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Burial-Casket.

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Fig. 1

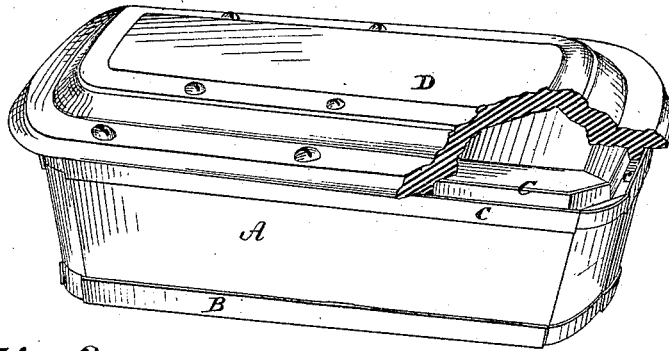


Fig. 2

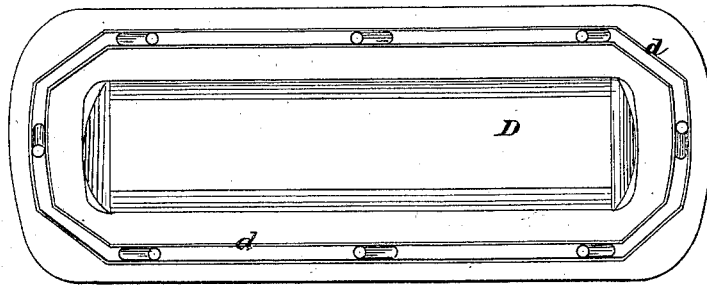
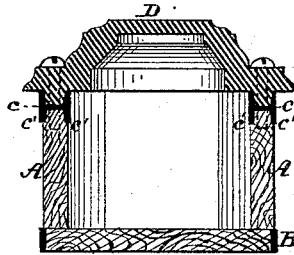


Fig. 3



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IMPROVEMENT IN BURIAL-CASKETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN R. NELSON, of the city of Burlington, in the county of Des Moines and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Burial-Caskets, of which the following is a specification:

My improvement consists in providing a peculiarly-shaped rim-piece of metal to fit over and bind the upper edge of the wooden body, and also to receive a closely-fitting lug cast upon the metal rim-piece of the cover, and in securing the cover to the body by means of screws passing through the cover and rim-piece into the wooden body of the casket.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the casket, with a corner of the lid broken away. Fig. 2 is a view of the inverted cover, and Fig. 3 a transverse vertical section through the casket.

The body A of the casket is formed of wood, the sides, ends, and bottom being joined together in any well-known manner, and is bound around its lower edge by an electroplated metallic band, B, that serves as a trimming, and also helps to secure the sides and the bottom of the body firmly together. A rim-piece, C, formed of sheet metal, H-shaped, forming a gutter above and also below the connecting-web *c*, rests upon the top of the body and fits over its inner and outer edges at *c' c'*, forming a gutter around the rim of the body, with beveled walls, making the upper gutter wider

at the top than at the bottom thereof. The rim-piece is secured to the body by screws passing through the web *c* of the gutter, that hold it firmly in place. The lower gutter of the rim-piece, overlapping the upper edges of the body, serves to strengthen the joints and bind the side pieces securely together. The top or cover of the casket I make of cast-iron, in one piece, and am thereby enabled to secure various advantages. A tapering rib, *d*, of exact shape and dimensions to fit snugly into the gutter of the rim-piece, may thus be cast upon the cover, the face of which may be planed to form a more perfect joint upon the bottom of the gutter.

The edge alone of the cover may be made of cast metal when formed with a bead to fit into the guttered rim-piece without departing from this portion of my invention.

I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

In a burial-casket, the double-guttered metal rim-piece C, fitting over the upper edge of a wooden casket-body, in combination with the metal plate of the cover, formed with a rib, *d*, cast upon it, to fit the upper gutter of the rim-piece and receive the securing-screws, which pass through the cover and web of the rim-piece into the body of the coffin.

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