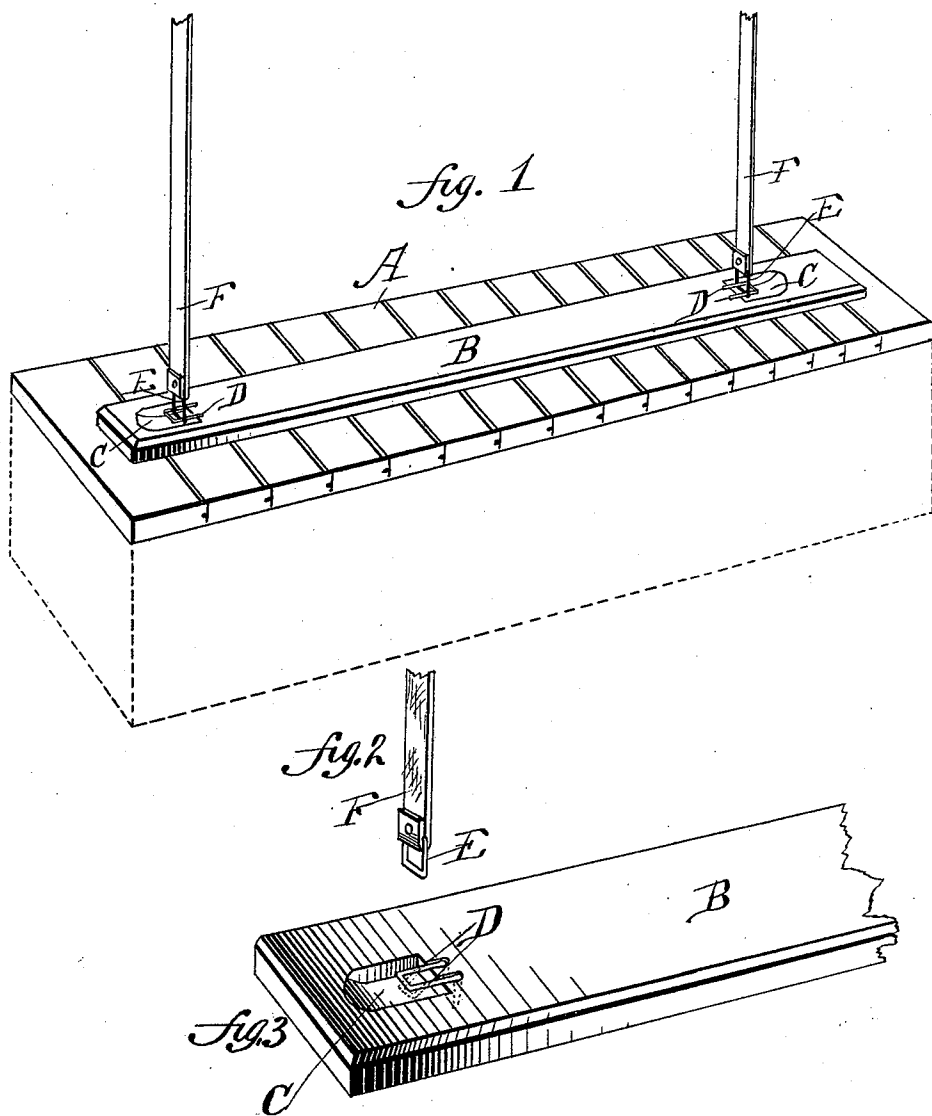


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT ERNEST WHITNEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Muncie, in the county of Delaware and State of Indiana, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Burial Apparatus; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to a new and useful improvement in burial apparatus and consists in the construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and definitely pointed out in the claim.

Figure 1, is a perspective view of a lid with straps attached to the catches, and a casket box shown in dotted lines. Fig. 2, is a view of a strap. Fig. 3, is a detail of a part of a lid.

Referring to the said drawings, A represents the lid of a casket box which is made of boards running crosswise of the box and the said boards are held together by being secured to a long strip or board B running lengthwise of the said box, all as shown in Fig. 1. In each end of the top strip or board B are secured the catches or projections D, which are preferably made of wire in the form of a staple, having their ends driven down into the board so that the body or main part of the catches lies parallel and even with the surface of the said strip B. Under the projecting ends of each of the catches D the said strip B is cut away forming cups or depressions C

C most clearly shown in Fig. 3. These depressions allow the eyes E of the straps to readily move under the said catches D as shown in Figs. 1 and 3. The straps F are provided at their lower ends with an eye or link E, which is riveted or otherwise secured to the said strap, most clearly shown in Fig. 2. When the casket has been lowered into the box the straps F are hooked into the catches D and the lid lowered to its position, then by slacking the straps slightly and moving them outward the eyes E readily become released from the catches E and the box is then ready to be covered up. If desired the catches D may be made of a flat strip of metal instead of a wire, and they may be slightly bent downward into the depressions, as shown by dotted lines in Fig. 3, so as to avoid all possibility of the eye slipping out in lowering the lid.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as follows:

A casket box lid consisting of cross boards A and longitudinal board B, the said board B having depressions C over which are secured the catches D, the whole in combination with the straps F and links E, all for the purpose set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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