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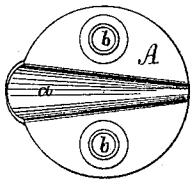


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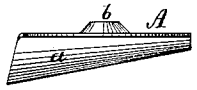


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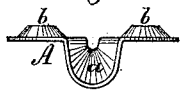


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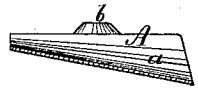


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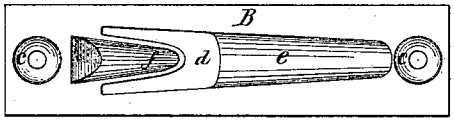


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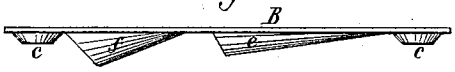


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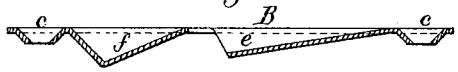


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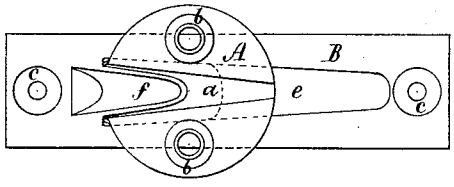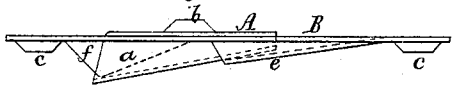


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FASTENING DEVICE FOR CASKET-COVERS, &c.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT EVERETT LOCKHART, of East Cambridge, in the county of Middlesex, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Fastenings for the Covers of Boxes, Burial-Caskets, &c.; and I do hereby declare the same to be described in the following specification and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a top view, Fig. 2 a side elevation, Fig. 3 a front end elevation, and Fig. 4 a longitudinal and median section, of the upper portion or member of my improved fastening. Fig. 5 is a top view, Fig. 6 a side elevation, and Fig. 7 a longitudinal and median section, of the lower portion or member of my said fastening. Fig. 8 is a top view, and Fig. 9 a side view, of the two members in engagement with each other.

The invention herein described has been patented by me in the Dominion of Canada by Letters Patent numbered 25,640, and dated December 28, 1886.

In order to secure a cover to a box or burial-casket body, two at least, and generally six, of the fastenings are used, the upper member of each being secured to the cover and the lower member to the box or casket-body, in the upper edge of such body.

My said fastening is analogous to those described and shown in the United States Patents Nos. 191,995 and 288,189, though materially differing in construction from either, each member of my said fastening being composed of sheet metal struck into form by dies.

The upper member, A, circular or thereabout in shape, is bent along its middle so as to form in it a concavo-convex and tapering catch, *a*, on opposite sides of which are two countersunk holes, *b*, for reception of screws for fastening the member to a cover.

The member B, made of sheet metal and formed by dies, has in it at its ends countersunk holes *c*, for reception of the screws for fastening it to the upper edge of a box or casket-body. Between the screw-holes there are a furcated opening, *d*, a guide-groove, *e*, arranged with and leading from the base of such opening, as represented, and a concavo-convex and tapering catch, *f*, as shown, leading into the opening between its prongs, the whole being substantially as shown in the drawings.

Previous to applying the lower member to the edge of a box, such edge should be suitably recessed to admit of the proper fixation of the said member to it and the movements of the upper member, in order to engage it with or disengage it from the said lower member. The groove of the lower member guides the catch of the upper member into the slot, and thence into engagement with the catch of the lower member.

From the above it will be seen that in engaging the cover with the body of the box or casket such cover has to be moved endwise, it moving downward a little in the meantime; so in disengaging the cover from the body such cover has to be moved endwise in an opposite direction, it rising a little while being so moved.

I am aware that it is not new to have to the upper member of a burial-cover fastening an inclined or hooked catch, and to provide the lower member with a slot and one or two guide-channels leading and inclining to such slot, such being as shown in the said Patents Nos. 191,995 and 288,189. Therefore I do not claim such.

I am also aware of the coffin-lid attachment shown in the United States Patent No. 350,155, which—although somewhat analogous to—differs in construction very materially from my improved attachment hereinbefore described, inasmuch as it has to its member to be fixed to the coffin-lid a longitudinal rib inclined on its lower edge and provided with locking-lugs to engage with a plate having an inclined groove and a T-shaped slot, whereas the part A of my attachment is simply a disk of metal having a concavo-convex and tapering projection, as shown, and the part B is of plate metal struck with a furcated opening, *d*, the guide channel or groove *e*, and the tapering tooth or catch *f* formed in it, as set forth. Therefore I make no claim to a coffin-lid attachment constructed as shown in the said Patent No. 350,155.

In the lower member of my cover-fastening I not only have the slot and guide-channel, but a concavo-convex and tapering tooth or catch, which extends into the slot and serves, with the counter catch of the upper member, to en-

gage the two members and to guide them properly into engagement with each other. Besides, each member is made of sheet metal and formed or "struck" by dies.

I claim—

The improved box or casket cover fastening, substantially as described, consisting of the plate A, having the concavo-convex and tapering catch *a*, and the plate B, having the furcated opening *d*, and the guide channel or groove *e*, and the concavo-convex and tapering tooth or catch *f*, arranged with such opening as represented, all being essentially and for use as set forth.

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