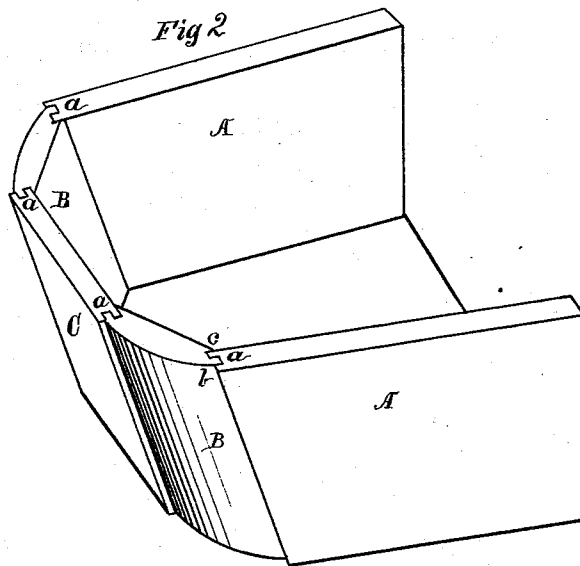
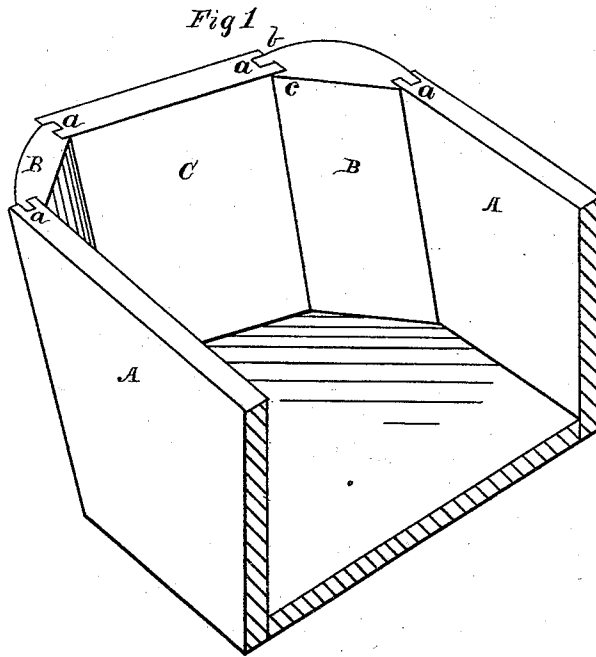


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IMPROVEMENT IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF CASKETS AND COFFINS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JESSE M. HUTTON, of Richmond, county of Wayne and State of Indiana, have invented certain Improvements in Construction of Caskets and Coffins, of which the following is a specification:

My invention relates to an improved method of joining the sides and ends of wood coffins and caskets, so as to form a curved recessed corner without showing a joint, and without the use of nails, being simply glued together, as hereinafter more fully described.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the end of a coffin, showing the inside. Fig. 2 is also a perspective view, showing the outside and a corner.

A A represent the sides; B B, the curved corner-pieces, and C the end. The sides A A and end C are worked with an ordinary plain groove, as shown at *a*, while the curved corner-pieces B B are grooved in such a manner as to form a barefaced tongue, *b*, on the outside, to match the groove in the sides and end, leaving a feather-edge, *c*, on the inside, in order to make a smooth and even finish, and give it strength.

It will be observed that work thus put together shows no joint on the outside, and that even in case of shrinkage of any of the parts there cannot be an open joint. The several parts of a coffin or casket, having been worked as described, are put together with glue, thereby obviating the use of nails, and the filling of the unsightly holes they leave when set below the surface of the wood.

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

As an improvement in the construction of coffins, the curved corner-pieces B, constructed at each edge with a barefaced tongue, *b*, and internal feather or beveled lip *c*, in combination with the side and end sections A C, centrally grooved, as shown, so as to fit the pieces B, strengthen and conceal the joints, and form recessed curved corners on the outside, and flush joints on the inside, as specified.

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