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Fig. 1

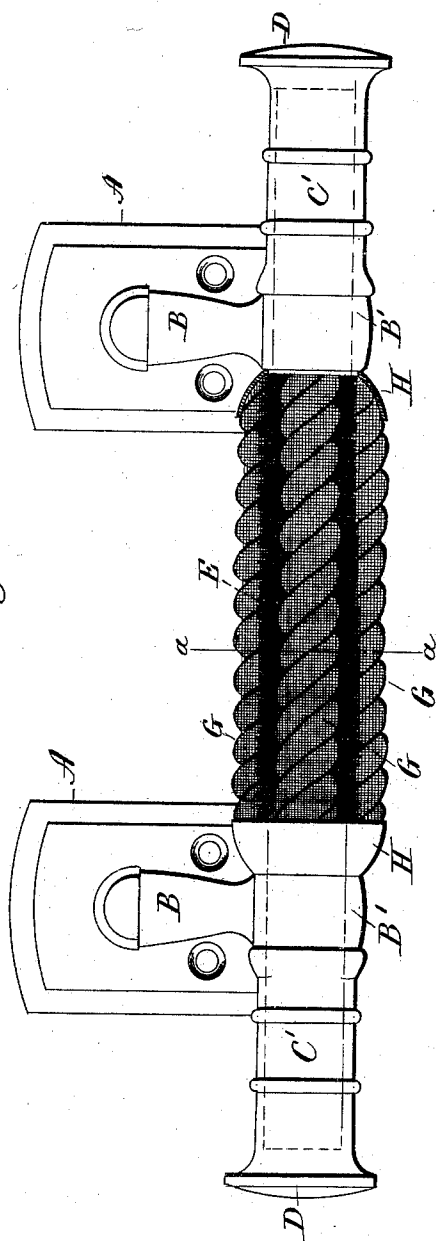


Fig. 2

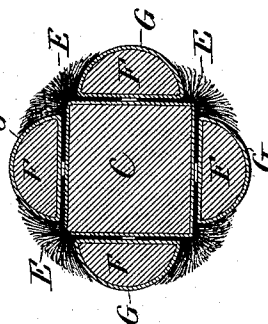
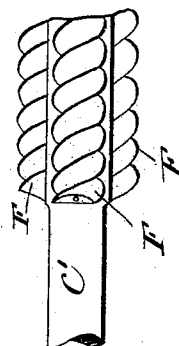


Fig. 3



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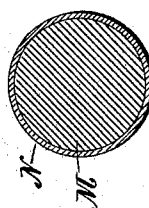
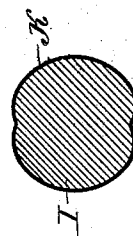
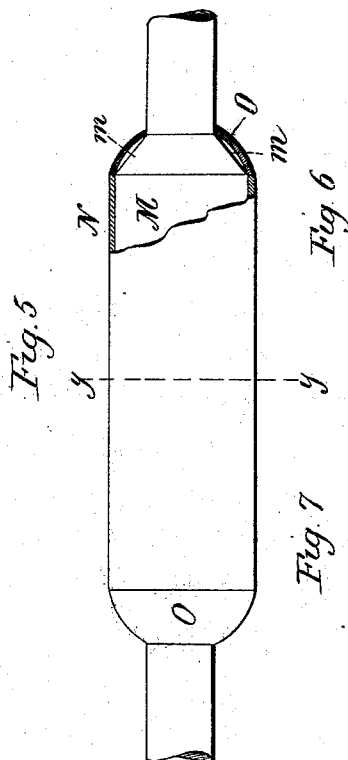
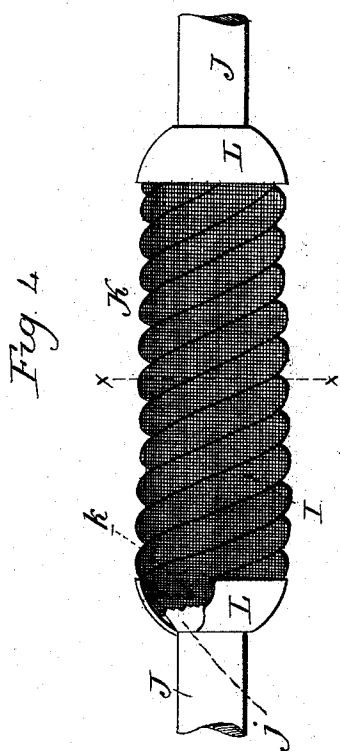
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COFFIN-HANDLE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELIZEAR PETER LACROIX, of Meriden, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Coffin-Handles; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a view partly in elevation and partly in section of a coffin-handle constructed in accordance with my invention; Fig. 2, a view thereof in transverse section on the line *a-b* of Fig. 1, and drawn on a somewhat larger scale; Fig. 3, a broken detached view of the handle-bar, the grip of which, in this case, is not provided with plush coverings for its corners. Figs. 4 and 5 are detached views partly in side elevation and partly in section of modified forms which my improved handle-bar may assume. Figs. 6 and 7 are views in transverse section on the line *x-x* and *y-y* of Figs. 4 and 5 respectively.

My invention relates to an improvement in coffin-handles, the object being to produce at a comparatively low cost for manufacture, a novel and attractive article, capable of being varied in its finish to secure a wide range of effect.

With these ends in view, my invention consists in a coffin-handle bar having an enlarged grip and ends projecting beyond the same, in line therewith, a covering applied to the grip of the bar, and cup-shaped collars passed over the ends of the bar which projects through them and applied to the ends of the grip to conceal the ends of its covering and form a finish.

My invention further consists in certain details of construction and combinations of parts as will be hereinafter described and pointed out in the claims.

Before proceeding to the description of the particular form of handle which I have chosen for illustration in the accompanying drawings, I wish to say that my invention may be applied to single handles, or to those handles which are designed to extend throughout the length of a coffin. The feature, therefore,

constituting my invention, may occur once, or more than once in the same handle-bar, according to the style of the handle of which the bar forms a part.

As herein shown, my invention is applied to a coffin-handle, having plates or sockets A A, and pivotal arms B B, of ordinary construction. The handle-bar consists of an enlarged square grip C, and round ends C' C', the latter passing through sleeves B' B' formed at the outer ends of the said pivotal arms B B, and having ornamental thimble-like tips D D applied to them. The corners of the grip C, are covered with strips E, of plush, or any othersuitable material, after which pieces of ornamental molding F, each provided with a covering G, of suitable fabric, are securely fastened to the respective faces of the grip, extending throughout the length of the same. The said moldings are narrower than the said faces, whereby the covered corners of the grip are thus exposed between the moldings, which with the grip very considerably enlarge the handle-bar between the pivotal arms B B. The ends of the grip and the ends of the moldings are beveled, and covered and finished by cup-like collars H H, the smaller outer ends of which abut against the inner edges of the sleeves B' B' of the pivotal arms B B. As herein shown, the moldings F, are of the style known as rope moldings, but any other style of moldings may be used, according to the effect which it is desired to secure.

It will be understood that a long handle-bar may have two or yet more grips. The design would be, of course, to have a grip between the respective pivotal arms of which more than two are employed in coffin-handles with long bars.

In Figs. 1, 2 and 3 of the drawings, I have shown a handle-bar having a grip of square transverse section, but any other polygonal form may be used, or even a round form. The moldings as aforesaid may be varied in character, or they may be dispensed with altogether. Furthermore, the fabric applied to the body of the bar and to the moldings, may be varied both in character and in color, so as to produce a great many effects, or it may be dispensed with and replaced by a metal or other covering. Thus, in Figs. 4 and 6 of the

drawings the grip I, of the bar J, is circular in cross section, and has its ends beveled, as at *j*. Its surface is carved or cut into rope-like form, and covered with a covering of fabric K, the ends of which are secured as by tacks *k*, to the bevels *j*. Cup-like collars LL sleeved over the ends of the bar, fit over the beveled ends of the grip, and conceal the ends of the covering K.

10 The modified form of my improved handle-bar, shown by Figs. 5 and 7, has a circular grip M, having beveled ends *m m*, and finished by a metal tube N, the ends of which are covered by cup-like collars O O. I would
15 therefore have it understood that I do not limit myself to the exact construction herein shown and described, but hold myself at liberty to make such changes and alterations as fairly fall within the spirit and scope of my
20 invention.

I am aware that a coffin-handle having the central portion of its handle-bar enlarged to form a grip, is old, and that it is old to apply tips to the projecting ends of such a bar. I
25 do not therefore claim either of these constructions broadly.

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

30 1. A coffin-handle bar, having an enlarged grip and ends projecting beyond the same, in line therewith, a covering for the grip of the

bar, cup-shaped collars passed over the ends of the bar, which project through them, and applied to the ends of the enlarged grip over the ends of its covering to conceal the latter and form a finish, and tips applied to the projecting ends of the bar, substantially as described.

2. A coffin-handle bar, having an enlarged grip and ends projecting beyond the same, in line therewith, ornamental moldings applied to the grip of the bar and extending longitudinally therewith, cup-shaped collars passed over the ends of the bar, which project through them, and applied to the ends of the enlarged grip to cover the ends of the moldings applied thereto, and tips applied to the projecting ends of the bar, substantially as described.

3. A coffin-handle bar having an enlarged polygonal grip, a covering for the corners thereof, moldings applied to the respective faces of the said grip, and extending longitudinally therewith, coverings for the said moldings, and cup-like collars applied to the bar to cover the ends of the moldings, substantially as described.

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

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