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Fig. 1.

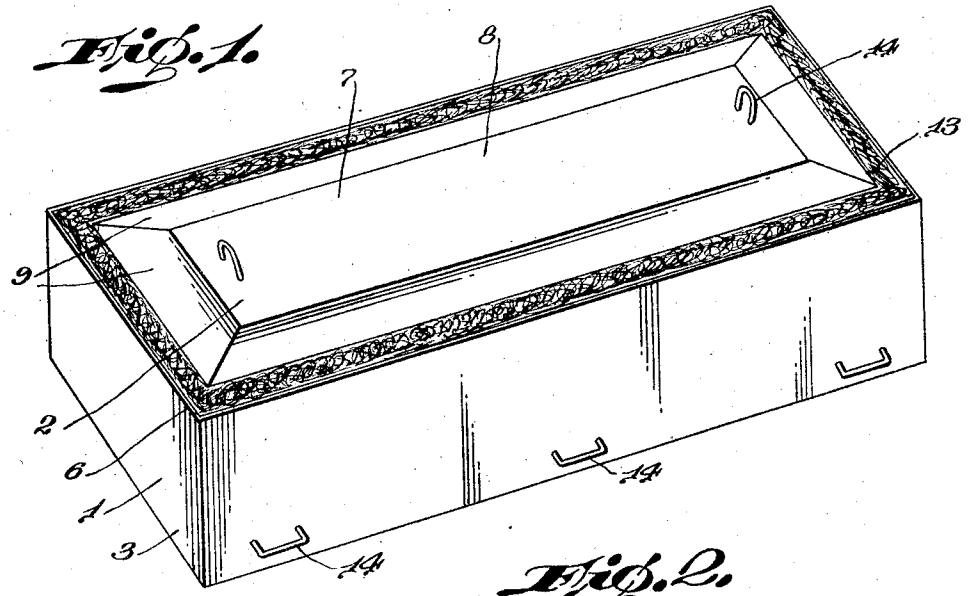


Fig. 2.

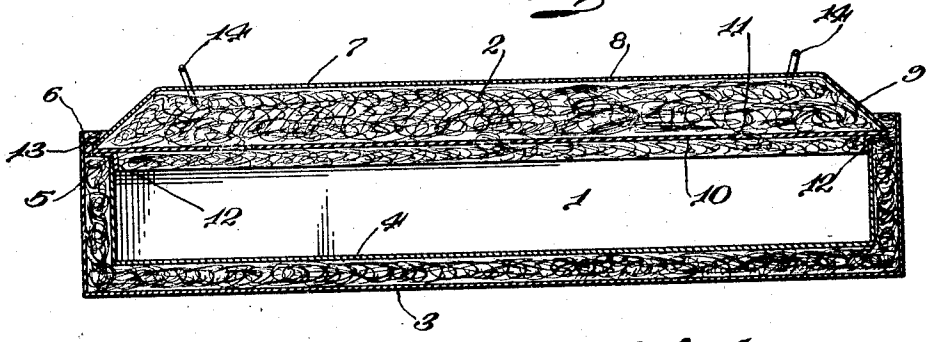


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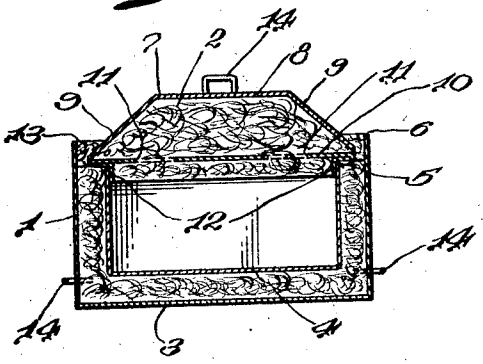
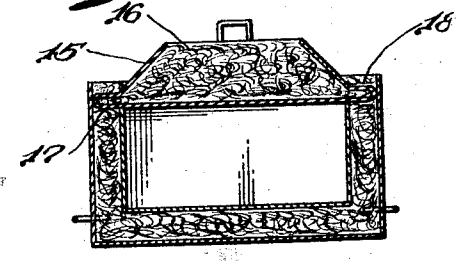


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID M. BISSONETTE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Coulterville, in the county of Randolph and State of Illinois, have invented new and useful Improvements in Caskets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a burial casket and has for its primary object the construction of a casket that is absolutely water and vermin proof and which will not decompose in the ground to an extent to expose the corpse arranged within the casket.

An object of the invention is the novel inexpensive manner of forming the frame of the casket and associating therewith a nondisintegrating material that will positively protect the corpse even though portions of certain parts may completely disintegrate.

A feature of my invention is the novel way in which the nondisintegrating material is arranged and held in place during the hardening process.

With these and other objects in view the invention will be better understood from the following detailed discription taken in connection with the accompanying drawing wherein:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of one form of my casket illustrating my invention.

Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view.

Fig. 3 is a cross sectional view.

Fig. 4 is a cross sectional view of another form of my invention.

Again referring to the drawing illustrating two of the many forms of my invention and more particularly to Figures 1 to 3 the numeral 1 designates a body of the casket while the numeral 2 designates the lid. The body 1 consists of an outer casing 3 which may be of metal, wood or any other material which may be ornamented in any suitable manner. This outer casing is spaced from the inner casing 4 and the space between these two casings is filled with a nondisintegrating material, preferably asphalt but I wish it to be understood that various other materials on the market may be used for the same purpose. In the forming of the body asphalt is poured into the space between the casing until about level with the upper edge 5 of the inner casing. It will be noted the upper edge 5 is slightly lower than the upper edge 6 of the outer casing to accommodate the lid. The lid consists of a top section 7 which is hollow and consists of a top 8 and inclined side walls 9, the bottom of the top section is open. This bottom of the top section is adapted to be closed by the bottom section 10 which is provided with a series of holes 11 for the purpose hereinafter described. The bottom section 10 is of a size to extend over the upper edge 5 and is further provided with depending flange 12 arranged within the inner casing. In completing the construction of the top a nondisintegrating material is poured on the bottom section and through the holes into the top section. This process continues until the top section is completely filled and the layer of the material is arranged on the bottom section. After the corpse is arranged in the casing and the lid arranged in place a strip of sealing material 13 is arranged to secure the lid to the body. Handles 14 are arranged for carrying the casket and for arranging the lid in place.

In Fig. 4 I have shown a construction of lid somewhat simplified in that the lid consists of a single section 15 the top of which is open so that the asphalt 16 may be poured from the top. The flange 17 formed on the section enables the lid to be effectively sealed to the body by the strip of sealing material 18. It is, of course, to be understood that the body portion as well as the lid may be constructed in various other manners than illustrated and of other material and ornamented in different designs, therefore, I do not desire to be limited in any manner except as set forth in the claims hereunto appended.

Having thus described my invention what I claim is:

1. A casket comprising an outer casing, an inner casing spaced therefrom with its upper edge arranged below the upper edge of the outer casing, a filling material arranged between the casings, a hollow top section having an open bottom, a bottom section adapted to close the bottom of the top section and provided with holes and adapted to be arranged upon the upper edge of the inner casing, a flange on said bottom section engaging within the inner section, a filling material for the interior of the top section projecting through said hollow and covering said bottom section, and a strip of sealing material for securing the top section to the upper edge portion of the outer casing.

2. A casket comprising an outer casing, an inner casing spaced therefrom with its

upper edge arranged in a vertical position below the upper edge of the outer casing, a filling material arranged between the casings, a hollow top section having an open bottom, a bottom section adapted to close the bottom of the top section, having holes therein and adapted to be arranged upon the upper edge of the inner casing, a flange on said bottom section engaging within the inner section and a filling material for the interior of the top section projecting through said hollow and covering said top section.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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