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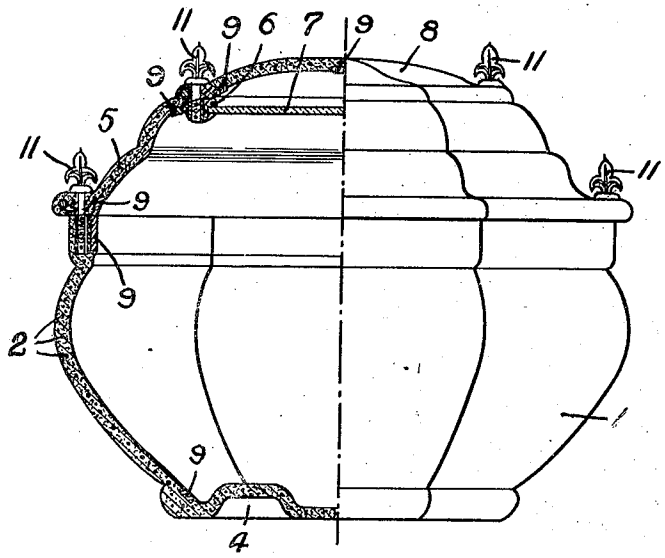


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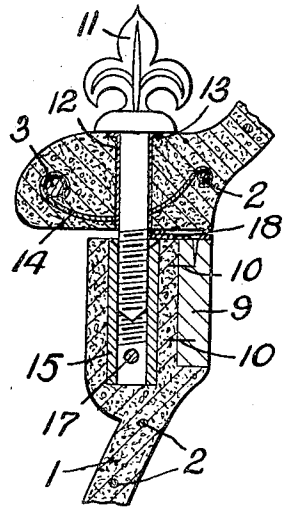


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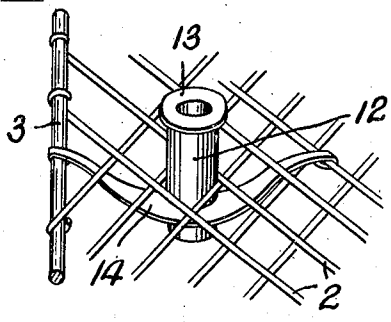


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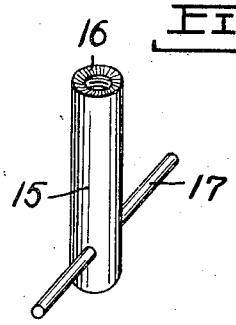


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LOUIS PHILIPPE HERMENEGILDE BOURK, residing at Nicolet, in the county of Nicolet, in the Province of Quebec, in the Dominion of Canada, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Caskets; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

The present invention relates to improvements in caskets, and the main object of the invention is to provide a casket exceptionally strong and light of construction and cheap to manufacture.

A further object is to provide a casket which will not rot and decay in the earth, particularly in damp spots.

A further object is to provide a cheap casket which may be made to have the appearance of more expensive ones.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is an end elevation of the casket, a portion being shown in section.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged sectional view of a portion of the side of the casket and cover, illustrating the closing means.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged perspective view of the reinforced wire netting illustrating the sleeve through which the locking screw is inserted.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged perspective view of the socket member in which the projecting end of the locking screw is threaded.

Like numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in the various figures.

In the drawings, 1 is the casing or body of the casket which is preferably of concrete or cement, the sides being particularly very thin but reinforced by metallic netting 2, the said wire netting being welded at each mesh, and secured in the sides to the horizontal rods 3.

At each end of the body 1, adjacent the edges are provided two pockets or depressions 4 to serve as handles.

5 is a cover also re-inforced by the metallic netting 2, and 6 is an opening in which fits a glass 7. The opening 6 is provided with a cover 8 also provided with a metallic netting which fits snugly over said opening.

The inner sides of said body 1 and covers 5 and 8 are provided with a plurality of wooden slats 9 which are partly incased in the cement and rigidly secured to the metallic netting by staples 10.

The covers 5 and 8 are secured by means of thumb screws 11 which pass through sleeves 12, secured in the cover, each sleeve being provided with a collar or flange 13 at its upper end. 14 is a plate through which passes the sleeve which is welded thereto, the said plate 14 being bent at its outer ends to hook on the metallic netting and the horizontal rod 3. The screws 11 thread through sockets 15, each of which has a beveled upper edge 16 and is locked in the sides of the casket by means of a transverse pin 17.

Between the covers 5 and the edge of the casing 1 is provided a weather strip or packing 18 so that the cover may close hermetically.

What I claim as my invention is:

1. A casket comprising body and cover parts constructed of cementitious material, one of said parts having embedded in it a network of wires, and horizontal rods to which the wires are attached at opposite ends; alining tubular members embedded vertically in said body and cover, the members in the body being internally threaded; retaining means on the members embedded in the part containing the wire network, said means engaged at opposite ends with the wires and rods; and locking screws inserted through the cover members and engaged in the internally-threaded body members.

2. A casket comprising body and cover parts constructed of cementitious material, the cover having metallic reinforcing means embedded in it; a plurality of sleeves embedded vertically in said cover and anchored to said reinforcing means; a plurality of internally-threaded sockets embedded vertically in said body in alinement with said sleeves; and locking screws inserted through said sleeves and engaged in said sockets.

3. A casket comprising a body and a cover therefor, both constructed of cementitious material; a plurality of internally-threaded sockets embedded vertically in the sides of the body; a plurality of open-ended sleeves embedded vertically in the cover in axial alinement with the sockets, both the sleeves and the sockets having anchoring means associated with them; and a plurality of locking screws inserted through said sleeve and engaged in said sockets.

Signed at Montreal, Quebec, Canada, this 23rd day of May 1919.

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