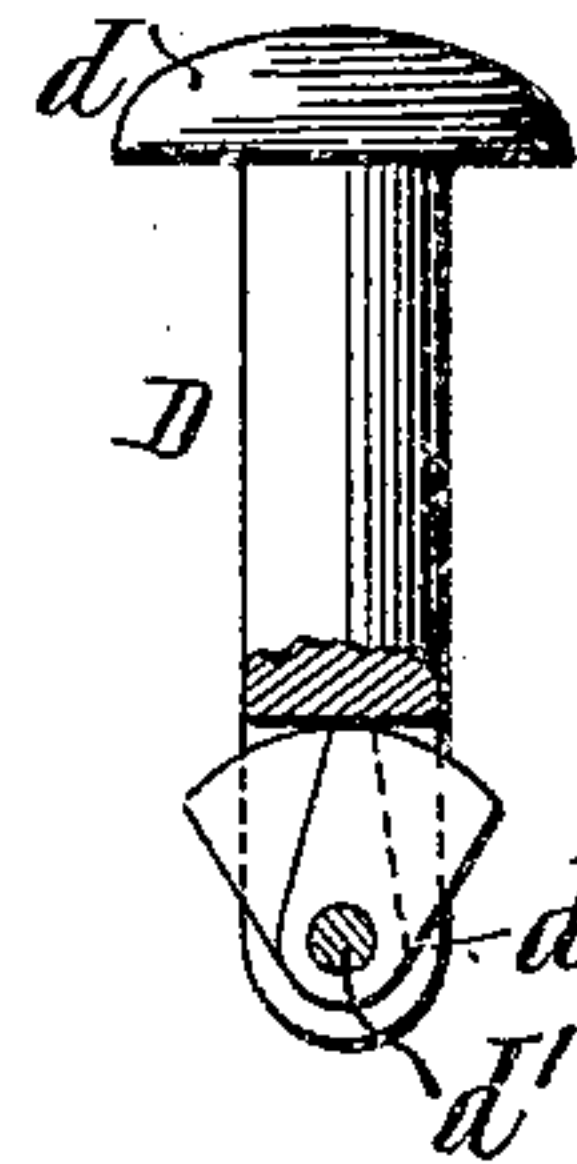
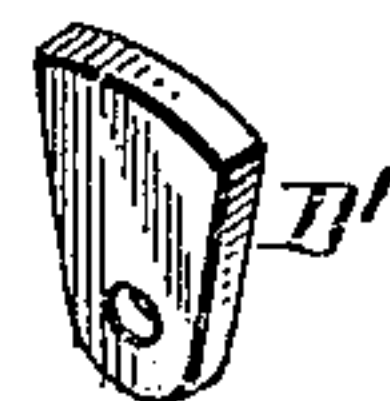
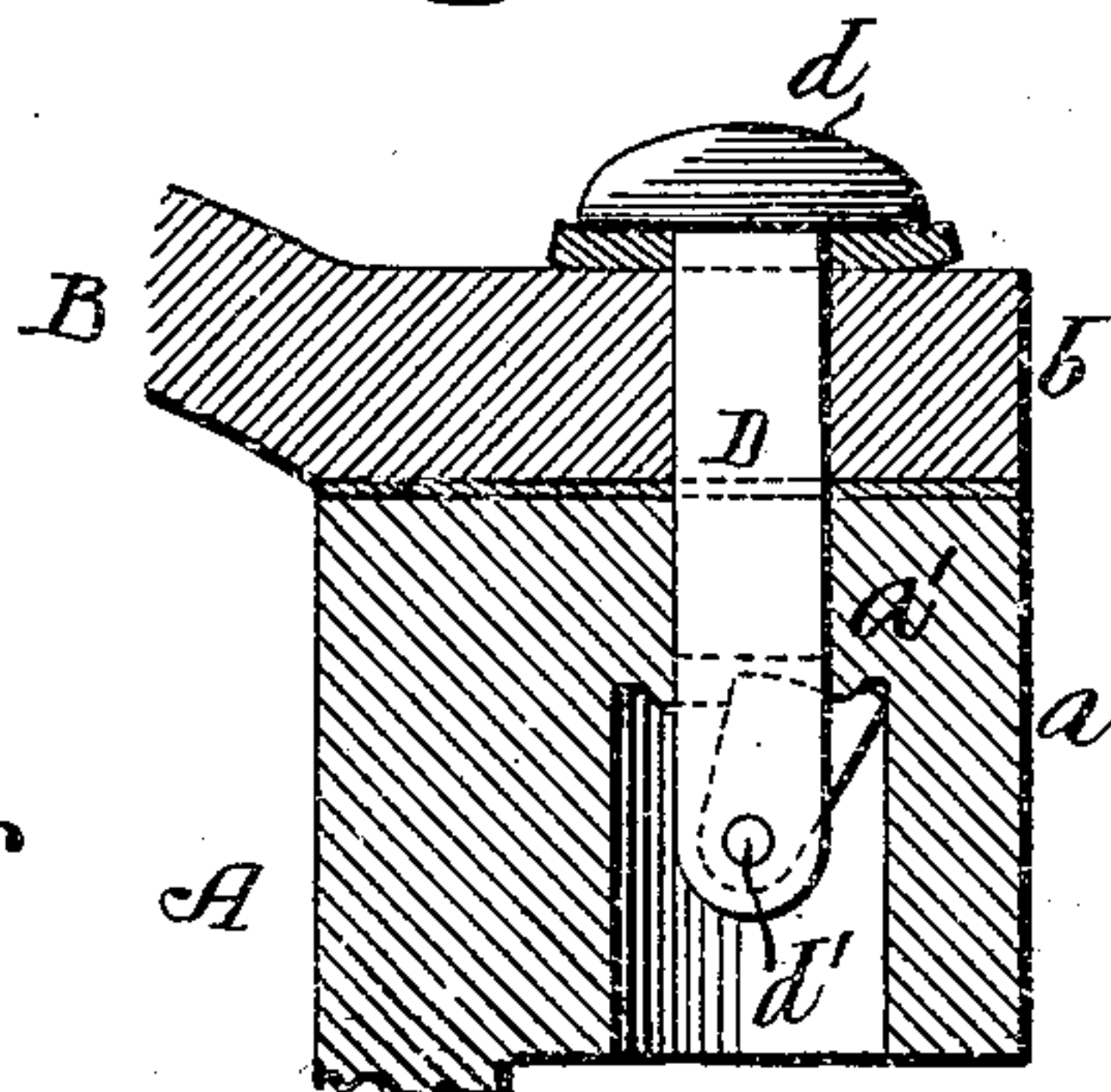


Fig. 5.

Fig. 6.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN S. MUCKLÉ, a citizen of the United States, residing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented certain Improvements in Fastening Devices for Burial-Caskets, &c., of which the following is a specification.

The main object of this invention is to provide a simple device for securing the cover to the body portion of a burial casket, which can be readily placed in position without undue noise and which, when in position, will hold the parts tightly together.

A further object of the invention is to so construct the device that it can be placed in position temporarily and withdrawn when desired to remove the cover.

A still further object is to provide means for unlocking the device when it is wished to remove the cover after it is fastened.

In the accompanying drawing:—Figure 1, is a sectional view through a portion of the body and cover of a casket, showing the bolt in the locked position; Fig. 2, is a view similar to Fig. 1, showing the bolt in the position where it can be readily withdrawn; Fig. 3, is a view showing the application of the means for unlocking the bolt so that it can be withdrawn; Fig. 4, is a detached perspective view of the two parts of the bolt; and Figs. 5, and 6, are views of modifications.

A indicates a sufficient portion of the body of an ordinary casket, preferably of the metallic type, to illustrate my invention and B indicates a portion of the metallic cover.

*a* is a flange on the casket, or a series of lateral projections arranged at intervals where it is desired to secure the locking device.

*b* is a flange on the cover extending over the flange *a* on the body portion. Both of these flanges are perforated for the reception of the bolt D having a head *d* of any suitable shape; this head may be ornamented in keeping with the ornamental features of the casket. The opening in the flange *a* is increased in size at the bottom by a counter bore to form an abrupt locking shoulder *a'*, and this enlargement is open at the bottom so that a tool E can be inserted when it is desired to remove the bolt after it is once fastened. Pivoted at *d'* to the lower portion of the bolt is a dog D' which is adapted to the slot *d<sup>2</sup>* in the end of the

bolt, and this dog is free to turn on its pivot to one side or the other after its upper edge has reached a point below the shoulder *a'* as shown in Fig. 1, so that it is impossible to withdraw the bolt from the top after once in position.

In order to remove the bolt when necessary, the dog must be shifted to the central position, as its width is equal to the diameter of the opening for the bolt, when it can be withdrawn, and I accomplish this by using the tool E having a flange *e* with a central opening *e'* of sufficient size to pass over the end of the bolt and move the dog to the central position, as illustrated in Fig. 3.

In some instances when it is desired to temporarily attach the cover to the body of the casket I may allow the dog to drop to the position shown in Fig. 2, before the bolt D is inserted in the openings, and when the bolt is inserted with the dog in the position shown, the dog will not engage the shoulder *a'* and the bolt can be readily removed when necessary.

In some instances I may provide a washer *f* between the flange of the cover and the flange of the body portion, as shown in Fig. 1, and I may also provide a washer *f'* between the head *d* of the bolt and the flange *b* of the cover, so that by pressing firmly down upon the head of the bolt the washer will yield sufficiently to allow the dog to clear the shoulder and swing under it. By this construction I am enabled to make a tight coupling which will not rattle.

In some instances I may make the bolt as shown in Fig. 5, with two dogs, one adapted to swing on one side of the bolt and the other on the other side, where additional security is desired.

There may be a flange in the body portion and a projection on the dog may engage the flange so as to positively lock the bolt, as shown in Fig. 6.

I claim:—

1. In means for attaching covers to caskets, the combination of a body portion having an opening with an internal shoulder, a cover having an opening, a bolt extending through the opening in the cover and the opening in the body portion, and a pivoted dog on the end of the bolt adapted to swing under the shoulder of the body portion.

2. The combination of a body portion



having a lateral projection, said projection having an opening therein greater in diameter at the lower end than at the upper end forming an abrupt shoulder, a flanged cover  
5 having an opening, a headed bolt adapted to the opening in the cover and the opening in the body portion, and a dog pivoted to the lower portion of the bolt and constructed to turn on its pivot to pass under the  
10 flange and under the shoulder when the bolt is inserted in the openings.

3. The combination of a body portion having a lateral projection, said projection having an opening therein greater in diameter at the lower end than at the upper end forming an abrupt shoulder, and a flanged  
15 cover having an opening, with a headed bolt adapted to the opening in the cover and the opening in the body portion, and a dog pivoted to the lower portion of the bolt and  
20 constructed to turn on its pivot to pass under the flange and under the shoulder when the bolt is inserted in the openings, sections of yielding material located respectively between the head of the bolt and flange of the

cover and between the flange of the cover and the flange of the body portion to provide a tight fit between the parts when the bolt is pressed to its place in the openings in said flanges.

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4. The combination of a body portion having a lateral projection, a cover, said cover having a hole and the projection also having a hole extending entirely through it and enlarged at its lower end to form a  
35 shoulder, with a headed bolt having a pivoted dog at the opposite end constructed to swing under the shoulder, and a flanged tool adapted to be inserted in the enlarged portion of the hole and move the dog from  
40 under the shoulder so that the bolt can be readily detached.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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