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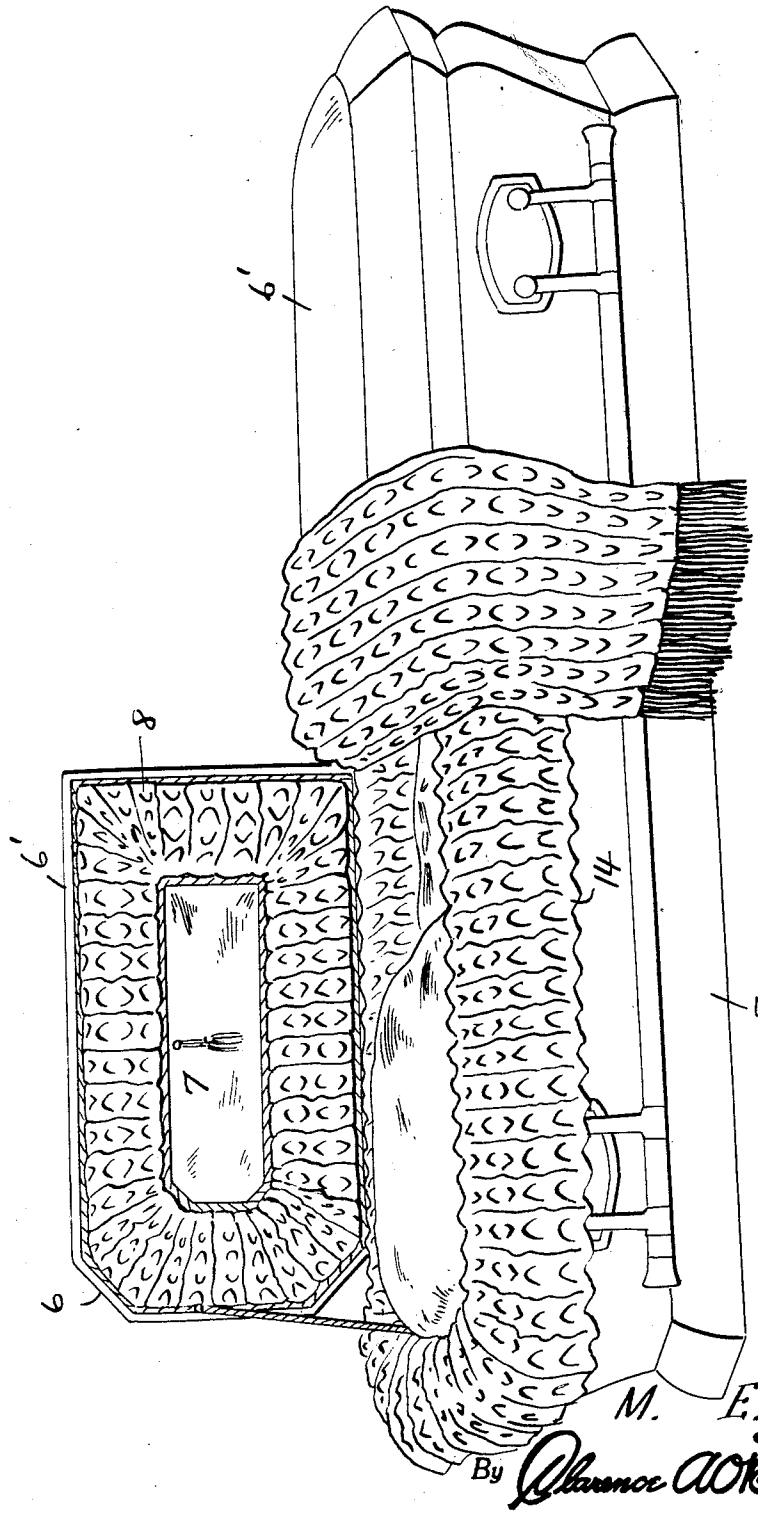


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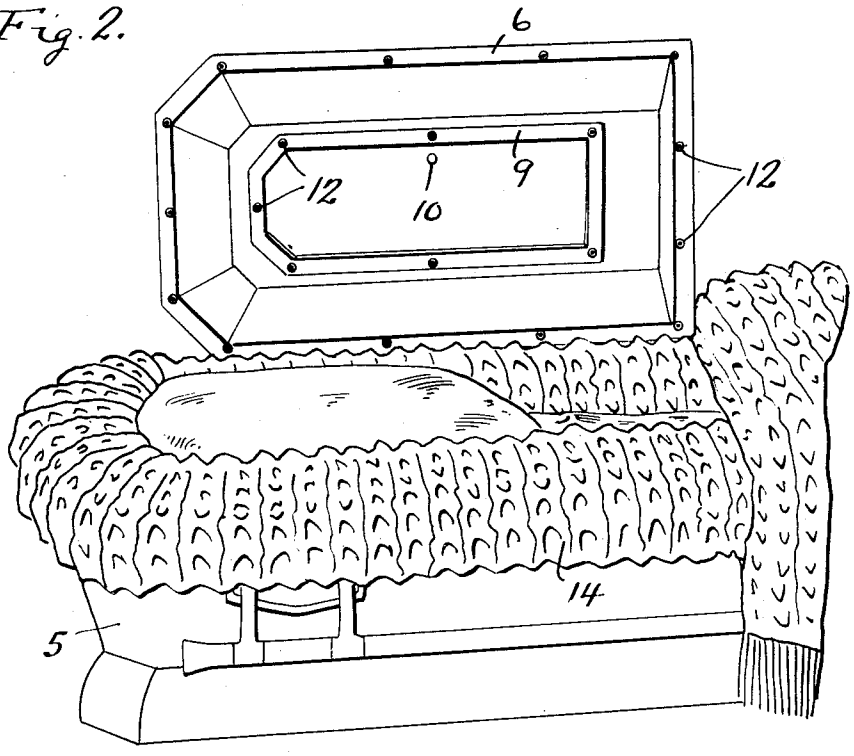
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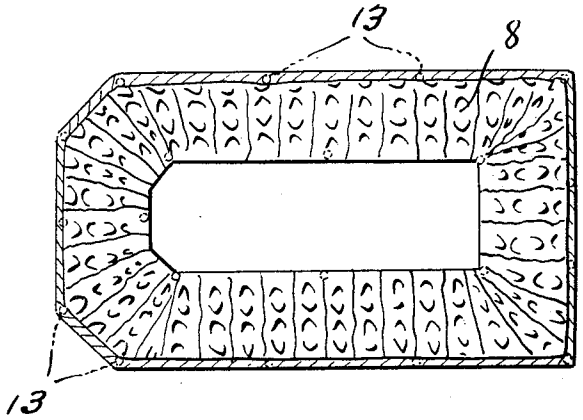


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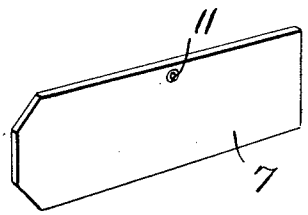


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This invention relates to burial caskets and it is an object of the present invention to provide a casket provided wth removable panels and linings so as to enable the dealer to give to the purchaser a casket having the desired color combination; it being, in accordance with the present invention to provide for the ready substitution of a lining of a desired color for the lining which may be in the casket at the time the purchase is made.

In other words in accordance with the present invention the dealer may carry in stock a large number of panels and linings and a minimum number of caskets thus enabling him to give to the customer a wide range of selections without requiring of him to invest an enormous amount as is now required in order to maintain in stock burial caskets having linings of various color combinations.

The invention together with its numerous objects and advantages will be best understood from a study of the following description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings wherein is illustrated a preferred embodiment of the invention.

While there is herein shown and described a preferred embodiment of the invention it is to be understood that it is in no wise intended to limit the invention beyond the requirements of the prior art and the scope of the appended claims.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a burial casket provided with a panel and lining in accordance with the present invention, the head section of the cover being in a raised or open position.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the head portion of the casket with the head section of the cover in open position and the lining and panel removed.

Figure 3 is a plan view of a lining and

Figure 4 is a perspective view of an inner panel.

Referring to the drawings by reference numerals it will be seen that 5 indicates generally a casket body or shell. The body or shell may be of any suitable size, form and material and is provided, in the present instance with a cover that is in two parts or sections 6, 6'. Further, in the present instance the cover sections are hinged to the body or shell 5 in any suitable manner.

In accordance with the present invention the panel 7 and lining 8 are removable and in actual practice it is proposed that the undertaker keep in stock a number of linings 8 and panels 7 of various colors and designs so that he may provide a desired casket with a panel and lining of a color or combination of colors suitable to the purchaser and in keeping with the practice of having a casket, the lining of which is of a color appropriate to the age of the deceased, and as is sometimes desired, to provide for the lining of the casket with a lining and panel of a color that will properly blend with the color of the dress or shroud worn by the deceased.

To this end it will be seen that the head cover section 6 is provided internally with a frame 9 adapted to have fitted therein the panel 7. Internally of the frame 9 the cover section 6 is provided with a fastener element 10 and for cooperation with the fastener element 10 is a complemental fastener 11 provided on the panel 7. It will thus be seen that the panel 7 may be removably secured within the confines of the frame 9.

For removably securing the lining 8 within the cover section 6 and in a bordering relation to the panel 7 there is provided on the frame 9 and on the free edges of the walls of the cover section 6 fastening elements 12. The lining 8 which may be made of silk or any suitable material, crushed or otherwise arranged for ornamental purposes is also provided at its marginal edges with fasteners 13 complemental to the fasteners 12.

Preferably the lining 14 for the body or shell 5 of the casket is also removable and is of a type to correspond with the lining 8 and of course will be of the same color as the lining 8 or any other suitable color that will properly blend with the color of the lining 8. It will also be noted that in the present instance I have shown the lining 14 to be of the type that drapes over the sides of the body or shell 5 giving to the casket a couch effect.

From the foregoing then it will be seen that I have provided a burial casket whereby provision is made for securing the lining and panel for the head cover section within said section in a neat, attractive and detachable manner thus permitting the dealer without an enormous outlay of expense on his part to give to the customer a casket having a lining of the desired color, quality and ornamental appearance whereas, the present practice is generally to build a casket according to specifications with the lining positively secured in position with the result, that if a casket having a lining of a desired color or quality or appearance is not carried in stock, the dealer in order to satisfy the customer is required to order an entire

new casket to be built according to the desired specifications and with the desired type of lining, resulting in undesirable delay. In accordance with the present invention a casket having a lining of the desired color, quality and appearance may be supplied to the customer almost immediately on request.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is:

1. In a burial casket, the combination with a cover for the body of the casket, of a frame mounted internally of the cover, a removable panel adapted to fit snugly within said frame, and a lining for said cover adapted to removably fit therein about said frame.

2. In combination with a casket having a cover connected to its body, a panel for disposition within said cover, and complemental fastening means on said cover and on said panel for detachably securing the panel within said cover.

3. In combination with a casket having a cover connected to its body, a lining for the cover adapted to removably fit within the cover, and complemental fastening means on the walls of said cover and on said lining for detachably securing the lining in position within the cover.

4. In a burial casket, the combination with a cover for said casket having a panel receiving frame mounted within the cover, a panel removably fitted within said frame, and a lining removably fitted within said cover and bordering said panel and complemental fastening means on the walls of said cover, on said frame, and on said lining for detachably securing the lining within said cover.

5. In a burial casket, a cover connected to the body of the casket, a lining fitted within said cover, a panel arranged within the cover within the confines of said lining, complemental fastening means on said cover and said panel for detachably securing the panel in position, and additional complemental fastening means on the walls of said cover, and on said lining for detachably securing the lining within said cover.

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