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BURIAL CASE LID.

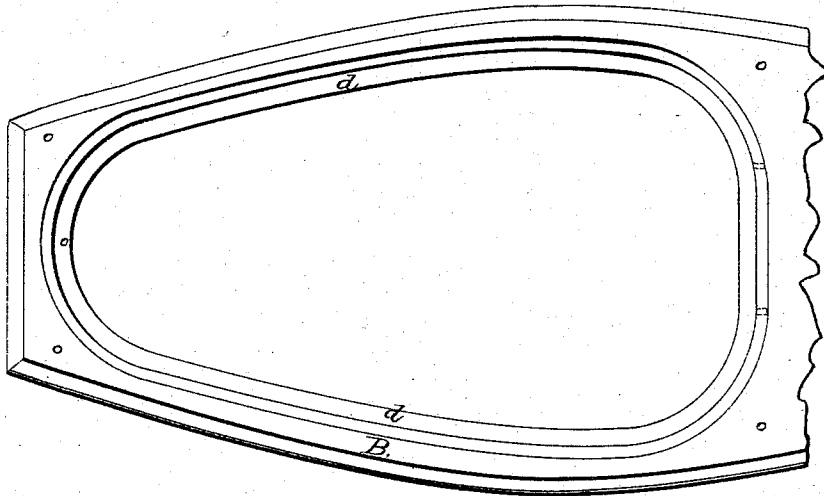
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN BURIAL-CASE LIDS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LAUREN E. TUTTLE, of the city of Sterling, in the county of Whitesides and State of Illinois, have invented certain Improvements in Burial-Case Lids, of which the following is a specification:

My invention consists of a face-glass secured between two cast iron moldings, and held in a rabbet in the frame of the coffin-lid by means of pins upon one of the said moldings.

Figure 1 is the frame A, consisting of the parts *a a* and the glass *b*. Fig. 2 shows the upper end of the coffin-lid B prepared to receive the frame A.

The frame A consists of the parts *a a*, having the glass *b* between them, and being fastened to each other by means of short screws, or otherwise. The parts *a a*, on account of cheapness, are cast of iron or other metal, and one of the parts *a a* (it is immaterial which) has cast upon its lower edge the projections *c c*, which fit into corresponding holes in the lid B. B is so much of the lid of the case or coffin as is necessary to exhibit my improvement. In the lid B is cut an opening corresponding in its shape to the outside conformation of the frame A. Around and in the edge of this opening is made the shelf *d d* of sufficient depth that, when the frame A rests thereon, the upper side of the frame A

will be about on the same plane with the upper side of the lid B. Two holes are made in the back of the shelf *d d*, at the lower end of the opening in the lid B, of size and locality to admit the insertion of the projections *c c* in the frame A. In placing the frame *a* in the opening in the lid B the projections *c c* are inserted in the said holes, and the frame placed in the opening in such lid, upon the shelf *d d*, and is held therein by a small screw passing down through the upper end of the frame A into the lid B. A small outer lid, sufficiently large to cover the glass, is fastened down over the latter in transportation or interment.

The frame A may be oval, round, or any other suitable shape, and may be applied to coffins, cases, or caskets.

The parts *a a* can be cast in any desired finish.

I claim as my invention—

The glass plate secured between the two parts of the cast-metal frame, and secured in the rabbet of the lid by means of the pins or projections inserted in the lid itself, all substantially as and for the purpose described.

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