

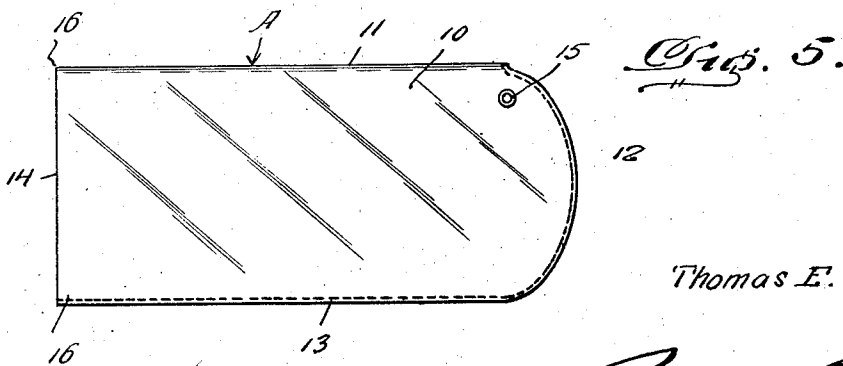
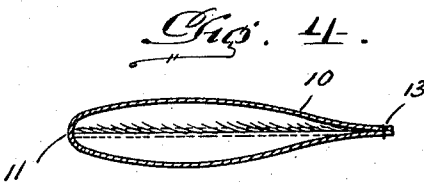
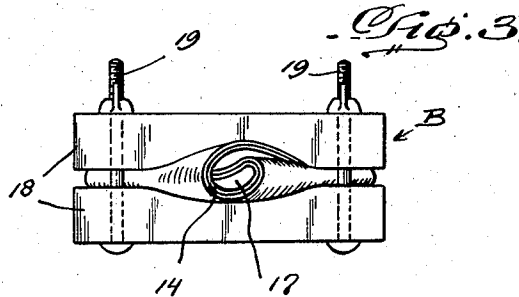
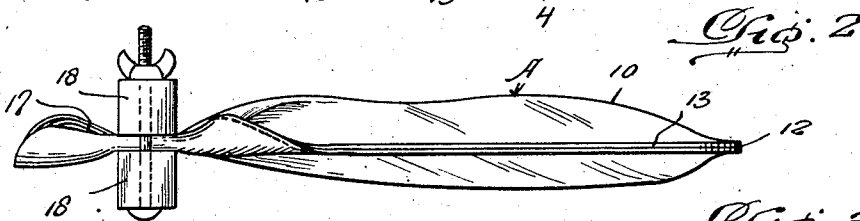
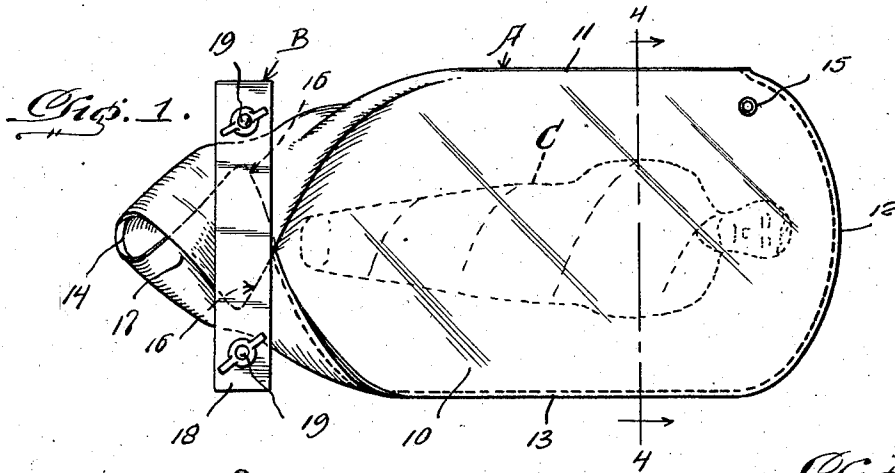
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1 Claim. (Cl. 27-2)

The invention relates to a burial contrivance, and more especially to a burial bag, package, sack or the like.

The primary object of the invention is the provision of an article of this character, wherein the human body can be placed therein, and completely sealed, it being a substitute for a burial casket or other like structure, and is adaptable for use on land or at sea, as such article is water, moisture and weather element proof, and thus hermetically sealing the dead body, for preserving the same after death.

Another object of the invention is the provision of an article of this character, wherein it is formed with a wide entrance opening, thus enabling a corpse to be readily and conveniently placed therein, without damage thereto, and this entrance opening being sealed in a novel and unique manner, while all air can be exhausted from the interior of the article, to eliminate putrefaction to its content.

A further object of the invention is the provision of an article of this character, wherein it is seamed only at one side and one end, the opposite side being unitary, while the other end creates an opening for access, the said article being particularly useful for preserving or removal of persons dying in the armed services.

A still further object of the invention is the provision of an article of this character, which is simple in construction, thoroughly reliable and efficient for the purposes intended thereof, strong, durable, neat in appearance, readily and easily handled, fully protective to a dead body, and inexpensive to manufacture.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in the features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter more fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawing, which shows the preferred embodiment of the invention, and pointed out in the claim hereunto appended.

In the accompanying drawing:

Figure 1 is a plan view of the article constructed in accordance with the invention.

Figure 2 is a side edge view thereof.

Figure 3 is an end elevation.

Figure 4 is a sectional view taken on the line 4-4 of Figure 1 looking in the direction of the arrows.

Figure 5 is a plan view of the article with the end fastener therefor removed.

Similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views in the drawing.

Referring to the drawing in detail, A designates generally the article constructed in accordance with the invention, and B denotes generally one form of construction of fastener for the article for sealing the same at its open end.

The article A comprises a sheet 10 of water-proof material, having a determined inherent flexibility, and this sheet is patterned and cut to provide a package, bag or sack-like elongated body, having a seamless side edge 11, one seamed end edge 12, one seamed side edge 13, opposite the seamless side edge, and an open end edge 14, opposite the seamed end edge, respectively. These seamed edges are created in any suitable manner to render the interior of the article water, moisture and air proof when its open end 14 is closed and completely sealed for the preservation of a dead body C when encased within such articles.

The body of the article A is preferably of some translucent substance, yet it may be otherwise involved. The body of the article A is provided with a suitable check valve 15, conveniently located, so that all air can be extracted from the interior when the article is hermetically sealed completely, without liability of outside air entering the same, and in this manner taking care of putrefaction.

In the present instance, the open end of the body of the article A, after the placement of a dead body therein, this open end being of a width equal to the entire width of the body of the article, when such opening is closed, will have its opposite corners 16 folded over, as at 17, then a clamp comprising a pair of aligned bars 18, and winged nut carrying bolts 19, which are engaged in these bars, has the folded closed end engaged therebetween, and finally the bolts 19 are rendered tight, to have the clamp hermetically seal this open end of the body 10 of the article A, as best seen in Figures 1, 2 and 3 of the drawing.

The article A sealed with the dead body therein will then be in a condition for the burial operation, either in the ground or in the sea, as should be obvious. Any other clamping device suitable for the occasion can be substituted for the one shown in the drawing, and this is contemplated within the scope of the invention.

From the foregoing it is thought that the construction and manner of operation of the article will be clearly understood, and therefore, a more extended explanation has been omitted for the sake of brevity.

It is to be understood that changes, variations

and modifications may be made in the invention as fall properly with the scope of the appended claim, without departing from the spirit of the invention or sacrificing any of its advantages.

What is claimed is:

A burial contrivance of the kind described, comprising a flexible moisture-proof bag having a single fully open end portion, opposed inwardly

8 folded corners on the end portion, a pair of straight clamping bars having the end portion and folded corners therebetween, and releasable means connecting the bars together outwardly of the folded corners for hermetically sealing said portion and corners for moisture-proof closing thereof.

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