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Fig. 1.

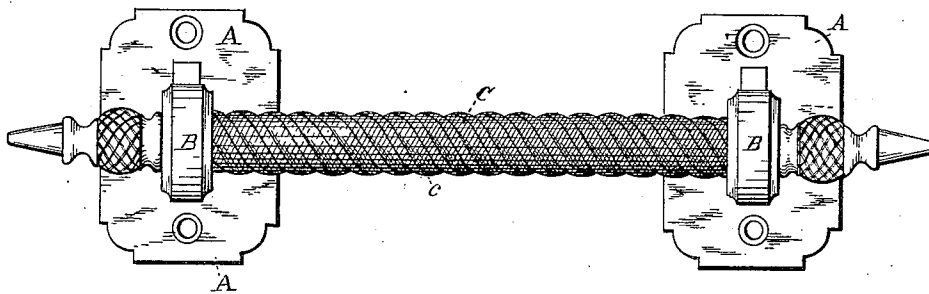
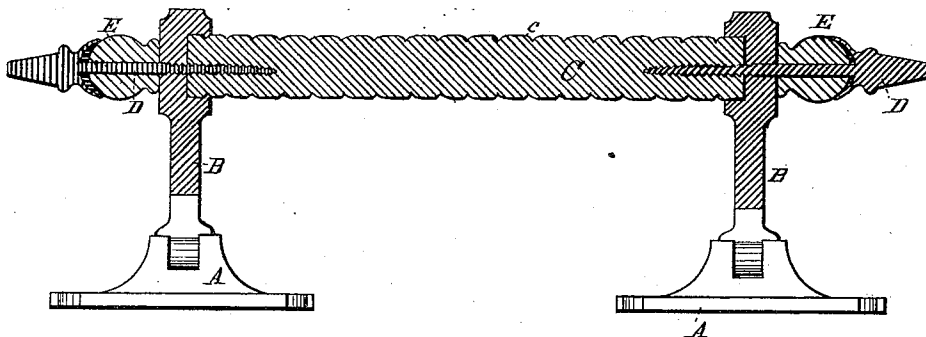


Fig. 2.



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COFFIN-HANDLE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DENNIS LEONARD, of Cleveland, in the county of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful
§ Improvements in Casket or Coffin Handles; and I 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 pertains to make and use it,
10 reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to casket or coffin handles; and it consists in a coffin-handle as an article of manufacture corrugated upon its surface, and wound with thread, silk, floss, or
15 similar material, and in parts and combination of parts, as will more fully hereinafter appear.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective
20 view of a coffin-handle constructed according to my invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of the same, showing in detail its construction and parts.

A A are ordinary attachment-plates adapted
25 to receive the screws by which the handles are secured to the casket, and are preferably composed of metal, as are also the arms or socket parts B B.

C is the hand-piece, which is preferably made
30 of wood or other light material, having, as shown in the drawings, upon its outer surface threads or spiral grooves *c*. These corrugations may be varied indefinitely without departing from my invention, or they may be

dispensed with altogether. I prefer, however, 35 to corrugate or roughen the surface of the hand-piece, for the reason that when covered with thin floss or silk the light striking the handle forms along the ridges of the corrugations a bright streak from one end of the handle to 40 the other, which is pleasing to the eye. This hand-piece may be wound with any kind or colored thread desired, and thereby made very cheaply.

The hand-piece C is secured in place by means 45 of the screws D D, passing through suitable washers, E, and the socket parts B into the ends of the hand piece.

I am aware that coffin-handles have heretofore been made and covered with a textile fabric having a seam upon its back side or portion, and also that others have been covered 50 with a textile fabric by means of plaiting or braiding.

What I claim is—

As an improved article of manufacture, a 55 casket or coffin handle having a rigid core or hand-piece provided with a covering of thread or like material wound thereon, substantially as and for the purposes shown. 60

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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