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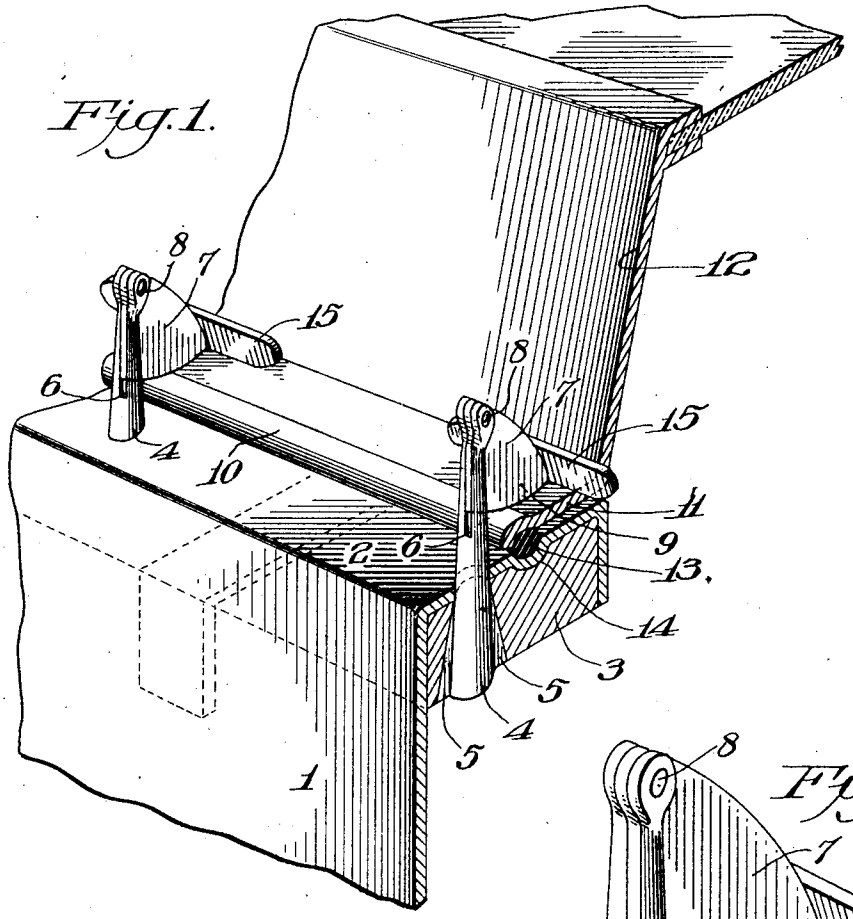


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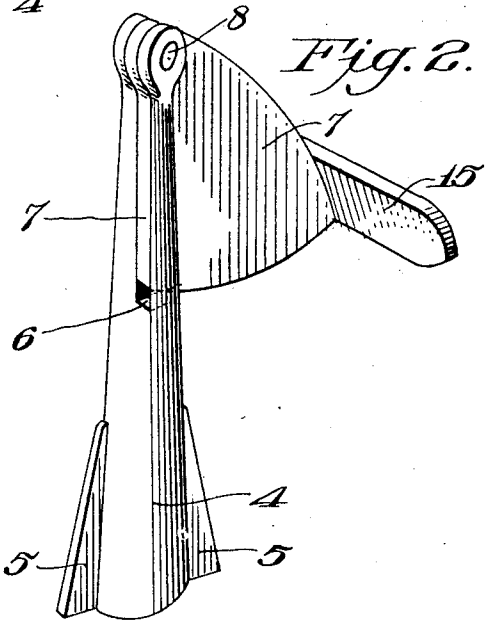
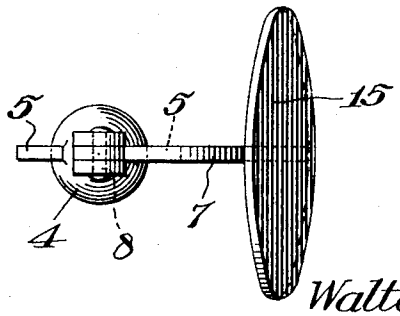


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The present invention relates to the art of fasteners and particularly those adapted for use in connection with burial casket covers, the purpose being to provide an article of manufacture of this kind, wherein the dominant part of the fastener is driven or forced upwardly through a filler of the flange of the body of the casket and with its end protruding beyond the flange, with a pivoted clamp to cam against the flange of a cover to hold the cover in place securely, and in such wise as to bear upon a rubber packing between the body and the cover the tighter the clamp is cammed against the flange of the cover, the more secure the cover is drawn against the flange of the body of the casket.

Another purpose is to provide means to prevent rotating displacement of the member which is forced up through the flange of the body.

Still another purpose is to provide a finger or hand piece on the clamp in order to be engaged by the hand of an operator, for the purpose of releasing the clamp to enable the cover to be removed.

While there are only two of the fasteners disclosed it is to be understood that there may be as many fasteners along the sides as desired preferably eight of them, while there may be at least two of them at the ends to insure holding the cover firmly in position.

It is to be understood that the particulars herein given are in no way limitive, and that while still keeping within the scope of the invention, any desired modification of details and proportions may be made in the construction of the appliance according to circumstances.

The invention comprises further features and combination of parts to be hereinafter set forth, shown in the drawings and claimed.

In the drawings: —

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of a portion of the body of a casket showing its cover in place, and illustrating at least two of the fasteners as applied, the cover and the body of the casket being in section as well as appearing in perspective.

Figure 2 is a detail perspective view of the dominant member of the fastener, that is the member which is forced up through the flange of the body of the casket.

Figure 3 is a top plan view of the fastener.

Referring to the drawings, 1 identifies the body of the casket, which is provided with a marginal flange 2 around the opening of the casket. The under face of the flange has a filler 3 of any suitable fibre material such as wood or the like, and 4 identifies the dominant member of the fastener.

This dominant member is in the form of a tapered body, the lower end of which is provided with fins or flanges 5, which are tapered. When the dominant member is forced up through the flange and through the filler the fins or flanges imbed in the fibre filler and thereby prevent rotation of the dominant member.

The upper part of the dominant member of the fastener is bifurcated as shown at 6 and between the parts, which are caused to be formed by the bifurcation, a camming clamp 7 is mounted. The fact is the camming clamp is supported upon a pivot 8 which passes through the extremities of the parts caused to be formed by the bifurcation. This camming clamp is in the form of a segment, of which an arcuate edge 9 cams against a bead 10 of the flange 11 of a cover 12 for the casket body. The bead 10 is hollow and engages with a rubber filler or gasket 13, which in turn is seated in a groove 14 of the flange of the body of the casket. The tighter the camming clamp 7 is forced into position, the tighter the flange of the cover is held in place. Also the tighter the camming clamp is forced into securing position the tighter the cover and the body of the casket are drawn toward each other through the medium of the tapered dominant member and the camming clamp.

Formed integrally with the camming clamp, disposed transversely of one of its approximate radial edges, is a transversely disposed finger or hand piece 15, the purpose of which being to enable the camming clamp to be released or rather moved on its pivot from engagement with the bead of the flange of the cover, by engaging the fingers of the operator's hand with the finger piece. When the camming clamp is released from frictional camming engagement with the bead 10, and moved freely from the path of the cover, the cover may be easily removed.

The invention having been set forth, what is claimed is:—

1. In a fastener for inner top burial caskets, a dominant member to be driven up through a marginal flange of a casket body and being tapered to wedge in position, a camming clamp pivotally mounted at the upper end of said dominant member and having an arcuate edge to bear against the flange of a casket cover to draw the cover tight against the casket body.

2. In a fastener for inner top burial caskets, a dominant member to be driven up through a marginal flange of a casket body and being tapered to wedge in position, a camming clamp pivotally mounted at the upper end of said dominant member and having an arcuate edge to bear against the flange of a casket cover to draw the cover tight against the casket body, and means to prevent rotation of the dominant member.

3. In a fastener for inner top burial caskets, a dominant member to be driven up through a marginal flange of a casket body and being tapered to wedge in position, a camming clamp pivotally mounted at the upper end of said dominant member and having an arcuate edge to bear against the flange of a casket cover to draw the cover tight against the casket body, means to prevent rotation of the dominant member, and a finger piece extending transversely of one edge of the camming clamp whereby the clamp may be released.

4. In an inner top fastener for burial caskets, a dominant member tapered and passing upwardly through a marginal flange of a casket body, said dominant member having flanges or fins to engage in a filler of the flange of the body to prevent rotation of the dominant member, a camming clamp pivotally mounted at the upper end of said member and having an arcuate edge to bear against the flange of a casket cover, and to cooperate with the tapered part of the dominant member to draw the cover and the body together, and a finger piece carried transversely of one edge of the camming clamp, whereby said clamp may be released from engagement with the flange of said cover.

5. In a fastener for inner top burial caskets, an upstanding member carried by a side flange of the casket body, the upper end of said member being bifurcated, a segment clamp pivoted within said bifurcation and provided with an arcuate edge adapted to bear against a ridge of a flange of a cover to draw the cover toward the flange of a casket body, and a finger piece projecting laterally from both sides of the clamps and located at one of its remote ends, whereby the clamp may be released.

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