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Coffin-Cases.

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Fig. 1

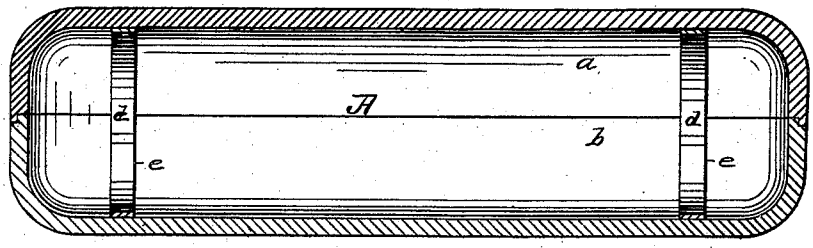


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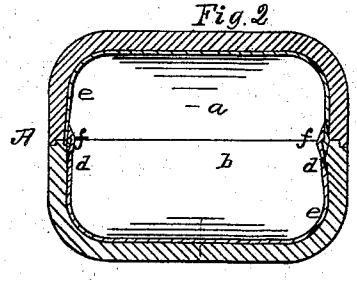


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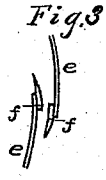
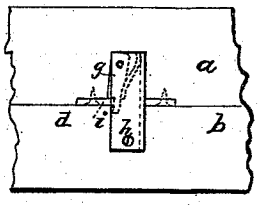


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IMPROVEMENT IN COFFIN-CASES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY L. OBETZ, of Paris, in the county of Edgar and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Vaults for Coffins or Burial-Caskets, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

The invention relates to an improvement in vaults for coffins or burial-caskets; and consists in a vault or casket of suitable construction divided longitudinally at or near its horizontal center into two sections, each of which is encircled upon its inner surface with a spring bar or bars, having catches upon their protruding ends, so arranged that when the two sections are brought together they will come in proper relation to each other and lock, preventing the separation of the sections, and at the same time strengthening the case or vault.

In the accompanying drawings, A represents the vault or case, composed of two sections, *a b*, which may be of any suitable material, and are of proper size to receive, when united, a coffin or casket.

Each section is provided upon its inner surface adjacent to its ends, or elsewhere, if preferred, with the spring-bars *e*, encircling the inner portion of the coffin or case, and having upon their ends, which project slightly beyond the edge of the sections, the shoulders or catches *f*, which lock when the sections are brought together, so as to form the complete case.

In a vault constructed as above, the spring-bars strengthen the sections and the catches prevent their separation, being on the inner side of the vault. The coffin or casket is thus effectually protected.

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

In a vault or coffin, the spring-bars *e*, passing around the inner side thereof to strengthen it, and furnished on their ends with the shoulders or catches *f*, which, when the sections composing the coffin are properly brought together, lock and prevent their separation, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing improvement in vaults for coffins or burial-caskets, as above described, I have hereunto set my hand this 6th day of December, 1878.

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