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BURIAL CASKET.

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Fig. 1

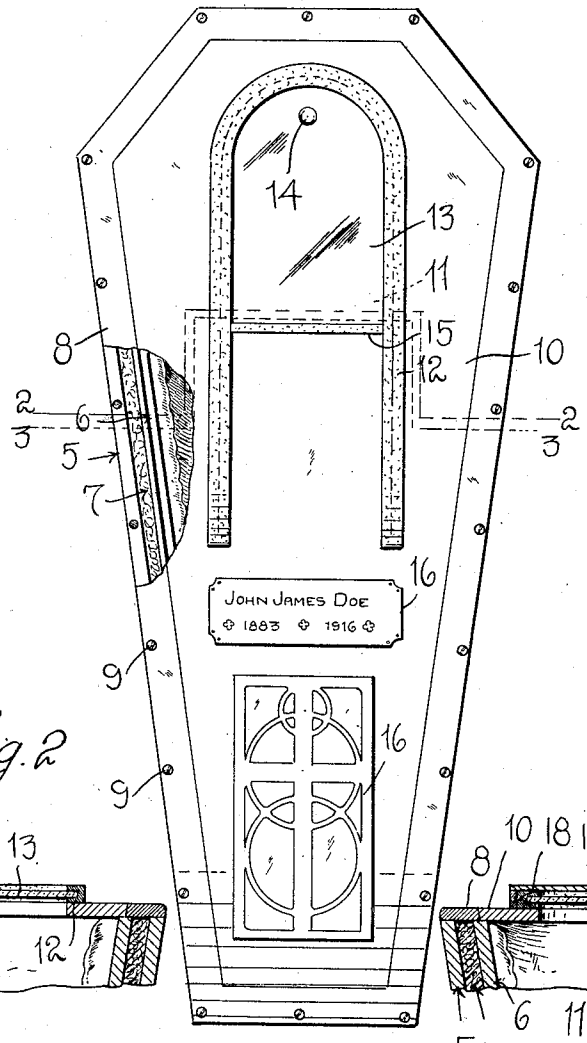


Fig. 2

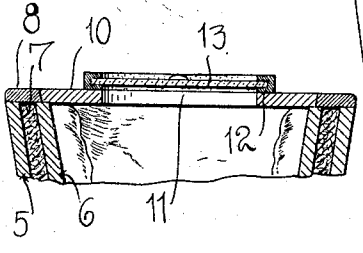
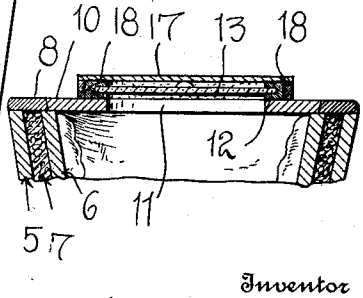


Fig. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, IDA SCHMIDT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Los Angeles, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Burial-Caskets, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to burial caskets and has for its primary object to provide improved means for mounting or arranging a sliding glass plate in the top or cover of the casket.

It is an additional object of the invention to provide an improved construction for the body of the casket whereby the same is rendered air and water-tight.

It is still another object of my invention to generally improve and simplify the construction of burial caskets and without materially increasing the manufacturing cost thereof.

With the above and other objects in view, my invention consists in the novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter more fully described, claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which,

Figure 1 is a plan view of a burial casket constructed in accordance with the preferred embodiment of my invention, a portion of the lid being broken away and the body wall shown in section;

Fig. 2 is a transverse section taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1; and

Fig. 3 is a section taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1, showing the cap applied to the sliding glass plate.

Referring in detail to the drawing, 5 and 6 designate the outer and inner body walls respectively of the casket. Either of these body walls may be constructed of cement, magnesite, aluminum, tin, copper, steel, or any other desired metal suitable for the purpose, while the other of said walls is preferably constructed of metal. The inner body wall 6 is disposed in spaced parallel relation to the wall 5, and between these walls a filler, indicated at 7, is arranged. This filler may consist of comminuted paper, cork, asbestos, steel, or any other suitable insulating material. To the upper edge of the casket body and upon the walls 5 and 6, a continuous strip 8 is secured by means of the screws 9.

A lid or cover 10 is provided and suitably secured to the body of the casket. This lid has an elongated, longitudinally extending opening 11 formed in one end thereof and a grooved or channeled rubber strip 12 is secured to the lid along the longitudinal edges and one of the end edges of this opening. The end portions of the rubber strip extend some distance beyond the inner end of the opening 11. A glass plate 13 is slidably engaged in the groove of the rubber strip 12, through which the features of the corpse may be viewed. This plate is provided at one end with a knob or handle 14, by means of which it may be conveniently shifted. By sliding this plate inwardly, access may be had to the interior of the casket when it is desired to adjust the raiment. A strip or cross bar 15 is fitted at its ends in the channeled rubber strip 12 and constitutes a stop to hold the sliding glass plate 13 in its adjusted position.

Suitable plates, indicated at 16, may be secured upon the coffin lid or cover to receive a suitable inscription or any other desired ornamentation. When the casket is sealed up to be deposited in the grave, the glass plate 13 is covered and protected by a plate of sheet steel or other metal 17, to the edges of which a rubber strip 18 is secured for frictional engagement with the rubber guide strip 12 on the lid of the casket.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, the construction, manner of operation and several advantages of my invention will be clearly and fully understood. The mounting and arrangement of the glass panel plate provides a very convenient and serviceable means for closing the opening in the casket lid, while still permitting of a clear view of the body of the corpse, and also affords means for readily obtaining access to the interior of the casket. It will, of course, be understood that the casket can be constructed in various sizes and is provided with suitable handles, whereby it may be readily lifted and carried. The outline or shape of the casket can also be changed as desired. The invention is also susceptible of many other modifications in the form, proportion and arrangement of its several parts and I, therefore, reserve the privilege of adopting all such legitimate changes as may be fairly embodied within the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

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

A burial casket including a body, a lid or cover therefor having a longitudinal opening, a channeled rubber strip extending along the longitudinal edges of said opening, a sliding glass cover plate for the opening engaged at its longitudinal edges in the channeled strip, and a metal cover plate for said transparent plate provided upon its opposite edges with a rubber friction strip for engagement with said rubber guide strip to retain the cover plate in position.

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

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