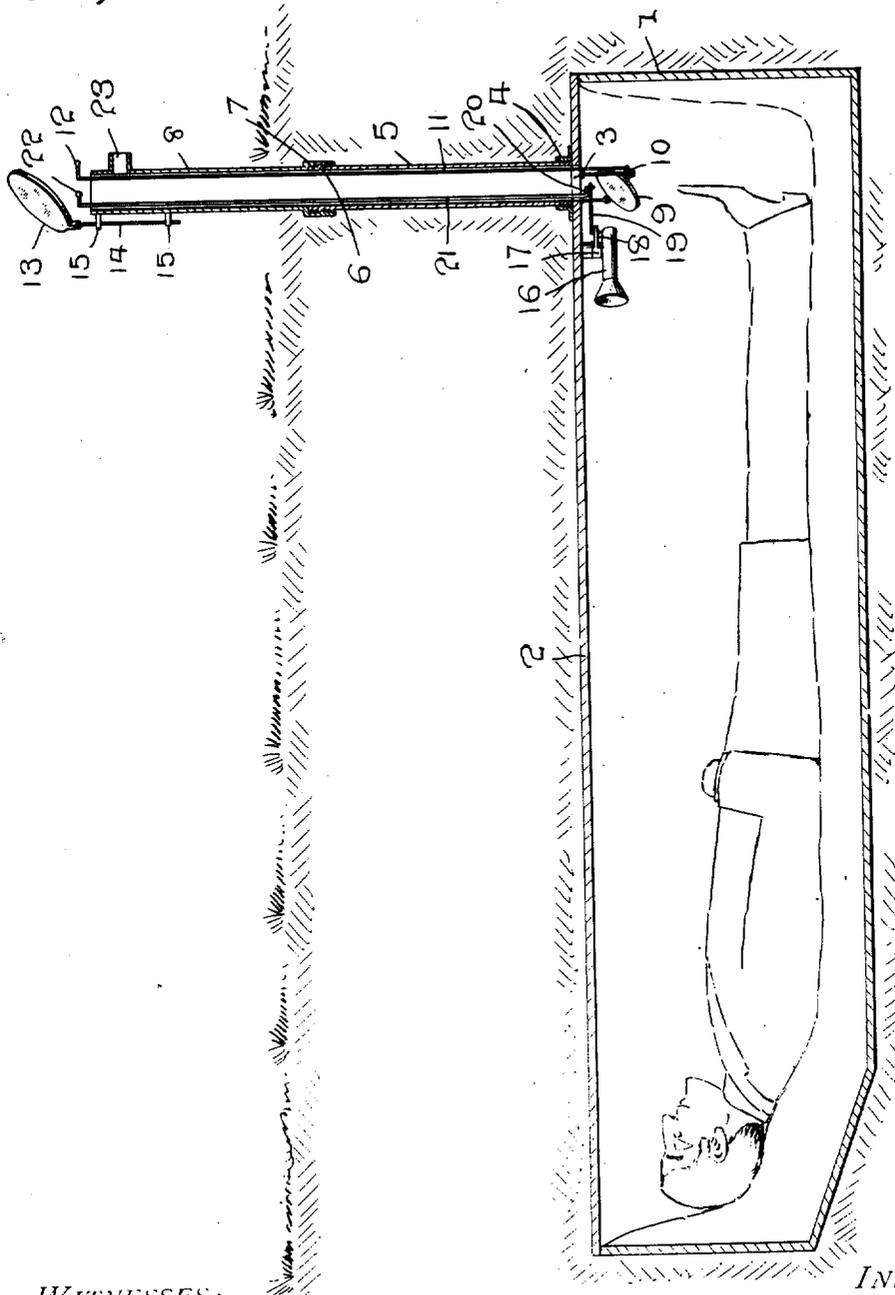


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE H. WILLEMS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Roanoke, in the county of Woodford and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Grave Attachments; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in grave attachments and has for its object to provide a novel device of this character, whereby a body may be observed or watched after being interred.

It is also an object of the invention to provide a novel device of this character which will be simple in construction, efficient in practice and comparatively inexpensive to manufacture.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention consists in the details of construction and in the novel arrangement and combination of parts to be hereinafter referred to.

In describing the invention in detail, reference will be had to the accompanying drawings, wherein is shown a sectional view of a grave with the invention applied.

In the drawings 1 denotes a coffin or casket, which may be of any desired structure or configuration. Adjacent the foot end thereof, the top or lid 2 of the casket is provided with an opening 3 and this opening is surrounded by an upstanding interiorly threaded annular flange 4, which is adapted to be engaged by a threaded end portion of a pipe or tube 5. This pipe is of such length as to terminate adjacent the surface of the grave and has its upper end portion 6 screw threaded to be engaged by a threaded portion 7 of a second tubular pipe or tube 8, which terminates at any desired point above the surface.

Pivotaly mounted within the coffin 6, beneath the opening 3, is a mirror 9, which has projecting therefrom a finger 10, to which is pivotaly fixed an end of a rod 11. This rod 11 projects up through the tubes 5 and 8 and

terminates in a handle portion 12. By this arrangement it will be seen that the mirror 9 can be adjusted as desired, so that the reflection of the interior of the coffin can be thrown up through the tubes 5 and 8. The reflected image from the mirror 9 is caught by a second mirror 13 above the open end of the tube 8. This mirror 13 is pivotaly held by a rod 14 held to the tube 8 by the perforated lugs 15 and attached to the tube 8.

In order that the interior of the coffin may be suitably illuminated as to create the desired reflection, an electric lamp 16 of any desired structure is fixed to the under surface of the lid 2 and the movable contact member 17 of the lamp has a finger 18, which is pivotaly engaged by a link 19. This link 19 is also in engagement with the cranked end 20 of the rod 21 extending through the tubes 5 and 8. This rod also terminates at its upper end in an operating handle portion 22. It is thought to be apparent that with the rotation of the rod 21, the lamp 16 will be either cut out or lighted, as desired.

Should a person be buried alive the same will be observed by watchers looking at the mirror 13 and in order that life may be sustained until the casket or coffin has been removed, an auxiliary opening 23 is formed in the tube 8 adjacent the free end thereof. By providing this opening a sufficient flow of air is permitted to enter the casket for sustaining life.

I claim:

1. In combination with a burial casket, a tube in communication therewith, a mirror mounted within the casket beneath the tube and a mirror carried by the tube extending across the free end thereof.

2. In combination with a burial casket, a tube in communication therewith, a mirror mounted within the casket beneath the tube, a mirror carried by the tube extending across the free end thereof, and means for adjusting the position of the mirror beneath the tube.

3. In combination with a burial casket, a tube in communication therewith, a mirror mounted within the casket beneath the tube, a mirror carried by the tube extending across

the free end thereof, an electric lamp within the casket in advance of the mirror mounted therein, a finger projecting from the movable contact of the electric lamp, a link engaging said finger, a rod depending from the tube, said rod terminating in a crank end, said crank end being engaged by the link and means for operating the rod.

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

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