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Fig. 1.

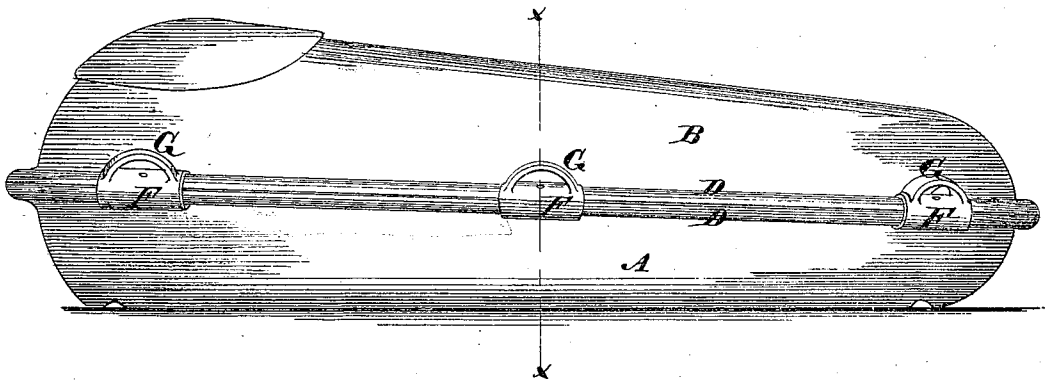
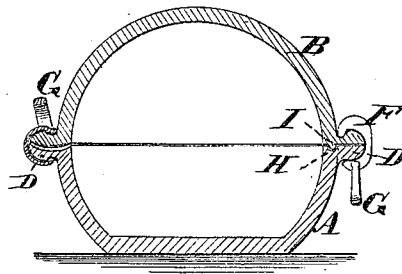


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, COLLINS C. W. MORGAN, of Holly Springs, in the county of Marshall and State of Mississippi, have invented a new and Improved Burial-Case, of which the following is a specification:

My invention relates to connecting the two parts of a burial-casket—made of terra-cotta or other suitable material—by means of clips or clasps, and to constructing said clips or clasps with handles, thereby dispensing with the necessity of the handles ordinarily provided for coffins.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved burial-case. Fig. 2 is a cross-section of Fig. 1 on line *x x*.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A is the lower half, and B is the upper one. The part A has oval sides and a flat bottom. The part B is semicircular or thereabout, but it may be of any other improved form, and the sides of the lower part may be plane or of other form. The meeting edges have an outwardly-projecting flange, P, which is slightly grooved at the junction with the sides so that clips F formed of the same material can be applied at a place where the flanges are thinned for the purpose and slid along them to the same places where they are to remain; but probably metal will be preferred, being con-

structed in the form shown in drawing, and fitted onto flanges by bending the ends into the grooves; or they may be applied at the same place where the flanges are reduced to the breadth of the space between the ends of the clips, as in the case of the earthen clamps, and then slid along the flanges to the places where they are to remain. These clips will also have a handle, G, either permanently attached or pivoted or hinged, as it may be preferred. To prevent water from entering, one flange may have a groove, H, and the other a projection, I, fitting into a groove to contain the cement to unite the two parts when connected and secure them together. These coffins will be glazed and colored to enamel and beautify the surface and render it impervious to water.

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

1. The clips F, provided with handles G, as specified.
2. In combination with a burial-casket, of terra-cotta or other suitable material, formed in two parts and provided with flanges D, the clips F, substantially as described.

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