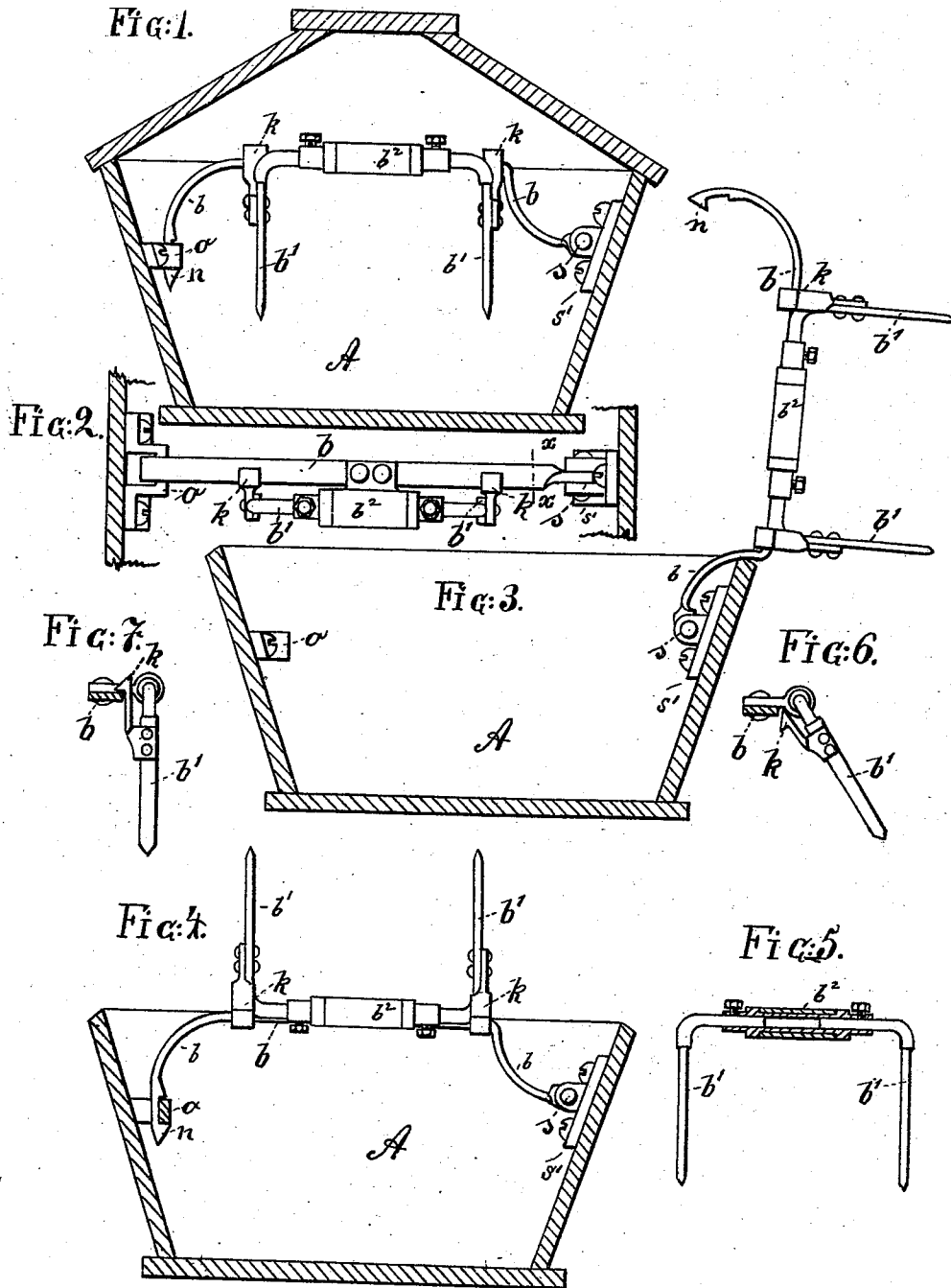


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JEAN LOERSCH, Jr., a subject of the German Emperor, residing at Dusseldorf, in Germany, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Coffins, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a coffin provided with a holder that embraces the corpse and prevents it from slipping when the coffin is inclined during the funeral or when it is lowered into the grave.

In the accompanying drawings: Figure 1 is a cross section of my improved coffin, showing the holder lowered and the arms b' , turned down. Fig. 2 is a top view of the holder; Fig. 3 a cross section of the coffin, with the holder raised; Fig. 4 a similar cross section with the holder lowered and the arms turned up; Fig. 5 an elevation of arms b' , with tubular socket b^2 , in section. Figs. 6 and 7 are cross sections on line x, x , Fig. 2, with the hook k , out of and in engagement with the bail b .

The letter A, represents a coffin provided with a bracket s' , to which there is hinged at s , a bail or holder b . This bail is adapted to embrace the chest of the corpse and is provided at its free end with a spring hook n , that engages an eye o . To the bail b , there is

secured a parallel tubular socket b^2 , in which turn the connected arms b' , (Fig. 5.) These arms are locked in their lowered position (Fig. 1) by means of spring hooks k , attached to the arms and adapted to be projected over the bail (Fig. 7).

In use, the bail is swung down and locked over the chest of the corpse and then the arms b' , are turned down under the arms of the corpse, thus holding the latter securely in place.

What I claim is—

1. The combination of a coffin with a bail adapted to be projected over the chest of a corpse, arms secured to such bail and catches for locking said arms against rotation, substantially as specified.

2. The combination of bail b , with a tubular socket b^2 , arms b' , turning in the same and with catches k , for locking the arms against rotation substantially as specified.

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

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