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End for Burial Cases.

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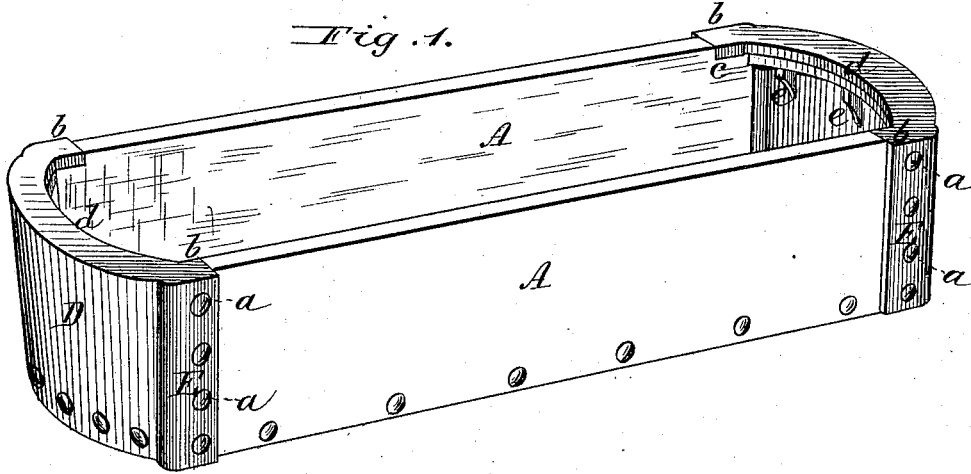


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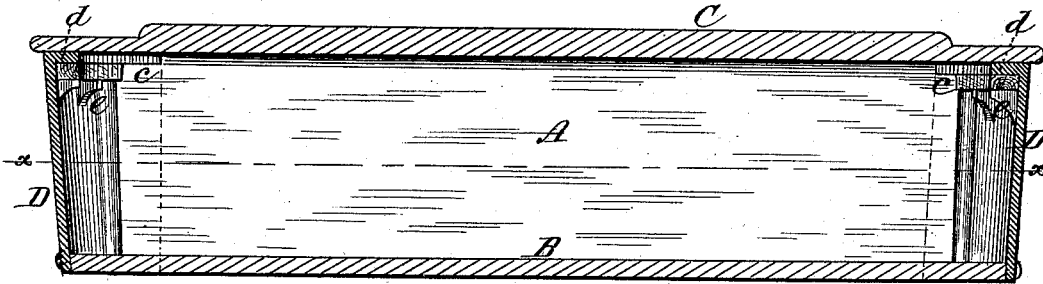


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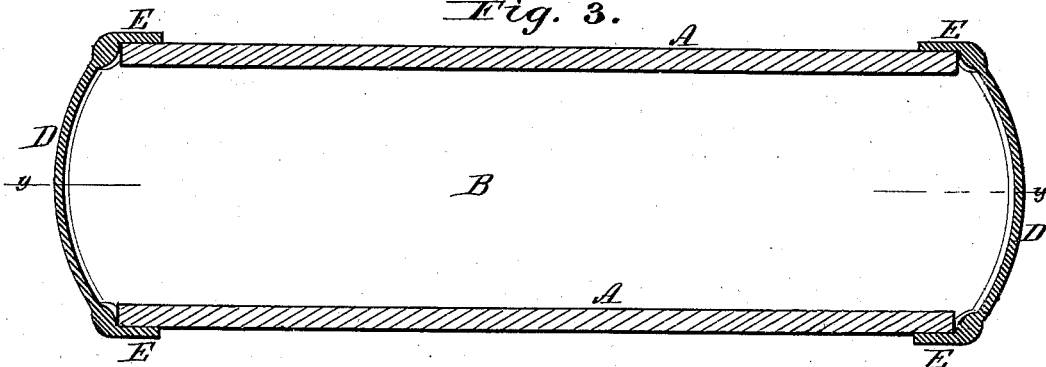
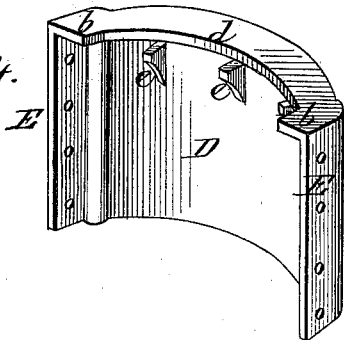


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## IMPROVEMENT IN ENDS FOR BURIAL-CASES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SAMUEL BENTON, of Baltimore city, in the county of Baltimore and State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Burial-Cases; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of my invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My object is to produce a strong burial-case, and to lessen the great expense attending their manufacture.

For this purpose I construct the ends of the case of metal, as articles of manufacture adapted for use by the trade; and I combine these separate cast-metal ends with wooden sides, top, and bottom, as a complete case. The cast-metal ends I make of different sizes to suit any size of case, and of any suitable design, and finish them on their exterior surfaces to resemble rose-wood, mahogany, and the like. The joining of the cast-metal ends I effect by lapping moldings, into which the ends of the sides are fitted and secured. The tops of the lapping moldings fit over and into notches in the upper edges of the sides. For this purpose the lapping moldings of the metal ends are made open on their inner sides to receive the ends of the wooden sides.

The cast-metal ends have top rims, which form a continuation of the top side laps, and project inward, while inward projections beneath the rims serve to hold small wooden strips, to which the linings are tacked.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 represents, in perspective, my improved burial-case; Fig. 2, a vertical section through the length thereof; Fig. 3, a horizontal section; and Fig. 4, one of the cast-metal ends.

The sides A, the bottom B, and the top C are of any suitable kind of wood, and the ends D, I make of cast metal. These I make of different sizes, of any suitable design, for use with different-sized cases, as articles of manufacture, for use by the trade in making

the case or casket, being completed for this purpose with different styles of finish or graining upon their smooth outer surfaces. Their vertical sides have lap-moldings E, which, being open on their inner sides, receive the ends of the wooden sides, and to which they are secured by screws *a*. The tops *b* of the lap-moldings E are fitted into notches *c* in the upper corners of the wooden sides, and an inward top projecting rim, *d*, of the ends forms a continuation of the top laps. Inner wall projections *e* below the rims serve as supports for wooden strips, to which the lining is secured.

The lap-moldings have a number of holes for the side-fastening screws; and holes are also made in the lower edge of the ends, by which to fasten them to the wooden bottom, which is also screwed to the wooden sides. The top may be of any suitable construction, and is screwed to the wooden sides.

The lap-moldings of the metal ends afford very cheap and convenient means for fitting and securing the wooden sides, and by this means I am enabled to furnish the trade with an article which will greatly lessen the expense of hitherto very costly burial-caskets.

The most expensive and difficult part of the manufacture of wooden caskets is the making and finishing of the ends, and this my invention avoids.

I claim—

As a new manufacture for burial-cases, cast-metal ends of different sizes for different-sized cases, having vertical side lap-moldings, open on their inner sides, inward-projecting top rims, forming a continuation of the top-molding laps, and inward projections, as supports for the trimming-strips, for use as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I hereto affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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