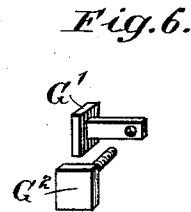
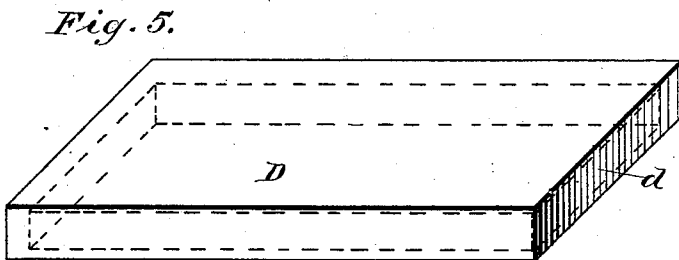
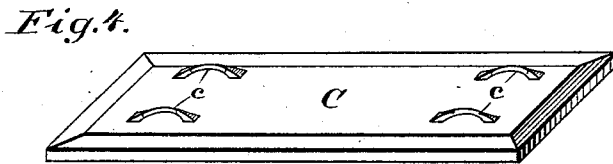
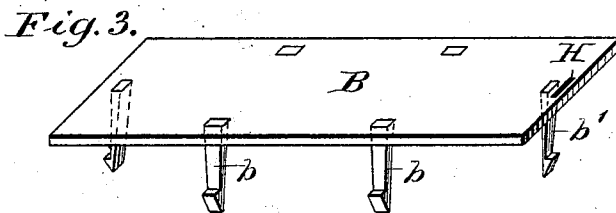
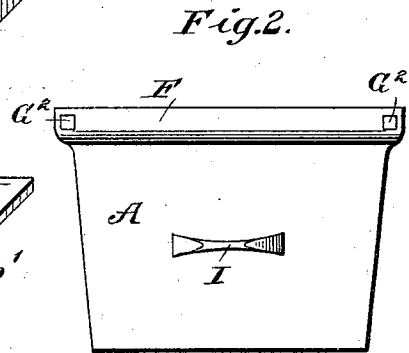
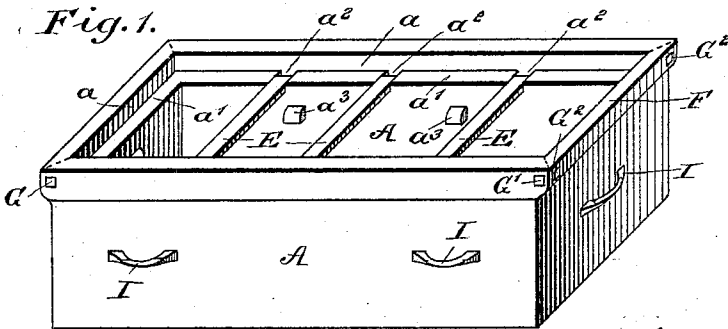


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES FRANKLIN HOBSON, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at New Antioch, in the county of Clinton and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Burial-Cases, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a burial case of earthen material in which a casket may be inserted, and which is burglar as well as water proof.

The object of the invention is to combine simplicity of construction with cheapness of manufacture to produce such a case which consists of a novel arrangement of a box portion, a top part or cover which is locked to the box portion and suitable covers, as is fully hereinafter set forth.

For a full and clear understanding of my invention, reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings wherein corresponding letters indicate like parts in the several views, and in which—

Figure 1— is a perspective view of the burial case with covers removed. Fig. 2— is an end view of the same. Fig. 3— is a perspective view of a top or cover with depending spring catches on its under side. Fig. 4— is a view in perspective of an inside cover to take the place or be used in connection with cover shown in Fig. 3. Fig. 5— is a similar view of the outside cover of the burial case. Fig. 6— is a detail of two securing bolts.

In the drawings, A represents the lower box portion of the burial case of rectangular form with a top slightly flaring outward and having a flanged rim a on its interior, as shown. This box is preferably made out of any suitable earthen material.

B is a locking top cover of square form and made of any suitable substance to fit snugly inside of the flaring top of the burial case on a flanged rim a' . Along this rim on either side are small square shaped recesses a^2 opposite one another for the insertion of transverse slats F to support the casket before it is lowered in the burial case.

a^3 are lugs suitably secured to the sides and ends of the interior of the burial case to engage the spring catches b and b' when cover

B is placed in position to lock the cover to the box.

$b-b'$ are depending spring catches of ordinary form attached to the under side of cover B near its sides and ends and so arranged to engage the under side of lugs a^3 on the interior of the case or box to securely retain the cover in position. Spring catch b' at one end may be more flexible than the other catches for a purpose which will hereinafter appear.

C is a cover of suitable design having handles c on its upper side for use to cover the burial case before or after the cover B is secured in position.

D is an outside cover of the burial case having a depending rim d which closely fits over the flaring top of the case, see Fig. 5.

F is a flaring top end portion of the box which may be made detachable with suitable hidden joints after any approved manner.

G are bolt heads driven or screwed into the corners of the flared top of the box to strengthen the corners of the same. The heads of these bolts may be made ornamental, if desired. Bolt G' has in its inner end a threaded aperture into which the threaded end of a bolt G^2 screws, see Fig. 6, when they are used adjacently on the same corner.

When the detachable end F is used, I secretly and securely fasten it on to the burial case by means of these bolts G' and G^2 which are used in the ends of the removable end piece F and in the adjacent upper corners of the burial case. The heads of all the bolts are similar in appearance so as not to be distinguishable.

By using the removable end piece, the vault is practically burglar proof but may be opened by a person familiar with the construction without tearing the burial case to pieces which would require heavy implements and considerable work.

When the removable end piece F is used and the case is closed, it is opened, as follows: The bolts G' G^2 are first withdrawn and the end piece F removed. Any small sharp pointed instrument is next inserted in an aperture H in one end of the cover B and the cover moved endwise toward the opening made. Catch b' being flexible will permit this end movement

sufficiently to allow the catches *b* to slide out from under lugs *a*³ when the top B can be lifted off.

5 The vault is provided with handles I to permit the same to be conveniently moved.

When top B is secured in place, cement may be plastered around its edges if desired to render the vault water proof.

10 Having thus described my invention, what I desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

1. The combination in a burial case of a flared open top earthen box, an interior rim near the top of the box having recesses therein, transverse slats to fit in the recesses, lugs
15 on the interior of the case, a cover having depending catches to engage the lugs when in position, a removable piece forming the upper part of one end of the box, bolts at the corners of the box, bolts engaging each other

to secure said removable piece in position, 20 and an inside and an outside cover, substantially as described and set forth.

2. An earthen burial case comprising a flared open top box A, an interior rim *a'*, near the top of the box, lugs on the interior sides 25 and ends of the box, a cover B, having depending flexible catches to engage the lugs when in position, a removable upper end piece whereby the case may be opened, a cover which rests upon cover B, and an outside 30 cover, as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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