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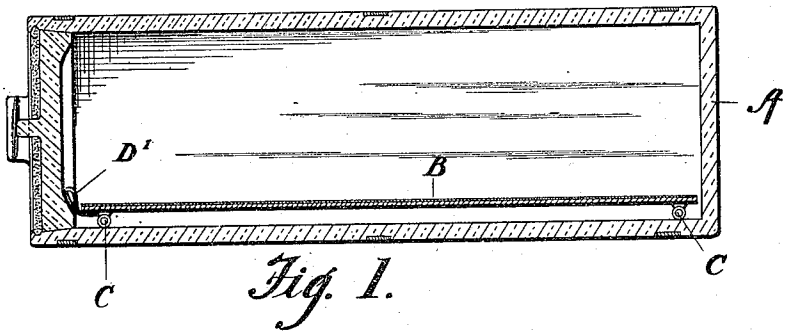


Fig. 1.

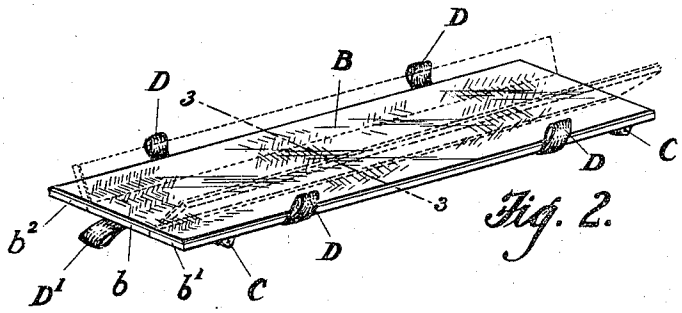
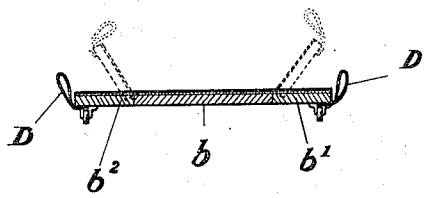


Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, GEORGE H. LEIGH and VERNIE R. LEIGH, citizens of the United States, residing at Drewryville, in the county of Southampton and State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Receiving-Boards for Burial-Caskets; and we do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to receiving-boards or the means employed for placing the body of a deceased person at rest within a burial casket.

The object of the invention is to provide a simple, efficient and inexpensive receiving-board adapted for use generally with burial caskets, to facilitate the placing of the body within the casket, or the removal of the same therefrom, but more particularly adapted for use with burial caskets of the kind shown in our application Serial No. 18,529, filed April 1, 1915, for glass burial caskets, of which this application is a division.

The invention will first be hereinafter more particularly described, with reference to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and then pointed out in the claims at the end of the description.

In said drawings, Figure 1 represents a vertical longitudinal sectional elevation of a casket such as shown in our aforesaid application having a receiving-board embodying our present invention placed in position therein for a body to rest thereon; Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the receiving-board removed from the casket, indicating in dotted lines the position of the side sections when raised for the insertion of the board within the casket; and Fig. 3 a transverse section taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Referring to said drawings, in which the same reference letters are used to denote corresponding parts in different views, the letter A denotes the burial casket and 3 the receiving-board, which may consist of a plurality of strips of wood, metal or other suitable material hinged together at their meeting edges and of such length and width as to provide a board of the required length and width to fit the interior of the casket and form a foldable false bottom that may be slid in and out, as desired, through a circular opening in the end of the casket of less diameter than the width of the board. As shown, said receiving-board is composed of an intermediate strip or board b, and side strips b^1 and b^2, which are hinged together along their meeting edges so as to adapt and permit the outer strips to be turned up, as indicated in dotted lines in Figs. 2 and 3, into position to be readily inserted through a circular or other opening in the end of the casket with the corpse resting thereon. When placing the receiving-board within the casket the side plates thereof may easily be slightly raised to permit its insertion without disturbing the position of the body resting thereon and will drop down so as to form a flat bottom and final resting place for the body within the casket. The receiving-board may be suitably upholstered or covered with fabric and mounted upon rollers, or other anti-friction devices C, to facilitate moving it in and out of the casket without undue friction; and it may be provided with suitable handles on opposite sides thereof and at the front end for convenience in handling; such handles consisting preferably of loops D, D, at each side, of fabric, or other suitable flexible material, and a loop D^1 at the front end, as shown in Fig. 2.

In Fig. 1 the receiving-board is shown within a hermetically sealed casket A, in proper position for a corpse to rest thereon, but it may be used with caskets of different forms.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. A foldable receiving-board for burial caskets consisting of a plurality of flat strips or plates hinged together along their meeting edges, to adapt it to be easily inserted and withdrawn through an opening in the end of the casket of lesser width than the normal width of the board.

2. A receiving-board for burial caskets consisting of a plurality of plates hinged together along their meeting edges to adapt the outer plates to be raised to permit insertion through an opening of less width than the receiving-board; said board being mounted on anti-friction devices to adapt it to be easily slid in and out of the casket.

3. A foldable receiving-board for burial

caskets consisting of a plurality of flat strips or plates hinged together along their meeting edges, the outer plates being provided with suitable handles for carrying purposes; said receiving-board being mounted upon anti-friction devices to adapt it to be easily inserted and withdrawn through an opening in the end of the casket of lesser width than the normal width of the board.

4. In combination with a burial casket having a circular opening at one end, a receiving-board comprising a plurality of strips hinged together along their meeting edges, to provide a false bottom for the casket; the outer strips being adapted to be turned up to decrease the width of the board for inserting or removing it from the casket; said receiving-board being provided with flexible handles, and mounted upon anti-friction devices adapting it to be easily inserted and withdrawn.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in the presence of two witnesses.

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