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SHOW-CASE FOR COFFINS.

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Fig 1.

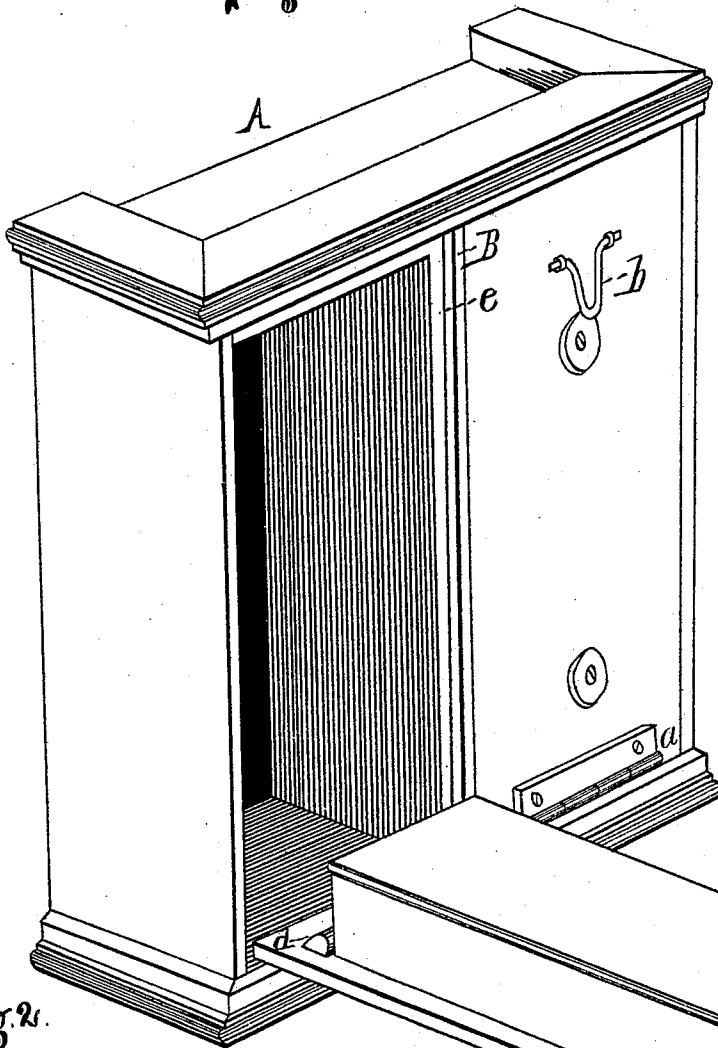
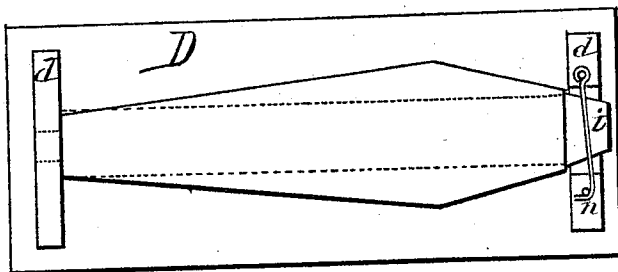


Fig 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN SHOW-CASES FOR COFFINS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **171,897**, dated January 4, 1876; application filed November 30, 1875.

To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, ELIJAH W. WILCOX, of West Winfield, Herkimer county, New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Show-Cases for Coffins, &c., of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

The invention relates to devices which have been classed as show-cases, but more particularly to devices for exhibiting coffins, burial-caskets, &c.; and consists in devices used for attaching the coffin to the inside of the door.

The coffins, caskets, &c., to be exhibited are secured upon a strip, the ends of which extend beyond the ends of the coffin, and pass under cleats fastened at each end of the door, and are locked therein by means of a hook and eye, all of which are arranged upon the inner surface of said door, which is hinged at its lower edge, and is held in a horizontal position, when lowered, by a folding foot secured near its upper end.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a device embodying the elements of the invention. Fig. 2 is a top elevation of one of the doors.

In the accompanying drawings, A represents the shell or case, which may be constructed of any desired dimensions, and is provided with the partitions B, which divide the case vertically into compartments of size suitable for the reception of a coffin or casket in an upright position, the compartments be-

ing provided with the doors D, hinged at *a*, and provided with the support *b* and cleats *d*. Around the edges of the compartments is constructed the groove *e*, into which the edges of the doors fit, and which may be provided with weather-strips for excluding the dust, &c., from the inside of the compartments.

Upon the inside face of the doors D the coffins, &c., are secured in a detachable manner by the use of the strip *i*, secured upon the under side of the articles to be exhibited, and the cleats *d* and latch *n*.

It is obvious that when the door is let down the articles to be exhibited will be shown to an advantage, and when turned up they will be concealed from view, and excluded against the action of dirt, &c., besides being in a convenient form, and up out of the way.

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

The combination of the cleats *d*, board *i*, and latch *n*, as a means of securing the coffin in position, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing improvement in show-cases for coffins, as above described, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of November, 1875.

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