

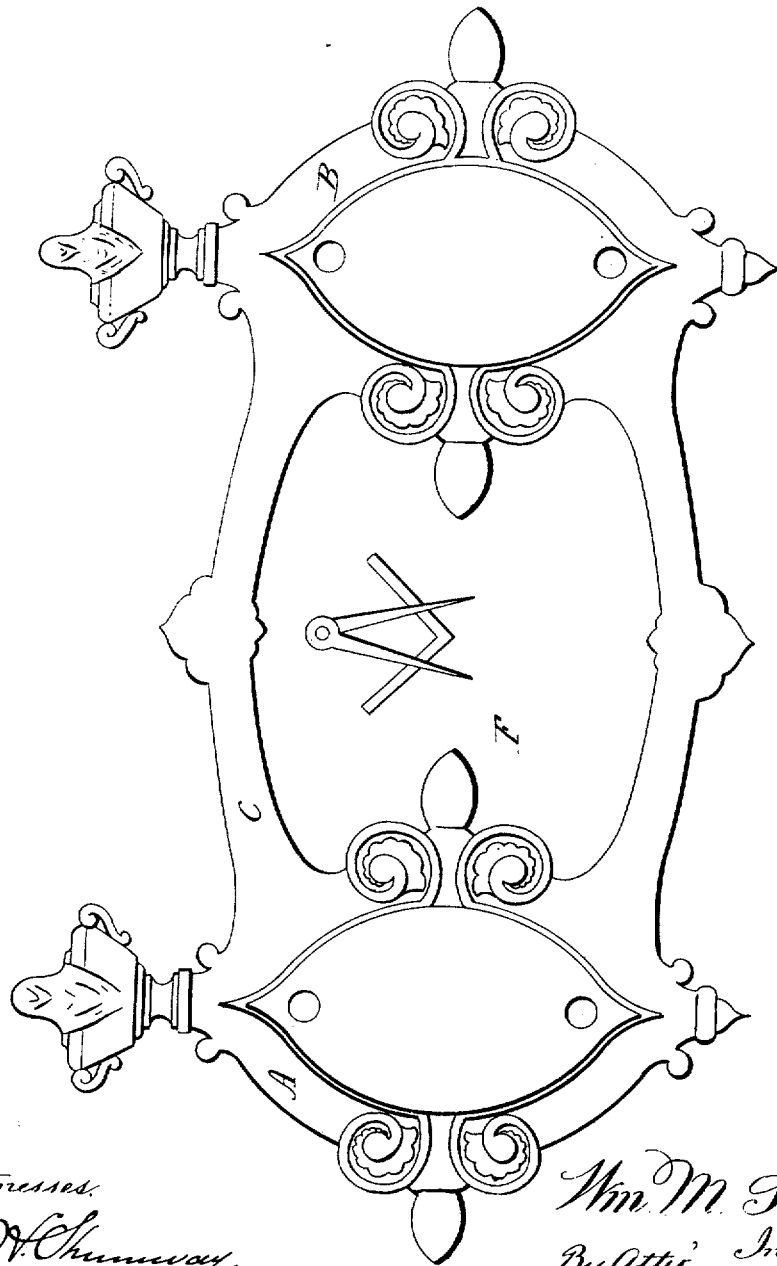
DESIGN.

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COFFIN-HANDLE BASE.

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## DESIGN FOR COFFIN-HANDLE BASES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM M. SMITH, of West Meriden, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Design for Coffin-Handle Base; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent a front view.

This invention relates to a design for the base of coffin-handles, the object of the invention being to leave an inclosed space between the two socket ends to show the coffin surface as a ground, or any other material which may be introduced, and admit of placing emblems therein; and it consists in a pair of socket-bases connected by a bar above and below, as more fully hereinafter described.

A B represent the bases of two sockets, to which the lever-handle is attached. These two bases are connected by an upper bar, C, and a lower bar, D, leaving a space, F, between.

The particular outline of these sockets or bars is immaterial to this design, it only being essential that there be sockets, and connecting-bars to inclose the space between the sockets. This space forms a panel on which various emblems may be placed, and secured directly to the coffin-case.

I claim—

The design for coffin-handle base, consisting of a pair of sockets, with connecting-bars inclosing an open space or panel between the sockets, substantially as described and shown.

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