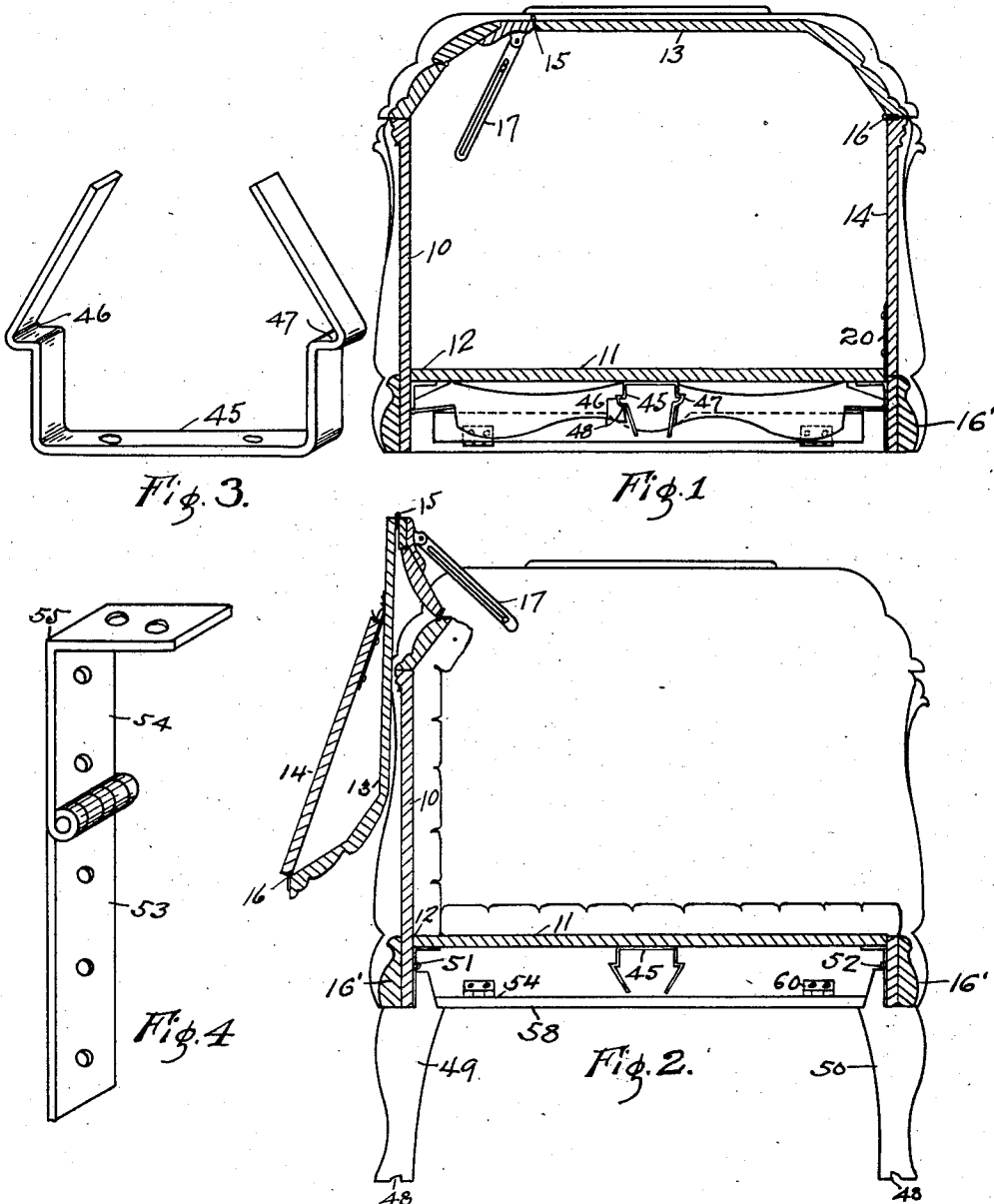


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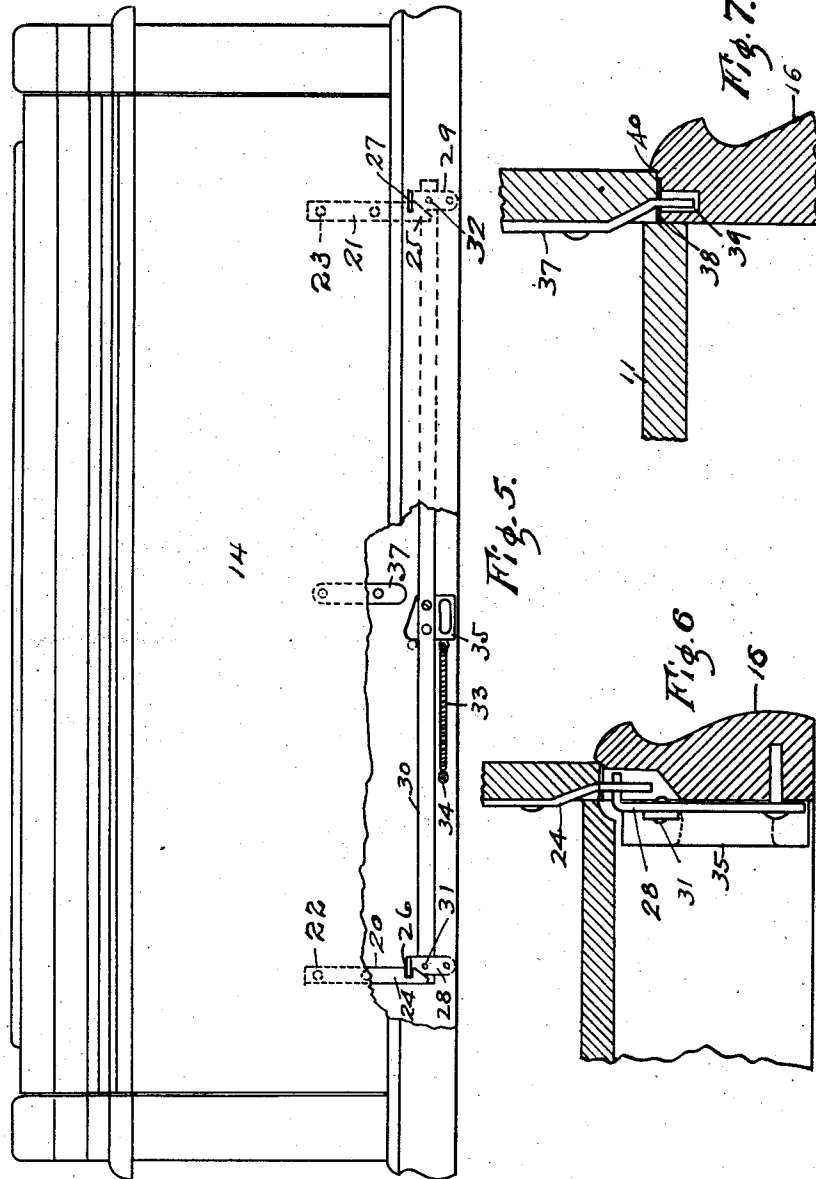
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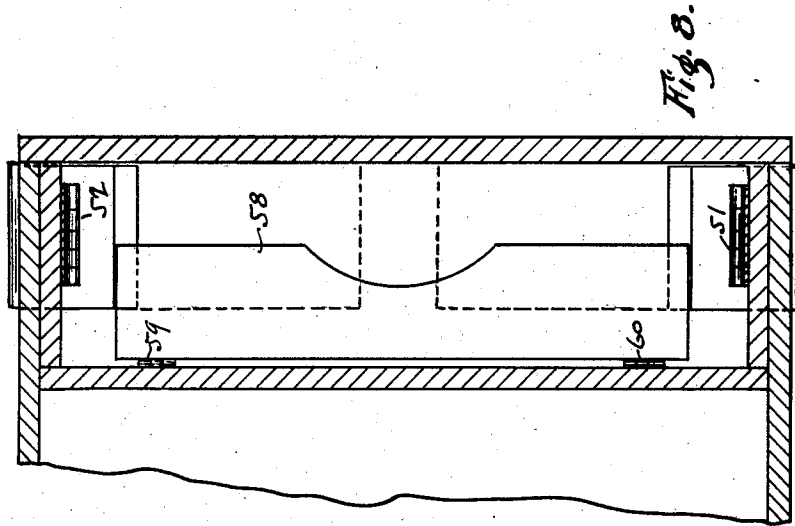
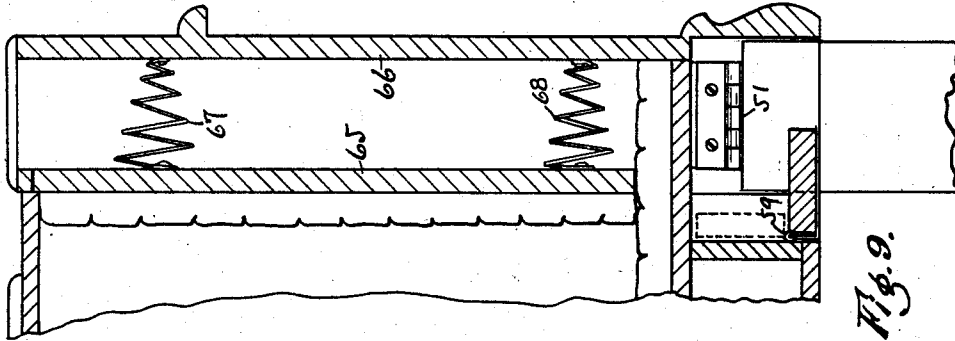
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLARK L. SMITH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Spokane, in the county of Spokane and State of Washington, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Burial-Caskets; 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 burial caskets and it consists in the improved construction hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of the application: Figure 1 is a view of the device in vertical, transverse section. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the cover portion turned back. Fig. 3 is a detail view of a device for securing the folding legs shown in Fig. 2. Fig. 4 shows one of the hinges for attaching the folding legs. Fig. 5 is a view of the casket in side elevation with parts broken away, showing a portion of the securing device for one of the side walls. Fig. 6 is a detail view showing the construction of the securing device. Fig. 7 is a further detail showing means for retaining the front wall in position. Fig. 8 shows means for holding the legs in an open position. Fig. 9 shows an adjustable end wall.

Referring to Fig. 1 of the drawings, 10 indicates one of the side walls of the casket, and 11 designates the bottom thereof, said bottom being connected with the wall 10 at the point 12 and above the lower edge of wall 10. The cover comprises an upper portion 13 hinged to a front portion 14 which latter constitutes the side of the casket. Cover 13 is hinged at the point 15 and to the side 14 at the point 16. This construction permits the cover and side 14 to be folded back as shown in Fig. 2. A cover holding device is indicated by the numeral 17. The effect of turning the cover back to the position indicated is to give the device a finished appearance, and when the folding legs are swung to their vertical position the casket presents somewhat the appearance of a couch of the davenport type.

The front wall 14 is provided with securing members or catches 20 and 21 which are secured respectively at the points 22 and 23 and are beveled at their lower ends as shown at 24 and 25. Adjacent to the beveled ends

are slots 26 and 27 which are engaged by pivoted members 28 and 29 which have lugs projecting from the upper ends thereof so that when the side 14 is in its lower position the respective securing devices will be engaged and will hold the casket closed. The pivoted members 28 and 29 are connected to a portion of the side which extends below the bottom and on to which portion is secured a suitable trimming or molding. Also it will be noted that there are placed a plurality of strips of molding 16' at the upper part of the device which are connected to or associated with the cover for giving the top part of the device a finished appearance. A bar 30 extends longitudinally of the device and has pivotal connection at 31 and 32 with the aforesaid devices 28 and 29. A spring 33 is connected with the casing at the point 34 and with a device 35 secured to bar 30, said spring serving to retain the locking device normally closed. The device 35 affords means for sliding the bar longitudinally and releasing the lock.

In order to prevent the side member 14 from springing outwardly, a retaining device 37 formed of a strip of metal is secured to the inner wall of member 14 and projects downwardly, being deflected as shown in Fig. 7, and enters at its lower end a recess 38 formed in the molding 39. In the upper portion of this molding a channel may be formed as at 40 for receiving the lower edge of side 14.

To the lower side of the bottom 11 of the casket is secured a frame having substantially the form shown in Fig. 3. This frame is designated as 45 and has offset portions 46 and 47 in the sides thereof for engaging sockets 48 in the ends of the legs. These legs are shown at 49 and 50 and are hinged respectively at 51 and 52. The hinge is shown in detail at Fig. 4 and consists of two members 53 and 54, the latter being bent at right angles as shown at 55, in order to form a bracing member for the connection between the bottom and the side walls. The legs are shown in their folded position in Fig. 1 and in their vertical position in Fig. 2, and it will be understood that member 45 is made of spring metal and is adapted to engage the lower end of the legs when they are swung into closed position. When in such position the legs are entirely within the base.

In Fig. 8 I have shown means for retain-

ing the legs in their vertical position, said means comprising a strip 58 hinged at 59 and 60 and adapted to be swung in such position that the ends will engage the sides of the legs near their hinged portions. The strip 58 is shown in top plan in Fig. 8.

An important feature of the invention is the adjustable end wall illustrated in Fig. 9, and comprising a member 65 spaced from the outer end wall 66 and having connection with said wall by means of springs 67 and 68. This construction provides extra space and renders unnecessary the keeping of a great variety of sizes in stock.

What I claim is:

1. In a casket, the combination with a bottom, side walls and a cover, of end walls comprising a stationary portion and a movable portion spaced therefrom formed with adjustable connections for regulating the position of the movable portion.

2. In a casket of the class described, the combination with side walls, a cover and a bottom, of end walls, said end walls comprising a stationary portion, a movable portion, and springs interposed between the stationary portion and movable portion for automatically adjusting the movable portion.

3. In a casket, the combination with a bottom, end walls and a side wall, of a hinged cover, a side wall hinged to said cover and adapted to be folded against the same, and a link pivotally connected at one

end with one of said end walls and at the opposite end to said cover, whereby said cover and said hinged side wall may be supported upon the outer side of said first mentioned side wall.

4. In a casket, comprising in its construction side and end walls, a bottom, a cover hinged to each of said walls, one of the latter being permanently connected with the bottom, and the other being detachably connected therewith, a member extending longitudinally of the bottom, along one edge, said member being provided with a socket and with a channel on its upper side, and a member connected with the adjacent side wall and arranged to enter the socket, the lower edge of the wall being disposed in the channel.

5. In a casket, comprising in its construction side and end walls, a cover and a bottom, one of the walls being detachably connected with the bottom, and securing means comprising a plurality of projecting members carried by said wall last mentioned, a longitudinal bar arranged to be reciprocated beneath the bottom, and devices carried by said bar for engaging the projecting members.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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