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Coffin Handle.

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Fig. 3.

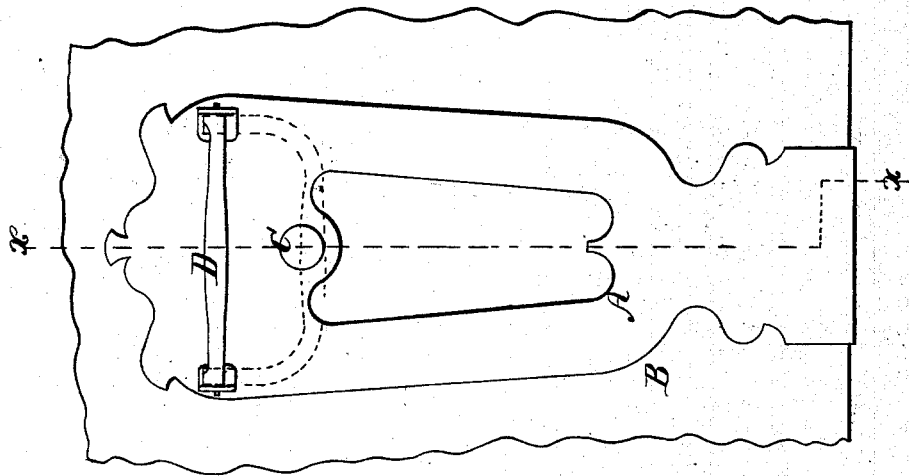


Fig. 2.

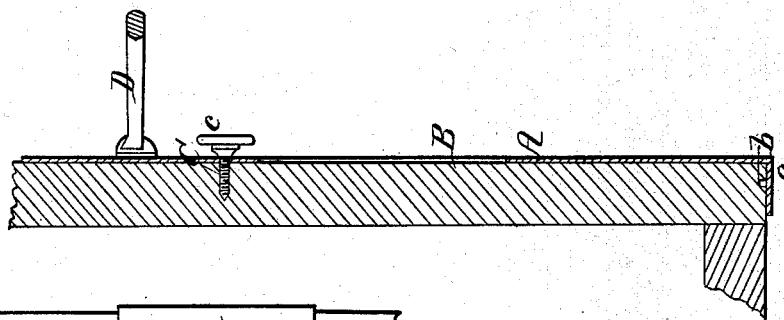
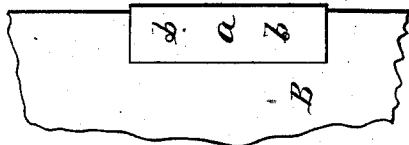


Fig. 1.



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IMPROVEMENT IN COFFIN-HANDLES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, IRA ALMY, of Farmer, in the county of Seneca and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Detachable Coffin-Handle; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable those skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a bottom or under view of my invention; Fig. 2, a vertical section of the same, taken in the line *x x*, Fig. 3; Fig. 3, a front view of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

The handles are the most expensive metal furniture pertaining to a coffin, especially when they are massive and elaborately ornamented, as is the case with those applied to first-class coffins.

The object of this invention is to obtain a handle which may be readily applied to a coffin and detached from it in a moment of time and without the aid of any mechanical tools, whereby a set of handles may be applied to an indefinite number of coffins—the former being applied to a coffin when the body is placed in it and removed when the coffin is to be incased or deposited in its final place. By this means every coffin may be provided with handles, as every undertaker, by providing himself with a few sets, may apply them when they are required for use and detach them when they are no longer required. Thus a great saving will be effected, and coffins of moderate cost supplied with handles without any appreciable extra expense.

A represents a metal plate, which may be of any ornamental appropriate design, and of sufficient length to extend from the bottom of a coffin upward to a height where the handle should be applied. This plate A has a flange

or lip, *a*, at its lower end, projecting at right angles from it, so as to fit under the bottom edge of the coffin B, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, while the plate A will abut snugly against its side, as shown in Fig. 2. The flange or lip *a* is provided with pins *b* to penetrate the bottom of the coffin, and a set or thumb screw, C, passes through the upper part of plate A, so that it may be screwed into the side of the coffin and firmly secure the plate A thereto.

The handle D may be attached to the plate A in the same way that handles are attached to the ordinary plates, which are screwed permanently to the coffin.

The knob *e* of the thumb-screw C may serve as a guard for the handle to rest or strike against.

In order to attach the handles to the coffin, all that is required is simply to press the pins *b* of the flanges or lips *a* into the bottom edge of the coffin, and then screw the thumb-screws C into the sides thereof, the screws C being provided with gimlet-points. To detach the handles, the screws C are unscrewed and the plates A pressed slightly downward to detach the pins *b*.

By this arrangement the handles may not only be expeditiously applied to and detached from the coffin, but they are also firmly secured to it when applied, and admit of the coffin being carried by the handles equally as securely as if they were permanently attached to it in the old way.

I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A detachable coffin-handle secured to a coffin through the medium of a plate, applied in the manner substantially as shown and described.

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